

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, MAY 03, 2010

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 Martin, Moore, Gagne, and Wrobel .

ABSENT: Council Member Tefend.

05-03-01 Motion by Painter supported by Wrobel to excuse absent Council Member.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Vack, DPS Director Hammond, Treasurer Lambrix, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz, Police Chief Rossow, Building Director Russ, Economic Director Mans, City Attorney Grunow, and Clerk Butski.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

05-03-02 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 19, 2010 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Susan Daddario, President of the Library Board of Directors, said she disagrees with using the Library's fund balance for the City's general fund. She suggested the Library give the City \$81,000 this year and \$81,000 next year and the City pay the bond payment of \$162,000 the third year (2012). She said there were items in the budget they have no control over like janitor, clerical, bank charges, heating & cooling, etc. She asked Council to consider her request before they vote to take the \$90,000 from their fund balance. Mayor Dropiewski suggested the City may be able to pay for a new roof for the Library which they will need in a few years.

Ron Czapski, 23328 Port in Pebblebrook, asked for a report on the City Engineer and Building Director's inspection of the Port/Meadows drainage problem. John Russ,

Building Director, said the grade is good but the water is backing up because the sump pump has no place to go.

05-03-03 Motion by Martin supported by Moore to authorize the City Engineer to shoot a grade and report back to Council with a suggestion for a possible solution for the problem.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Sue Farrar, Beautification Commission, reminded everyone of the City Wide Garage Sale May 15-16 and that permits are \$5 at the Clerk's office. A list of sales will be on the City's web site and Comcast channel 12. Also, St. Vincent DePaul will have a truck in the parking lot at City Hall that weekend for anyone to dispose of clean useable items they don't want or can't sell.

Jennifer Coleman Heston stated she is running for 33rd Court Judge. She is a resident of Rockwood and asked everyone to consider her when they go to vote.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

George Mans and John Russ gave an update on the Kmart Plaza stating the Pattah Brothers has asked the Planning Commission for a waiver on the façade requirements and it was granted. Mr. Pattah and his architect are looking at four buildings on the south side. They have asked the DDA for a \$10,000 façade improvement grant and they will put up \$50,000. Mr. Mans reminded everyone of the Vreeland Road celebration from 8-4 on Saturday May 15th. There will be a classic car show at 10:00 am and ribbon cutting at noon.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Gagne reported he is investigating the possibility of a city income tax.

Council Member Painter reported he will be absent from the May 17th Council Meeting. He said he attended the South Huron Valley Authority meeting.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski congratulated the Little League on their parade Saturday and wished them good luck in the upcoming season. He also invited people out for the 15th and 16th to the Vreeland Road grand opening, city wide garage sale and other festivities.. Mayor stated he had a Letter of Understanding from the Firefighters which represented about \$130,000 savings to the city. He commended the firefighters for the way they understood the city's situation.

05-03-04 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to authorize the signing of the Letter of Understanding.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A – Budget adjustment recommendations.

Mayor said one of the changes in his recommendations is the patrolman that was to be laid off has resigned.

The next change is the layoff of the Building Director – the ordinance forbids us from eliminating him from that position at this time so I am going to change my recommendation to go to part time.

The third change is on the front Office Manager at the Recreation Center. She has volunteered to give up her opt out of health insurance and will fill the banquet center assistant position which is now vacant. Now one person will be in charge of the entire financial situation of that building.

Discussion regarding the Reading Building – what to do with the stuff stored there especially by Recreation. Director Pawlukiewicz said there are three rooms of recreation stuff there. She said they are looking at buying used pods. Mayor said there is a definite need for storage at the Recreation Center.

John Russ, Building Director, stated the building department is very busy and getting busier with Bradbury pulling 15 permits, Celtic Farms pulling 6 permits, Auto Zone, Burger King, a pizza place, the Abandoned Building Ordinance now in effect and the Rental Property Ordinance requiring inspections. He said the budget is well over 90%. Mayor Dropriewski said he is thinking of Mr. Russ going to 20 hours a week. Council Member Martin said we just passed an Abandoned Building Ordinance plus the Rental Inspections. He said there is a lot of work for the Building Department to do and they generate income for the City.

Mayor said any changes made now will be in next year's budget also. He said if in a few months something we change now isn't working we can change it.

The layoffs in the Police Department have been given a 30-day layoff notice, including the Administrative Secretary. These notices will be effective May 19th.

General Operations:

05-03-05 Motion by Martin supported by Moore to begin negotiations with all unions except Fire and Police regarding furlough days. (Clerical, DPS and Department Heads)

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

05-03-06 Motion by Martin supported by Painter to approve (1) Immediate layoff of (1) receptionist position (2) Charge for Notary Services (3) Transfer Reading Building Back to Schools and (4) Shut down or lease Senior Citizens Building.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Department:

05-03-07 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Painter to adopt the entire list of recommendations with the exception of the retirement of a Lieutenant.

Council Member Martin said he cannot agree to pay 100% sick time as an incentive for retirement of the Lieutenant.

Motion carried 5-1 with Council Member Wrobel voting no.

05-03-08 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Painter to approve early retirement of a Lieutenant.

Motion failed 1-4 with Gagne, Painter, Martin and Moore voting no, Wrobel abstained due to conflict of interest.

Building & Safety:

05-03-09 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Wrobel that the Building Director go part time beginning May 19th at 32 hours a week.

Motion carried 5-1 with Martin voting no.

Department of Public Services:

05-03-10 Motion by Martin supported by Painter to implement the DPW suggestions in its entirety.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Recommendations from General Fund:

05-03-11 Motion by Painter supported by Wrobel to request \$90,000 each from the Historical Commission and the Library Board.

Motion carried 5-1 with Gagne voting no.

Item A-1 – Tabled Item: Administrative Assist. request for sick time.

05-03-12 Motion by Martin supported by Dropiewski to remove item a-1 from the table.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion regarding modifying the Administrative Policy for keeping sick time when full time goes to part time.

05-03-13 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to authorize the City Attorney to negotiate with the unions for a 75% payout up to 150 days for POAM, Clerical and Administrative by May 19th.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Public Hearing: Single Premise Special Assessment.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 9:11 p.m. Hearing no comments, he closed the public hearing at 9:12 pm.

05-03-14 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to accept the special assessment as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – Request from Mayor Dropiewski to set a public hearing for the 2010-11 proposed budget.

05-03-15 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to set a public hearing for Monday, May 17, 2010 as requested.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – 1st Reading: Proposed Ordinance #409 – Amendment to Section 2.92, Appointment of Director of Building & Safety.

05-03-16 Motion by Wrobel supported by Martin to suspend the first reading.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Traffic Control Order #10-001.

05-03-17 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve TCO-10-001 as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Request from the Michigan Chapter of the Progeria Research Foundation to hold 5th Annual “Miles for Miracles Fund Run/Walk” and permission to display their banner on front of playscape one week prior to the event.

05-03-18 Motion by Martin supported by Dropiewski to approve the request as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Planning Commission minutes of March 22, 2010.

Item B – 2010 Board of Review Minutes.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

05-03-19 Motion by Martin supported by Painter to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:00 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN D. DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CMC, CITY CLERK

DATE: _____