

**REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

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 Dropiewski, Council Members Martin, Gagne, Painter, Moore, Tefend and Wrobel.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

02-16-01 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 01, 2010 and Special Minutes of February 08 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:** None

**5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

City Clerk announced the next countywide Household Hazardous Waste collection is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, 2010 at Redford Public Services, 12200 Beech Daly Road, just south of I-96. The message is also on Comcast Channel 12.

Terry Miller, Maintenance Manager at the Recreation Center, made a report in the absence of Joan Pawlukiewicz, Recreation Director. He stated "Ladies Night" was a sell-out and they added another night, the 2010 Saturday weddings are booked through November, "Aquatic Rock" is sold out, Monday aquasize is sold out and the \$2.00 night had 100 people in attendance. Mr. Miller thanked the DPS for the quick and efficient snow removal at the center.

Chief Rossow the officers directing traffic in front of Bobcean Elementary are teaching the parents the proper way to drop off the children at school in order to have a quick and efficient traffic flow. He said the police department is looking for a white male who robbed the Sunoco Station. He is about 35 years old and riding a bicycle. If anyone knows anything please contact the police department.

Chief Vack reported the Fire Department received a small grant of \$1300.00 from the Region 2 South Medical Group to spend on certain items like thermometers, etc.

DPS Director, Bruce Hammond, reported on the recycling for 2009 stating we had collected 515 tons of recycling material and picked up 3,444 tons of solid waste. The full report can be seen at Mr. Hammond's office at City Hall.

6. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:** None

7. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Dropiewski announced that Mazda is eliminating one shift which will affect about 900 employees. They will continue to make both the mazdas and the mustangs.

He complimented the DPS on snow removal. He announced that the Council Meetings will be shown on Comcast Channel 12 on Thursdays at 10:00 am.

Mayor said the state has put a hold on several road projects and the left turn lane on Telegraph Road is one of them.

The good news is that beginning in June, 2010 there will be a Farmer's Market in Flat Rock. Mayor Dropiewski also said he performed his first wedding last Friday and added \$50.00 to the general fund.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Item A – Public Hearing: To receive comments on the City applying for a grant from the State of Michigan DNR Trust Fund and Resolution of approval.

Mayor Dropiewski opened the public hearing at 7:50 p.m. and asked if the audience had any comments. Tim Spees, a member of the Flat Rock Zoning Board of Appeals, said the Downriver Cycle Club supports the application for the grant that would complete the linkage between Huroc Park and Oakwood's Metro Park.

Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:56 p.m.

02-16-02 Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Flat Rock has been a leader in the planning and construction of recreational Greenway Paths in the downriver region, and

WHEREAS, the City of Flat Rock wishes to complete a key linkage of the Greenway with Oakwood's Metro Park and the Township of Huron, and

WHEREAS, discussions and planning for the project have been held with the appropriate partners and agencies, and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the City of Flat Rock is now seeking funding sources with which to undertake the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and members of the City Council of Flat Rock do hereby authorize that the City move to formally apply to the State of Michigan for consideration of funding from the State of Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and authorize Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski to sign the grant application on behalf of the City of Flat Rock.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Bid award recommendation for 1999 Steiner Tractor/DPS.

02-16-03 Motion by Painter supported by Moore to award the bid to the high bidder, Ray Dean Burdick, in the amount of \$1,553.00 as recommended by the DPS Director.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

Item A – The Guidance Center Annual assessment for mental health and substance abuse - \$2,500.00.

02-16-04 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to pay the assessment in the amount of \$2,500.00.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Re-appointments to Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Commission and TIFA.

02-16-05 Motion by Wrobel supported by Tefend to concur with the Mayor and reappoint the following: **Historic Preservation Commission:** Nelson Brown and Walter A. Masson with term to expire 2-7-2013; **Planning Commission:** Patricia L. Sell, Terrence Farrar, Gary Borden and Walter J. Little with terms to expire 2-15-2013; **Tax Increment Finance Commission:** Appoint Anthony H. Mell, 29245 Magnolia Dr., term to expire 6-11-2012; William Neal, 25028 Maxwell Lane, term to expire 9-24-2011.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – CDBG Advisory Council appointment.

02-16-06 Motion by Tefend supported by Martin to appoint James Martin as Elected Official Designate and Felicia Moore as Alternate to the Advisory Council for Community Development Block Grant.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Building Department Budget Discussion.

John Russ, Building Director, passed out a “permit summary by category” for 2009 which showed \$155,611.00 in permit fees for 747 permits (of which 395 were permits for building). Mr. Russ said there are 10 new homes being built in Bradbury Park and 7 in Celtic Farms Sub. He suggested one way to cut the budget would be to eliminate the 50/50 sidewalk program and its 100% homeowner’s responsibility. He gave Council a copy of an ordinance from another community regarding vacant and abandoned structures (charges for inspections, etc.).

**10. CORRESPONDENCE: None**

02-16-07 Motion by Martin supported by Painter to go into Closed Session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss (a) Labor negotiations – Police Patrol and Command. (b) Auto Alliance International Inc. vs. City of Flat Rock.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Dropiewski, Gagne, Martin, Moore, Painter, Tefend and Wrobel voted yes. No – None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dropiewski called a ten (10) minute recess.

02-16-08 Motion by Martin supported by Dropiewski to return to open session at 8:40 p.m.  
All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

02-16-09 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:40 p.m.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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**JONATHAN D. DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR**

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**LORENE BUTSKI, CMC, CITY CLERK**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**approved**