

**REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN**

**MONDAY, MARCH 02, 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, Wrobel and Tefend.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

03-02-01 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to approve the regular minutes of February 17, 2009 and special minutes of February 23, 2009 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Misty Porath McLaughlin was present to complain about a problem her family had at the Recreation Center concerning a third and fourth grade basketball coach and his wife several weeks ago. Recreation Director, Joan Pawlukiewicz, said she will meet with both families to solve the problem.

Eric Morrison of Boulder Drive in the Rockridge subdivision voiced his objection to Meijer coming to his neighborhood.

**5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

DPS Director, Bruce Hammond, said he and Russ Wittman, City Engineer, attended a Financial Aid Committee meeting on February 22, 2009 for Wayne County regarding the stimulus package passed on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Wayne County had previously asked us for projects that are federal aid eligible ie; Vreeland Road, Hall Road and Arsenal Road. He said 93 projects were submitted in Wayne County. The State got approximately 400 million dollars – 75% went to Wayne County and 25% went to local roads – that is 6 million for 93 projects which funded 14 projects in Wayne County. The money went to “preservation/overlay” projects which doesn’t cost as much as reconstruction projects. Flat Rock is not eligible for any stimulus funding.

Mayor Jones asked Bruce to make sure the landfill project goes to the Technical Committee.

Chief Neal Rossow said the annual report from the Police Department will be put on line for viewing. He had given Mayor and Council a copy earlier. He stated he met with Russ Pickle, School Superintendent, and worked out some part-time school resource officers. Officer Hoffman is in Simpson and Barnes Elementary; Officer Wieneke is in the High School and Bobcean Elementary. He said we hope this will improve communication between school and the Police Department. The Chief stated that in the 1990s one of the Chiefs started an Officer of the Year program. He said they have reinstated that program and Sgt. Gamino has nominated Det/Sgt Chris Cook for his extraordinary dedication to his duties and performance as an integral part of the investigations team. Chief Rossow presented Det/Sgt Cook with a plaque for "Officer of the Year".

Building Director, John Russ, said that he and Russ Wittman attended the FEMA and Flood Plain class two weeks ago and when he played the CD from that meeting he found some of the new subdivisions are not on the new FEMA map. He said he contacted the head of the DEQ in Michigan, Mr. Thomas, who referred him to someone to go over our flood plain areas for the City of Flat Rock. John stated he doesn't know how long it will take to have the correct flood plain maps available.

**6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Council Member Dropiewski asked for the dates and times of the Board of Review. Treasurer Lambrix offered the following:

All day appointments: Tuesday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am to 12:00 noon 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
All day appointments: Tuesday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	same times
Evening appointments: Thursday, March 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Evening appointments: Thursday, March 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Council Member Painter asked the deadline for filing a petition for office at the August 4, 2009 Primary Election. City Clerk said the deadline is June 25, 2009 at 5:00 pm.

**7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

LATE CORRESPONDENCE – A- Mayor Jones's recommendation for Audit Services.

03-02-02 Motion by Jones supported by Gagne to approve Mayor Jones's recommendation and appoint Hungerford & Company in the amount of \$25,000.

Motion carried 6-1 with Dropiewski voting no.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Item A – Resolution to adopt the Parks & Recreation Plan 2014. (Complete plan on City’s web site ([www.flatrockmi.org](http://www.flatrockmi.org)) under Recreation Department.

03-02-03 Motion by Martin supported by Painter to approve the Parks & Recreation Plan 2014 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Bid recommendation for Water Main Pavement Repairs.

03-02-04 Motion by Gagne supported by Tefend to approve the City Engineer’s recommendation and award the bid to the low bidder, G.V. Cement, in the amount of \$19,557.00.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

Item A – City of Flat Rock/AutoZone Development Corp. agreement.

03-02-05 Motion by Jones supported by Tefend to approve the agreement subject to conditions set forth in the Attorney’s letter.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Brownfield Redevelopment Authority memo.

03-02-06 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to direct the City Attorney to proceed with the steps to establish a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Mayor Jones said it very difficult to find people to fill boards and commissions. The Attorney stated the DDA or TIFA members could be appointed to serve on the Brownfield Board.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Item A – Master Plan Amendment approved by the Planning Commission.

Item B – Planning Commission minutes of January 26, 2009.

03-02-07 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to go into Closed Session to discuss the Flat Rock Firefighters arbitration; update as to labor negotiations – various employee units.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jones called a five minute recess at 8:35 pm

Closed Session convened at 8:40 pm.

Mayor Jones called Open Session at 9:40 pm

03-02-08 Motion by Jones supported by Dropiewski to hold a Public Hearing at the next regular Council meeting to re-allocate the 2007-2008 Block Grant funds.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

03-02-09 Motion by Jones supported by Painter to adjourn the regular Council meeting at 9:42 pm.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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**RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR**

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**LORENE BUTSKI, CMC CITY CLERK**

DATE: 03-16-09  
approved