

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, MAY 02, 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, Wrobel and Moore.

ABSENT: Council Member Tefend.

05-02-01 Motion by Painter supported by Wrobel to excuse absent member Tefend.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ALSO PRESENT: DPS Director Hammond, Economic Director Mans, City Prosecutor Mathew Zick filled in for Attorney Grunow, Fire Chief/Building Director Vack, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz, Treasurer Lambrix and Clerk Butski.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

04-18-02 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the regular minutes of April 18, 2011 as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Ron Czapski and another resident from the Pebblebrook Sub in the area of Meadows, Port and Dover Streets once again asked the status of their drainage problem. The DPS Director gave them a copy of the Drain Improvement Plan prepared in August, 2010 by the City Engineer. The project hasn't been done due to lack of funds. Discussion ensued regarding proceeding with the project and assessing the residents involved. The gentlemen said they would circulate a petition and report back.

Charla Micallef requested the status of the Coleman Beauty School building at 26155 E. Huron River. She showed the Mayor pictures of the mold and dangerous mess. Mayor and Attorney Zick told her there is an active court proceeding going on now that the owner has been found. There are judgements issued against him for nuisance and forfeiture proceedings. Mayor said the DDA has money for demolishing the building but we have to wait for the owner to forfeit. Mayor said he doesn't want to do anything to open the city up for a lawsuit.

Sue Farrar, Chairperson of the Beautification Commission, reminded everyone of the City Wide Garage Sale May 14th and 15th. Permits are \$5.00 at the Clerk's Office and

it will go on come rain or shine. Volunteers are needed to help load trucks. Joe Pagano, Chairman of the DDA, announced the weekend of the 14th and 15th is also “Wheels and Deals” weekend. Vreeland Road between Telegraph and Arsenal Road will be closed from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm for the Classic Car Show. He and Sue encouraged everyone to come out and shop and enjoy the car show.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

George Mans, Economic Development Director, acknowledged Senator Colbeck for meeting with and listening to the Vitally Brothers. They are not in the DDA or TIFA District which makes it difficult to get help for improvements to their business. He also stated he had a business meeting last Wednesday with Wayne County to come up with a method of coordinating land and building approvals that will integrate county, state and local activity. He said Flat Rock should be represented to know what is going on.

Building Director Vack reminded residents that “all” swimming pools 24” or more need permits. Electrical must be grounded. He said several changes have taken place in state ordinances as far as pools and electrical are concerned. His department is working on getting those changes on the web site.

Fire Chief Vack said the City Attorney is preparing an ordinance to update the 2009 Fire Code and the 2009 Building Code. Mr. Vack announced the Oakwood Health System gave the fire department \$30,000 worth of deliberators and heart monitors. The EMTs can transmit the results of an EKG to the hospital; doctors will evaluate and can divert the EMTs from the ER to the cath lab if necessary. Mr. Vack thanked the Oakwood Health System for this life saving equipment.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Painter announced the Relay for Life will be held at the Community Park Saturday and Sunday May 14th from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. Also, Mack & Ernie Dodge will have cars to test drive and for each test drive taken, they will donate \$20.00 to the Flat Rock Ram Boosters. On the same day there will be softball and baseball games going on. Mr. Painter urged everyone to come out and participate.

Council Member Gagne attended a special meeting hosted by Plante & Moran at the DCC where subjects such as Revenue Sharing, Pension Plans, Fees and changes to Public Act 312 were discussed.

7. MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski congratulated the 360 member Flat Rock Little League on a successful parade and wished them luck. He stressed bike safety and advised everyone to wear a helmet and follow the rules of the road. He said the History of Flat Rock book is on sale at most city buildings for \$21.99. Mayor passed out an “as is” budget and stated he will probably set a public hearing for the first meeting in June at the next council meeting.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A – Recommendation for contract award for Gibraltar Rd. and Olmstead Rd. Lift Station repairs.

05-02-03 Motion by Wrobel supported by Martin to approved the engineer’s recommendation and award the bid to MATZAK, Inc. in the amount of \$122,250.00. All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – Request from Assessor to set a public hearing for May 16, 2011 to hear any objections and confirm the Special Assessment Roll.

05-02-04 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to set the public hearing for May 16, 2011 as requested. All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Grand Trunk Western RR/Flat Rock Metal/City of Flat Rock Lease Agreement (Huroc Park Railroad Bridge).

05-02-05 Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to approve the agreement as presented. All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Alliance of Downriver Watershed invoice in the amount of \$6,168.32.

05-02-06 Motion by Martin supported by Painter to approve payment as presented. All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Certification of Clerk of the Board of Review, City of Flat Rock.

05-02-07 Motion by Gagne supported by Moore to go into Closed Session to discuss litigation Gibraltar vs. South Huron Valley Utility Authority et.al. All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dropiewski called a five minute recess.

05-02-08 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to return to Open Session at 8:29 pm.

05-02-09 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin that on the advice of legal council the City of Flat Rock votes no on the SHVU issue. All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

05-02-10 Motion by Painter supported by Wrobel that Felicia and Mayor Dropiewski volunteered to hear step 3 of grievance #11209. All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

05-02-11 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m.
All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN D. DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CMC, CITY CLERK

DATE: _____
approved