

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2011

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 Gagne, Martin, Painter, Tefend, and Wrobel.

ALSO PRESENT: DPS Director Hammond, Fire Chief Vack, Treasurer Lambrix, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz, Police Chief Rossow, City Attorney Grunow

03-21-01 Motion by Painter, supported by Wrobel to excuse the absent member. Motion carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

03-21-02 Motion by Gagne, supported by Wrobel to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 7, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz reminded everyone of the Friday fish-fry during Lent. They are now accepting reservations for the Easter Brunch with two seatings. Lastly, the pool will be closed March 30 and 31 for maintenance.

DPS Director Hammond along with Mrs. Patricia Easton and her son presented employee Thomas Dishaw with a Life Saving award for his actions on February 14, 2011, when he rescued Harley, a golden retriever own by Easton, from the Huron River at HuRoc Park.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council member Painter requested that mounds on the softball fields to be moved from 43' to 40' due to a change in the regulations. Painter also requested the patrols at the parks be increased with the change in the weather.

Council member Martin informed the Council that the painter who performed the renovations on the Wager House was given an award for the project and was featured in a recent article.

Council member Gagne gave a report from the 33rd District Court meeting recently attended. The City will be receiving a refund of approximately \$50,000 for the year ended December 31, 2010. Martin stated that all civil suits filed are included in our caseload. Gagne stated that the overall budget for the court has decreased. He also commented that the State is discussing reorganization of the judges according to caseloads, which could mean losing one judge. Gagne reported that the sobriety program through the court is showing some success.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski reported over 100 people attended the last fish-fry and encouraged residents to go to the upcoming fish-frys through Lent. He announced that copies of the new released "Images of America Flat Rock" book are available for purchase. The book chronicles the history of Flat Rock with vivid pictures and historical facts.

Mayor Dropiewski summarized the recent announcements regarding the State's budget and its impact on the City. New mandates for receiving the statutory portion of the revenue sharing may require cost-sharing by employees for health care insurance, changing defined benefit to defined contribution retirement programs for new hires, better transparency through the use of a "dashboard" and sharing of services between communities. The new requirements still have to be passed by the Legislature. The impact of the cut in revenue sharing on the City is approximately \$100,000 per year.

Mayor Dropiewski requested a motion be made to deed the city owned property located at Vreeland and Arsenal Roads to the Downtown Development Authority. Metro Shores Credit Union wishes to build a new facility and would like to purchase the property.

03-22-03 Motion by Dropiewski, supported by Gagne to deed the property at Vreeland and Arsenal Road to the Downtown Development Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A: Final Payment for Cook and Gladding Drain Crossing.

03-22-04 Motion by Martin, supported by Gagne to approve for payment to Ullico Casualty Company in the amount of \$6,407.24. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A: 2010-11 Voluntary Assessment to the Guidance Center.

03-22-05 Motion by Gagne, supported by Wrobel to approve for payment in the amount of \$2,500. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B: Purchase Request for Baseball Field Maintenance.

03-22-06 Motion by Painter, supported by Tefend to purchase 40 tons of ball field materials. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C: Invoice from Detroit Salt Company.

03-22-07 Motion by Painter, supported by Martin to approve payment in the amount of \$2,315.65. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D: Request to Conduct Annual Hospital Fund Drive from the Moslem Shriners.

03-22-08 Motion by Gagne, supported by Wrobel to approve the request for June 16 through June 18, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E: Request from Lions Club to Solicit for "White Cane Week" April 22-May 1.

03-22-09 Motion by Martin, supported by Tefend to approve the request for April 22 through May 1, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F: Request from the Michigan Chapter of the Progeria Research Foundation to Hold 6th Annual "Miles for Miracles Fun Walk/Run and Permission to Display Banner on Playscape.

03-22-10 Motion by Tefend, supported by Painter to grant permission to hold the event and display banner as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A: Letter of Resignation from DDA Member Wendy Smith.

Letter accepted with a letter of thanks for services to be sent.

Item B: Letter of Resignation from TIFA Member Andy Mell.

Letter accepted with a letter of thanks for services to be sent.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

03-22-11 Motion by Gagne, supported by Martin to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

JONATHAN D. DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DEBRA LAMBRIX, TREASURER

Date: _____
Approved