

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2007

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: Council Member Gagne, Dropiewski, Martin, Painter, Tefend and Wrobel.

Absent. Mayor Richard C Jones.

03-19-07-1 Motion by Painter supported by Tefend to excuse the absent member Mayor Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

ALSO PRESENT: DPS Director Bruce Hammond, Building Director John Russ, City Attorney David Grunow, Fire Chief Bill Vack, Recreation Director Joan Pawlukiewicz, Economic Development Director and Acting Clerk George Mans, and Clerk Receptionist Jevetta Smith.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

03-19-07-2 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of 03/05/07 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Resident Gordon Chevalier, 27917 Telegraph Road, appeared before Council announcing, "I'm back again and I will be back until all the matters are taken care of in accordance to legitimate issues and ordinances regarding my property". Mr. Chevalier had given the Acting Clerk George Mans two letters to be forwarded to Councilmen...one to Councilman Painter and Tefend and a different letter to Councilman Martin and Wrobel. Mr. Chevalier asked Mr. Wrobel and Mr. Martin, "Have you received these letters and have you familiarized yourself with it?" Mr. Martin said he had read it and Mr. Wrobel said he went through it. Mr. Chevalier asked Mr. Wrobel and Mr. Martin if they would mind asking the Department Head why he hasn't taken care of the matter or taken action on the problem that's going on in regards to his property. Mr. Wrobel said it's been discussed and he doesn't see a different solution than what's already been done by the Department Heads. Mr. Martin said Mr. Chevalier's 1st mistake is by addressing the issue to two Councilmen independently instead of the complete council who works together as a whole body so all the Council will know what's going on...especially when you are attacking a Department Head. The letter should go to every Councilman. Mr. Chevalier said that he will correct that issue and see that every Council Member will get the letters at the next meeting and that he will not cover the two letters tonight, but will still address them to specific Council Members so they can work

on the specific issues...hoping they will stand out and take the lead. Mr. Chevalier said their very legitimate issues in accordance to the city ordinances.

Mr. Chevalier said he had an old issue to bring up regarding what Police Chief Steve Tallman said at the last Council Meeting regarding the driveway entering into his property. Mr. Chevalier said he was quoting Chief Tallman when he said he knew who the guilty party was that knocked over the fire hydrant in his driveway. Mr. Chevalier said a councilman asked at the meeting what we could do to recover or get reimbursed for the cost and Chief Tallman said it had been a year, therefore, he didn't go after or site the guilty party for the money and Mr. Chevalier regarded this as a "plain old derelict of duty" on Chief Tallman's part and suggested that Council adopt a resolution to take money out of the Chief's salary for payment of the hydrant. Mr. Chavalier said he knew that probably can't be done due to the union laws and so forth, but keep it in mind the next time you're determining whether you want him to stay.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Acting City Clerk George Mans reported on the two upcoming elections in the City of Flat Rock as a matter of public record and thanked Lorene Butski and Jevetta Smith for helping with the report. **1st ELECTION: REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION** for the Flat Rock School District on **MAY 8, 2007**. Details available at City Hall and Board of Education. **2nd ELECTION: Possible CITY OF FLAT ROCK PRIMARY ELECTION** on **AUGUST 7, 2007**, if necessary. Nominating petitions available in the City Clerk's Office for Mayoral seat, a two year term, and 3 Council Seats which are four year terms.

Councilman Tefend asked Mr. Mans if the remapping of the districts would be effective for the May 8th School Election and for the Primary Election in August. Mr. Mans told the Council that the Clerk's Office had talked to Wayne County and everything has been worked out and the voter ID cards will be mailed out shortly. There will only be two precincts open for the school election on May 8th, Simpson Intermediate School and the Flat Rock Community Building (Old High School); as voter turnout is much lower for the school elections than it is for City or Presidential Elections. In the possible City of Flat Rock Primary, all precincts will be open to handle the large number of voter turnout...that's when voters who have been moved to a different precinct, because of the remapping, will be able to go to their new assigned precinct.

Fire Chief with some of his personnel presented to the Council two new pieces of fire department equipment purchased recently. **1st:** item is a **GURNEY** which is power assisted by the touch of a button. Has an IV pole extension and in tight spots the unit slides in which makes the cot much shorter. It has a lift mechanism which you can lower enough for someone to sit down and then with a touch of a button raise the cot up. Operates on a standard Dewalt battery which is readily available that last for numerous shifts without a charge. Patients are becoming heavier which presents a challenge...this power unit will save personnel's backs. Cost is \$9,400 for this particular unit. **2nd:** **STAIR CHAIR** which is rated for a 500 lb. capacity. With this chair... when you have a patient strapped in, one person can go up and down stairway with one person at the head and one person at the bottom front guiding with handles that extend so that you can go up and down a stairway quite easily. In the old days before this kind of chair evolved, Mr. Vack said they would literally use a chair from a dining

room...this stair chair helps the firefighter do their job better and safer. Cost is \$2,400.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Gagne reported that he and Acting City George Mans attended a Block Grant Meeting in Mt. Clemons and 90% of all extensions were granted until September 30, 2007. There will be a slight increase of funds of \$2,000-\$3,000 on allotment and Flat Rock was elected to the Advisory Board.

Councilman Tefend stated that the signs on Aspen Blvd. for Newman have blown down except for the flag poles with the lights and asked if they haven't moved out and we should send them a letter to have them removed. Dropiewski said he read in the paper that Newman had moved out of Michigan and asked if Building & Safety Director John Russ would look into it and report back to them.

Councilman Painter asked, "Who's in charge of the flag protocol for the City? I noticed that the schools are half staff and we're flying full staff." DPS Director Bruce Hammond said, "Goes by the direction of the Mayor" and Mr. Painter said "And he follows whose authority? Does he follow the ...?" Mr. Hammond answered, "No". Mr. Painter said, "So if you have a dead serviceman, and we're suppose to be at half staff, does he have to order it before it is lowered?" Mr. Hammond replied, "No, he told us not to lower it. He didn't want them going up and down, I guess. You'll have to ask him". Mr. Painter said, "I guess I will at the next meeting."

[03-19-07-3] Motion by Tefend supported by Drowiewski to follow state protocol for flags. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Painter said he wondered if we forgot or if we were short of staff or something. Mr. Tefend stated that when a Michigan soldier is killed and is returned, the flag is ordered by the Governor's Office to fly at half staff...out of respect.

Councilman asked if the scoreboards on the baseball fields could be checked to make sure they are working because last year they were not working on field #4.

Mr. Painter asked if the Mayor or a Councilman dies or resigns what would happen. City Attorney said that under the City Charter, if a Councilman dies or resigns the Councilman's seat, it would go to the highest vote getter that ran in the last election. The highest vote getter would have the opportunity to fill the vacant seat or Council could pick someone. For example right now, it would be David Karoly who ran in the last election. For the Mayoral position, it would go to the Mayor Pro Tem, which would be Jonathan Drowiewski, at this time.

7. MAYORS COMMENTS: (None)

9. BID OPENING REPORTS: (None)

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Letter from DPS Director Bruce Hammond Re: Request extension of bid due date of Ice Rink Chiller.

[03-19-07-4] Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to extend bid due date for Ice Rink Chiller from March 21, 2007 to April 11, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hammond said the reason for the extension of the due date was that they were waiting on insurance company reports and because of the technical nature of the repairs.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Letter from City Attorney David Grunow Re: Ordinance Modifying the City Code Pertaining to Possession of Alcoholic Liquor By Persons Less Than 21 Years of Age, Our File No. 07-4567.

03-19-07-5 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to suspend the 1st reading. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Letter from Acting Clerk George Mans Re: Request from Lisa Ferguson, 23321 Whitby Ave., requesting a sidewalk replacement refund of \$225.

03-19-07-6 Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to approve the reimbursement to Lisa Ferguson for the amount of \$225 as requested. Motion passed 5-1 (Painter abstained...works with Ms. Ferguson)

c. Letter from DPS Director Bruce Hammond Re: Approval of quote from South Huron Industrial to apply "pentaseal" dust control.

03-19-07-7 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to approve the quote from South Huron Industrial as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Planning Commission Minutes for January 22, 2007.

13. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Letter from Acting City Clerk George Mans Re: Letter to Councilmen Painter & Tefend and a second letter to Wrobel & Martin submitted by resident Gordon Chevalier, 27917 Telegraph.

03-19-07-8 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to go into Closed Session at 8:05 PM to discuss "Firefighters Contract Negotiations". Motion carried unanimously.

03-19-07-9 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to go back into Open Session at 8:10 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

03-19-07-10 Motion by Martin supported by Painter to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR PRO TEM

GEORGE W. MANS, ACTING CITY CLERK

Date: 04-02-07
Approved