

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, May 7, 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: Mayor Jones, Council Member Gagne, Dropiewski, Martin, Painter and Wrobel.

Absent. Councilman Tefend.

[05-07-07-1] Motion by Dropiewski supported by Painter to excuse the absent Council Member Tefend. 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:

[05-07-07-2] Motion by Gagne supported by Dropiewski to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of 04/16/07 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Three young girls from Flat Rock Explosion Softball Team expressed their concern as to why they would be charged a \$500 fee to play on the Flat Rock Community Baseball Fields. Recreation Director, Joan Pawlukiewicz answered in amazement as to where these three young ladies got this erroneous information, because she had not received a phone call and was unaware of the situation. Mayor Jones told the young ladies the matter is resolved...they don't have to pay.

Glen Linson, owner of Flat Rock Big Boy Restaurant, requested permission for the continued use of the City owned property adjacent to Big Boys for their car show. Permission was granted with the understanding that Big Boys must provide their own liability insurance and get a permit from the Building Department. Mr. Linson agreed and said he would contact the City Attorney, David Grunow, to work out the details.

[05-07-07-3] Motion by Wrobel supported by Gagne to approve Big Boy continued usage of the City's right-of-way for their car show upon satisfying the City attorney's requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

Don Fedon, 26251 Inkster Road, spoke with concern about the flooding that has been created by Celtic Farms Subdivision. Water does not run to the drain because of the grading. Building & Safety Director, John Russ, spoke on behalf of the City and said that he requested Celtic Farms to be at tonight's

meeting to explain their position and no one showed up. Mr. Russ said no more building permits will be issued to Celtic Farms, per Mayor and Council's direction, until this water issue is corrected. Mr. Russ said this issue involves Wayne County more than the City of Flat Rock. Wayne County is after Celtic Farms to take care of drainage issues and they are not going to issue any permits until the water problem is taken care of with the grading.

05-07-07-4 Motion by Jones supported by Gagne not to issue any permits until the problem of drainage is resolved. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jones requested that the Building & Safety Director John Russ to write a letter to Celtic Farms saying that no permits will be issued until the drainage problem is resolved.

Mr. Don Fedon complained about the trash pickup service. He said they throw his trash cans around, but his neighbors cans are placed upside down. He said they probably treat his cans this way probably because he has complained so much. Councilman Painter gave him the phone number for the President of the garbage company so he could personally call him.

Resident Mark Balowski, 25437 Huron River Drive, spoke with concern about the bicycle club not using the Bike Path and that they are impeding traffic. Mayor Jones said he would speak with the club about this concern.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Acting Clerk George Mans reminded everyone to vote in the School Election tomorrow, May 8th from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The two precincts are: Precinct #1 Flat Rock Old High School on Division Street and Precinct #2 Simpson Intermediate School on Meadows. Mr. Mans thanked Lorene Butski and Jevetta Smith for all their hard work in preparing for the election.

Building & Safety Director John Russ reported that the Sidewalk Program for this year would be finishing up in the very near future. The Red Cedar Project will exhaust the budget for 2007.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Gagne reported on the DCC Meeting. He encouraged everyone to join the DRANO Project by 12/31/07. All 911 emergency operations will go wireless...legislation from the State level. By December 31, 2007 all operations will go wireless. Mr. Gagne said phone calls by land lines cost .80 cents while wireless cost .25 cents. The savings would pay for the wireless system.

Mr. Gagne also reported that AT&T may be interested in coming to Flat Rock as a cable provider and gave George Mans the business card to contact AT&T.

Mr. Gagne said OSHA wants each community to send a delegate for disaster training to keep each community up to date on disaster training.

Mr. Gagne asked for a report on the Board of Review. Mayor Jones said he would check into that.

Councilman Dropiewski congratulated the Historical Preservation Commission on the Smith Hotel renovation of the first floor. Barbara Fedon, Chairman of the Commission said they had 250 in attendance at their grand opening on April 28 & 29, 2007.

Councilman Painter remarked that the Council's vote to pay for the water lines and engineering fees on the Telegraph Road expansion was money well spent and that we would reap good benefits from it in the future.

7. MAYORS COMMENTS:

Mayor Jones responded to Mr. Painter's comment saying that he could not believe that the State would reconstruct Telegraph from Vreeland to north of Brownstown and leave out a \$10,000 engineering fee for Flat Rock to pay. Mayor Jones said this action is suspect and should have woke everybody up. Mayor Jones said Wade Trim is not his favorite engineering firm and would never use them in Flat Rock. He said he doesn't understand why our own engineering firm couldn't do that job for the best interest of the City. Mayor Jones said, the project will cost approximately \$30 to \$40 thousand dollars and that is why he disagreed with Council's decision.

Councilman Dropiewski said due to the City's cash flow problem, spending across the board needs to be checked.

8. BID OPENING REPORTS:

a. Evergreen Street Water Main and Pavement Replacement.

05-07-07-5 Motion by Jones supported by Gagne to table until budget is finalized or until next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Letter from City Attorney David Grunow Re: 2nd Reading of the Cross Connection Ordinance.

05-07-07-6 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to suspend 2nd Reading. Motion carried unanimously.

05-07-07-7 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to approve the Cross Connection Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Letter from Economic Development Director George Mans Re: Permission to bid Removal of Revolving Doors at City Hall and Replace with Handicapped Accessible Doors.

05-07-07-8 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve permission to bid as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Letter from Keith Gardner of the American Legion in Flat Rock requesting permission to hold the annual Memorial Day Parade on May 28, 2007.

05-07-07-9 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to approve American Legion permission to hold their annual parade as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Letter from City Attorney David Grunow Re: Proposed Bylaws for the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds. Our File No. 07-4606.

05-07-07-10 Motion by Gagne supported by Dropiewski to approve The Alliance of Downriver Watersheds proposed bylaws. Motion carried unanimously.

DPS Director Bruce Hammond said there are three watersheds in the Downriver area that are part of the Federal Clean Waters Standards Act that was created in the 1990s. The FCWS says each community in these areas has to work to ensure that the storm water entering these watersheds is in compliance with federal standards...and would include public education and on site inspection to ensure that standards are met by testing the storm water for violations and monitor for quality improvement. The proposal is for the communities in the three watersheds to consolidate and have one company to do the testing for all the communities and that would save each community on individual testing.

Councilman Wrobel asked if joining this alliance would be binding and if

Flat Rock would have the option to drop out at will. Mr. Grunow stated that on a 30-day notice any community could drop out of the alliance. Cost is based on population and the alliance will only meet twice a year.

05-07-07-11 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to appoint DPS Director Bruce Hammond as the City's Representative and City Engineer Russell Wittman as Alternate to the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Letter from City Attorney David Grunow Re: Detroit Model Water Contract. Our File No. 07-4611.

05-07-07-12 Motion by Jones supported by Dropiewski to table until later. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Letter from City Attorney David Grunow Re: Resolution Regarding Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Act, Our File No. 07-4573.

05-07-07-13 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Letter from Police Chief Steve Tallman Re: Permission to sell used firearms.

05-07-07-14 Motion by Wrobel supported by Gagne to approve as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Letter from City Planner Terry Croad Re: City of Flat Rock Draft Master Plan Update Review.

05-07-07-15 Motion by Gagne supported by Jones to table in lieu of further explanation by City Planner. Motion carried unanimously.

g. Letter from 33rd Judicial District Court requesting Council's approval of Resolution to accept the 2006 Financial Report.

05-07-07-16 Motion by Martin supported by Jones to accept the 2006 Financial Report from 33rd Judicial District Court. Motion carried unanimously.

h. Letter from Recreation Director Joan Pawlukiewicz requesting permission to waive bid process for FRCC Registration Software.

05-07-07-17 Motion by Jones supported by Martin to table. Motion carried unanimously.

i. Letter from Acting Clerk George Mans Re: Appointment of Officer Delegate and Officer Alternate to represent the city at the Michigan Municipal Employees Retirement System Annual Meeting.

05-07-07-18 Motion by Gagne supported by Jones to appoint City Treasurer Brenda Tallman as Delegate. Alternate not needed as Brenda has pledged to go. Motion carried unanimously.

j. Letter from City Attorney David Grunow Re: Operation Extra Help Campaign.

05-07-07-19 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Director said that this is Senior Alliance grant money from the Federal Government trying to reach out to seniors with chronic conditions to help with food or medicine money for those you meet certain guidelines.

k. Letter from DPS Director Bruce Hammond Re: Permission to advertise to bid one car and truck diagnostic scanner.

05-07-07-20 Motion by Jones supported by Gagne to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

l. Letter from Building & Safety Director John Russ Re: Permission to advertise for bid the roof replacement of City Hall.

05-07-07-21 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

m. Letter from Building & Safety Director John Russ Re: Permission to advertise for bid the sealing and replacement of windows located at City Hall.

05-07-07-22 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Zoning Board of Appeals minutes of February 12, 2007.
- b. Proclamation from Governor Jennifer M. Granholm proclaiming the week of May 6, 2007 as Building Safety Week.

12. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Letter from Mayor Jones requesting a Public Hearing for 2007-2008 Proposed Budget for the regular council meeting on Monday, June 4, 2007.
05-07-07-23 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to approve the Public hearing date for the 2007-2008 Proposed Budget for June 4, 2007 at the Regular council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

- 05-07-07-24 Motion by Martin supported by Dropiewski to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR

GEORGE W. MANS, ACTING CITY CLERK

Date: 05-21-07
Approved