

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009

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 Dropiewski, Martin, Gagne, Painter, and Wrobel.

02-17-01 Motion by Painter supported by Dropiewski to excuse Council Member Tefend;

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously,

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

02-17-02 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to approve the regular minutes of February 02, 2009 as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Fred Abar, 24585 Meadows, spoke in opposition of the Senior Bus garage project.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Building Director, John Russ, updated Council on the Arsenal Road dump.

Recreation Director, Joan Pawlukiewicz, informed everyone that a copy of the Recreation Master Plan can be obtained on line at the City's web site www.flatrockmi.com. There is also a copy at the Recreation Center and the Library. A public hearing on the Plan will be Monday, February 23rd.

Fire Chief, William Vack, told Council the Fire Department will receive a Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$77,600.00. The grant is 95% Federal funds and 5% local funds. It will be used to replace pants, coats, boots, face pieces, voice amplifiers and 14 new carbon fiber cylinders. He said they will keep the serviceable gear.

Economic Development Director, George Mans, updated Council regarding Meijer. He stated that he and the City Attorney are working on a couple open issues which are (1) site plan and (2) PUD agreement.

City Attorney, Dave Grunow, said they will get comments back by next week from Meijer and the PUD agreement along with an ordinance to rezone should be ready for the next Council meeting.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Wrobel asked if we have a policy regarding cell phone use while driving city vehicles. Mayor Jones asked Department Heads to get together and come up with a policy to bring back to Council at the next meeting.

Council Member Gagne said he welcomed State Representative Deb Kennedy at coffee last week. He said he attended the 33rd District Court meeting and he reminded everyone of the flood plain meeting in Wyandotte, Wednesday, February 18th.

Council Member Dropiewski said it was good to see the Mayor back after surgery.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Jones said he is working on a recommendation for an auditing firm. He said he will ask the City Planner and City Engineer to cut their rates and he called a special Council meeting for Monday, February 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A – Request from Friedman Real Estate Group re: K-Mart Plaza.

George Mans introduced the owner of K-Mart property, Marvin Pattah, Architect Jim Schneider and Rob Hibbert of Friedman Reality – the team working on the K-Mart property.

02-17-03 Motion by Painter supported by Dropiewski to delay demolition of the K-Mart site until June 1, 2009.

Motion carried 5-1 with Mayor Jones voting no.

Item B – Bid award for Senior Center Garage – a Block Grant Project.

David Zanley of Wilkie and Zanley were present to discuss the project. He stated the garage was designed to blend with the Community Center. He was asked by Council to get a cost figure from J.G. Morris for excluding the covered, wrap around porch and

adding an 8' garage door as a way of lowering the cost of building the garage. Mr. Zanolli will have the figure for the next meeting.

02-17-04 Motion by Gagne to approve the garage for \$200,000 (which excludes the porch). Motion died due to lack of support.

Item C – Bid recommendation: Preventive maintenance for HVAC equipment.

Council Member Martin said there are two furnaces at the ball field and the contractor only listed one. It was stated that the contractor's references should be checked.

02-17-05 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to approve Building Director's recommendation and award the bid to HVAC Systems Inc. contingent on the City Attorney's approval of the agreement.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – Treasurer's 2008-2009 budget amendments.

02-17-06 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the amendments as recommended by the Treasurer.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – 2009 Resolution on the spending of Federal Economic Renewal Grants to the City of Flat Rock.

02-17-07 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to approve the Resolution as presented by the United Steel Worker's Union.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Senior Citizen rate & monthly pass qualifications.

02-17-08 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to approve the Recreation Director's recommendation to (1) drop the age for senior membership to 60 years old and (2) allow non-resident Flat Rock school employees, families and students to purchase monthly passes.

Motion carried 5-1 with Council Member Wrobel voting no.

Item D – Request to advertise for bid: 1999 Mercury Cougar.

02-17-09 Motion by Martin supported by Dropiewski to approve the request to go out for bids to be due March 12th by 3:00 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Letter from Carl Kopsi, TPOAM DPS President, regarding the safety issue of having two men on the salt trucks.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

02-17-10 Motion by Painter supported by Dropiewski to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:40 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CMC CITY CLERK

DATE: _____
approved