

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2006

The regular meeting of the Flat Rock City Council convened at the Municipal Building on the above date at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. PRESENT ON ROLL CALL: Mayor Jones, Council Members Gagne, Martin, and Wrobel, Dropiewski, and Painter.

ABSENT: Council Member Tefend.

02-06-06-1- Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to excuse the absent Council Member Tefend. Motion carried unanimously.

ALSO PRESENT: DPS Director Bruce Hammond, City Treasurer Brenda Tallman, Police Chief Steve Tallman, Recreation Director Joan Pawlukewicz, Building & Safety Director John Russ, Fire Chief Bill Vack, City Attorney Dave Grunow, and Assistant City Clerk Dana Ratz.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

02-06-06-2- Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of 1/17/06 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

None.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Building and Safety Director Russ announced that the Building Departments page on the City web site is updated and running. He also announced that the old bowling alley on Gibraltar road is scheduled to be demolished fairly soon. Mr. Russ mentioned that the City Planner, McKenna and Associates will be holding a joint ZBA and Planning meeting to orientate new members on both boards.

Police Chief Tallman had attended a MDOT meeting regarding Telegraph Road and Matilda road construction project that will begin July 10th. This will reduce Telegraph to one lane each way, for three to four months. Matilda will be shut down completely during the project.

Fire Chief Vack announced that the paramedic training within the department is progressing well. Chief Vack also attended a DCC Mutual Aid meeting that announced a new system to be used to notify various Downriver Communities of emergency's the system will be tested by 10 people before being implemented.

DPS Director Hammond had attended a Detroit Water and Sewer meeting regarding low water pressures in the area. Several solutions were discussed and will be investigated further. Mr. Hammond would like Mayor and Council's support of checking into the water pressure problem. City Clerk to send a letter to Detroit Water and Sewer Department supporting the plan.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Dropiewski attended a recent DCC meeting, at the meeting it was announced that \$500.00 grants are available to help low income residents with heating and electric bills this winter. People who are interested are asked to contact the DCC at 734-362-3475. Mr. Dropiewski announced and upcoming meeting hosted by State Representative Law, the meeting will discuss 21st Century Jobs. Mr. Dropiewski thanked the Building Department for their work on getting the Old Bowling Alley demolished.

Council Member Painter asked about a light pole that was knocked down in front of the Fire Department, wondering if was going to be fixed soon. Mr. Painter also asked the Police Chief to look into resurfacing the parking area in the Police Department.

Council Member Gagne complimented the Chief on the report he issued. He also mentioned the many services provided for residents, at the DCC.

Council Member Martin offered his condolences to Bruce Hammond's wife on the passing of her mother. He also asked Mr. Hammond if the County could check out E. Huron River Drive between Aspen and Red Cedar for water laying in the roadway.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

02-06-06-3- Motion by Jones supported by Gagne to re-appoint Brenda Tallman as the City Treasurer. With a roll call vote with Jones, Martin, Gagne, and Dropiewski(Yes vote due to abstention. And Wrobel, and painter voting No. Motion carried 4-2.

02-06-06-4- Motion by Jones supported by Gagne to open the Community Center memberships to residents of Trenton, Gibraltar, and Grosse Ile. Motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor then discussed recent flow meter reports from the SHVUA, and how it appears the City has been overcharged for flows for sometime now.

Mayor Jones stated that he would like the City to refinance the bond issues for the Community Center to get a lower interest rate on the bonds. Asked Council to look at information provided, and will discuss it further at the next meeting.

Mayor Jones mentioned that one of his goals for this term was to move towards purchasing property and building a new DPS Garage. The Mayor would like Council to approve \$10,000.00 to hire real estate broker to search for a piece of property to build it on.

02-06-06-5- Motion by Jones to approve \$10,000.00 to hire a real estate broker to locate property for a new DPS Garage. Motion died for lack of support.

02-06-06-6- Motion by Martin supported by Jones to approve \$5,000.00 to hire a real estate broker to locate property for a new DPS Garage. Motion carried unanimously.

8. BID OPENING REPORTS:

a. Letter from Historical Commission dated 1/30/2006 re: Approval of bid to finish 1st floor of Smith Hotel (Heating, Cooling, and Sprinkler System)

02-06-06-7- Motion by Gagne supported by Jones to approve the bid as presented by the Historical Commission, to finish 1st floor of Smith Hotel (Heating, Cooling, and Sprinkler System) Motion carried unanimously.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Letter from Comcast dated 2/06/06 re: Franchise Agreement Amendment.

02-06-06-8- Motion by Gagne supported by martin to approve the Comcast Franchise Agreement a present in letter from Comcast dated 2/6/06. by a vote of 5-Yes and 1-No(Wrobel) motion carried 5-1.

b. Letter from City Engineer dated 2/02/06 re: Brown Street Water Main Payment #6.

02-06-06-9- Motion by Wrobel supported by Martin to approve the City Engineers recommendation for Payment #6 for the Brown Street Water Main Project. Motion carried unanimously.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Letter from 33rd District Court dated 1/13/06 re: Approval of 33rd District Court Budget.

02-02-06-10- Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to approve 33rd District Court Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Letter from City Attorney dated 1/26/06 re: 1st Reading Department of Business and Economic Development Ordinance.

02-06-06-11- Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to suspend the first reading of Department of Business and Economic Development Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Letter from Beautification Commission dated 1/28/06 re: Approval for Purchase of Hanging Baskets.

02-06-06-12- Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the Beautification Commission purchase of Hanging Baskets. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Letter from Beautification Commission dated 1/28/06 re: Approval for the purchasing Merry Christmas Sign and Individual Banners. No Approval Needed.

e. Memo from Mayor dated 1/31/06 re: Inter-Local DCC Agreement.

02-06-06-13- Motion by Gagne supported by Dropiewski to approve the Inter-Local DCC Agreement as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Memo from City Clerk dated: 2/6/06 re: Block Grant Public Hearing for 2006-2007 Community Block Grant Funds.

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing at 8:50 PM.

A suggestion was made to use the 2006-2007 CDBG Allocation for the remaining amount to install the ADA footbridge on the South side of Gibraltar Road, to replace an ADA non compliant bridge.

Hearing no further comments Mayor Jones closed the Public Hearing at 8:52 PM.

02-06-06-14- Motion by Jones supported by Gagne to approve using the 2006/2007 CDBG Funds to cover remaining costs to install the ADA footbridge on the South side of Gibraltar Road, to replace an ADA non compliant bridge. The approximate allocation of \$82,000.00, less 10% administration fees. Motion carried unanimously.

g. Letter from The Guidance Center dated: 1/26/06 re: Voluntary Contribution.

02-06-06-15- Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to approve Payment to the Guidance Center for the Annual Voluntary Contribution. Motion carried unanimously.

h. Letter from DPS Director dated 2/2/06 re: Requesting Permission to Bid for Street Sweeper Replacement Parts.

02-06-06-16- Motion by Wrobel supported by Gagne to approve the DPS Director advertising for bids for Street Sweeper Replacement Parts. Motion carried unanimously.

i. Letter from DPS Director dated 2/2/06 re: Requesting Permission to Bid for Arsenal Road Garage Roof Replacement.

02-06-06-17- Motion by Painter supported by Wrobel to approve the DPS Director advertising for Bids for Arsenal Road Roof Garage. Motion carried unanimously.

j. Letter from DPS Director dated 2/2/06 re: Requesting Permission to Bid for Replacement of 16" Water Main Valve on Gibraltar Road.

02-06-06-18- Motion by Painter supported by Martin to approve the DPS Director advertising for Bids for Replacement of 16" Water Main Valve on Gibraltar Road. Motion carried unanimously.

k. Letter from Recreation Director dated 2/2/06 re: Requesting Permission to Bid for New Senior Bus.

02-06-06-19- Motion by Wrobel supported by Dropiewski to approve the Recreation Director advertising for Bids for New Senior Bus. Motion carried unanimously.

l. Letter from City Attorney dated: 2/2/06 re: Proceeds from Letter of Credit Hawthorne Ridge.

02-06-06-20- Motion by Jones supported by Dropiewski to table item. Motion carried unanimously.

m. Letter from City Attorney dated: 2/2/06 re: Approval of COAM Contract.

02-06-06-21- Motion by Wrobel supported by Martin to approve the COAM Contract as presented. By a vote 3-Yes(Wrobel, Martin and Dropiewski, and 2-No(Gagne, and Jones) Council Member Painter abstained. Motion failed 3-2.

n. Letter from Mayor Jones dated: 2/2/06 re: Commission Re-Appointments.

02-06-06-22- Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to approve the Mayors recommended re-appointments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Letter from Knights of Columbus dated 1/16/06 re: Permission to hold Tootsie Roll Drive.

02-02-06-23- Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the Knights of Columbus to hold annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes from 11/ 28/05.

c. Zoning Board of Appeals Special Meeting Minutes from 12/12/05.

At this point in the meeting a motion was made to go into Closed Session for purpose of Contract Negotiation Discussion for the DPS & Clerical Units.

02-06-06-24- Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to go into Closed Session for purpose of Contract Negotiation Discussion for the DPS & Clerical Units. By a roll call vote with all present voting Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:00 PM Mayor Jones called a five minute recess.

Council reconvened at 9:05 in Closed Session

Council returned to Open Session at 9:42 PM.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

02-06-06-25- Motion by Painter supported by Jones to adjourn meeting at 9:42 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

RICHARD C JONES, MAYOR

DANA RATZ, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

Date: _____
Approved