

## REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

### CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012

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, Mayor Pro-Tem Martin, Council Members Moore, Borden, Wrobel, Gagne and Wilkins.

**ALSO PRESENT:** DPS Director Hammond, Attorney Grunow, Treasurer Lambrix, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz, Economic Development Mans, Chief Rossow, Fire Chief/Bldg. Director Vack.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**04-02-01** Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to approve the regular minutes of March 19, 2012 as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Ron Czapski of Pebblebrook Subdivision asked the status of the Meadows Avenue Drain contract and if they could have the estimates for the connection fee.

Mayor responded the project will start earlier than anticipated and Bruce Hammond will work on submitting an estimate for the connection fee.

Sue Farrar reminded everyone the City Wide Garage Sale is May 19-20, 2012. St. Vincent DePaul trucks will be in city hall parking lot, permits are \$5 in the Clerk's Office, maps and lists will be available in the parking lot also. She announced that volunteers are needed to help load trucks and pass out lists and maps.

Joe Pagano, Chairman of the DDA, announced the DDA sponsored Wheels & Deals will be a one day event on May 19<sup>th</sup> with the cooperation of Bid Boy restaurant and classic cars on the corner of Telegraph and Vreeland Road. Other things going on with DDA is the Business Forum, giving the city and businesses a chance to discuss issues and ideas, the Riverfest, Façade Grants, Walkable Downtown area, DTE programs, and 5/3 Bank programs. He informed everyone (especially businesses) that the DDA website designer (Kaleidico) has a business listing with coupons, and feature articles which are free to the businesses. The web site will use emails to keep businesses informed. All they have to do is register with the website at downtownflatrock.com. He said the Riverfest last year was a surprising success and hopes for more participation this year.

5. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Attorney David Grunow asked for volunteers for the COAM, Clerical and DPS contract negotiations. Council Member Wilkins volunteered for the COAM, Council Member Moore volunteered for the Clerical Unit and Council Member Wrobel volunteered for the DPS.

6. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Council Member Wilkins announced the Rabies Clinic will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon behind the Fire Department with Dr. Oliver. The May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for animal licenses will be extended with no penalty.

Council Member Borden was concerned about safety on Telegraph with the construction and was told it was regulated by the State. Mr. Vack said he has reviewed the signage and is not sure what (if anything) we could do. The construction should end in July.

Mayor Dropiewski asked the public to please continue to patronize the local businesses and to pay close attention to the speed limit.

Mr. Borden congratulated Leon and Pat Simeck on an outstanding job at the Train Depot and Museum on Arsenal Road.

Mr. Borden asked the status of rental property inspections as compared to the number of rental properties. Mr. Vack said with limited staff it is difficult to get through all of them; however, they are making progress.

Mayor Dropiewski presented Erica Neese and Karen Baumbaure of the Bank of America with a certificate of appreciation for coordinating about two hundred volunteers for the Riverfest 2011. He said they are doing it again this year.

Mr. Borden thanked George Mans and Lorene for their help with the Riverfest. He announced that on June 30<sup>th</sup> at the ballfields behind city hall there will be a Flat Rock Ultimate Talent Search beginning at noon to 10:00 pm.

Council Member Martin said at Telegraph northbound at Vreeland drivers are crossing the double yellow line head-on to southbound and requested the barrels be extended to prevent accidents.

Council Member Gagne stated the Library Board was appealing for assistance from the city. The Library will be closed on Sunday and Monday and the full time employees have been cut 50%.

7. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** None

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Item A – Public Hearing: Flat Rock Metal application for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate.**

Mayor opened the hearing at 8:00 p.m.

Council Member Wrobel thanked Flat Rock Metal for 32 years in the city and for being part of the community.

Keith King, President, thanked Council for the kind words. He said they are adding a 30,000 foot expansion because they need more space to keep up with the auto

industry's new technology. The three key components are operator safety, production and capacity to improve business. He said it will add about 6-8 jobs and set them up for long term future growth. Mayor asked if he would commit not to appeal for at least three years and Mr. King said that was no problem.

Mr. Gagne asked if he had thought of producing energy to the city and he said he hasn't found the technique to replace the turbines. He stated it is very interesting and would be great for the community.

**04-02-02** Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to closed the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

**04-02-03** Motion by Gagne with no support to approve for 6 years on real property (instead of proposed 10 years) and 6 years on personal property.

Motion died for lack of support.

**04-02-04** Motion by Wrobel supported by Moore to approve the 12 year abatement with the condition they do not appeal for three years.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item B – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Proposed Ordinance #320-A Amendment to Park Regulations.**

**04-02-05** Motion by Martin supported by Wrobel to suspend the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**04-02-06** Motion by Wrobel supported by Martin to approve Ordinance #320-A as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item C – Police Chief's request to sell forfeited vehicles.**

**04-02-07** Motion by Martin supported by Borden to dispose of the five vehicles.

Discussion as to how to dispose of: 1992 Mercedes, 1996 Saturn, 2000 Harley Davidson (all three forfeited vehicles) also a Cougar and an older Mazda.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

Item A – Grand Trunk Western Railroad Co. agreement for construction of a non-motorized trail (Bike Path).

**04-02-08** Motion by Wrobel supported by Gagne to approved the agreement as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item B – Resolution approving agreement with Wayne County for funding of Bike Path repairs at Huroc Park.**

**04-02-09** Motion by Wrobel supported by Martin to approve the \$20,000 grant agreement as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item C – Request from the American Legion Post #337 to hold annual Memorial Day parade (May 28<sup>th</sup>) and sell poppies May 17-19, 2012 in Flat Rock.**

**04-02-10** Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the request as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item D – Request from VFW Post #9363 to sell poppies May 10-12.**

**04-02-11** Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to approve the request as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item E – Invoice from SEMCOG for annual membership dues - \$1,168.00.**

**04-02-12** Motion by Martin supported by Borden to approve the dues in the amount of \$1,168.00 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item F – Invoice from Electronic Computer Services for annual license fee.**

**04-02-13** Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to pay the invoice as presented in the amount of \$2,052.00.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item G – DPS request to purchase recycle bins & lids.**

**04-02-14** Motion by Wrobel supported by Martin to purchase recycle bins & lids in the amount of \$3,000.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item H – DPS request to replace 2003 John Deere mower deck.**

**04-02-15** Motion by Gagne supported by Borden to replace John Deere mower deck in the amount of \$3,478.86.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item I – DPS request to replace computer control for transmission in #53 International Dump truck.**

**04-02-16** Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to repair truck in the amount of \$3,257.60 as requested.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Item A – Planning Commission Minutes – February 27, 2012.**

City Attorney David Grunow requested a Closed Session to discuss AAI vs. City of Flat Rock – Tax Appeal.

**04-02-17** Motion by Martin supported by Borden to go into Closed Session at 8:28 pm.

Roll Call vote: Dropiewski, Wrobel, Martin, Gagne, Moore, Borden and Wilkins voting yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dropiewski called a five minute recess at 8:28 p.m.

**04-02-18** Motion by Moore supported by Martin to return to Open Session at 8:58 p.m.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

**04-02-19** Motion by Wilkins supported by Moore to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:58 p.m.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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**JONATHAN D. DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Approved**

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**DEBRA LAMBRIX, TREASURER**