

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, MAY 7, 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. **ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

PRESENT: Mayor Dropiewski, Council Members Gagne, Martin, Borden, Wilkins and Wrobel.

ABSENT: Council Member Moore (arrived at 7:32)

05-07-01 Motion by Martin, supported by Wrobel to excuse the absent member. Motion carried unanimously.

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

05-07-02 Motion by Gagne, supported by Martin to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 16, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Mike and Deborah Marth of 25770 E. Huron River Drive, owners of MJM Construction discussed the condition of Sheeks Blvd. at E. Huron River Drive. Sheeks splits into two directions on either side of the Flat Rock Church. This area of Sheeks east of the church is used for parking for their business and the church. Many cars use this section to access E. Huron River Drive. The road is falling apart and appears that the sewer may be causing a sink hole. Present council with several pictures and requested the city to make repairs.

05-07-03 Motion by Wrobel, supported by Borden to refer to the Planning Commission to assess closing the section of road. Motion carried unanimously.

Ronald Czapski of 23328 Port spoke regarding the Meadows drainage repair project. He wanted to commend RVP Construction for the considerate, professional and courteous work. The crew was very helpful and cleaned the job site each night after completing work for the day. The repair seems to be working well with the rain so far. Mr. Czapski would like to thank the city for working with them on this project.

Sue Farrar of the Beautification Commission wanted to remind the residents of the city wide garage sale on May 19 and 20 from 9:00 to 4:00, rain or shine and that permits can

be obtained at the Clerk's Office for \$5.00. The St. Vincent DePaul trucks will be at city hall on those days. If you need assistance unloading, please bring help with you. Once the trucks are full we cannot accept any more donations. Please do not leave items outside the truck.

Joe Pagano of Downtown Development Authority wanted to remind residents of the Wheels and Deals on May 19th. The classic car show will be at Vreeland Road and Telegraph, rain or shine, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Mr. Pagano spoke with the contractor and the state on the Telegraph road project and has been assured that Matilda will be opened on that day. He requested council to approve closing Vreeland west of Telegraph to Arsenal for the car show from 9:00 to 5:00 pm. Mr. Pagano stated that if they needed to park cars on Vreeland that they would keep them to one side of the road so that emergency vehicles would have access to the other side if necessary.

Pagano wanted to remind the residents that on May 19th in the evening the DDA will be presenting a drive-in movie at the Flat Rock Plaza starting at dusk.

05-07-04 Motion by Martin, supported by Borden to close Vreeland Road west of Telegraph to Arsenal on May 19 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Jonathan Pattah and an associate from Flat Rock Plaza announced that Tim Horton's signed a lease agreement with anticipated construction completed within 6 months. They will be in the parking lot at the north end by McDonald's. Mr. Pattah thanked the mayor and council for their patience and cooperation during the past few years. Council members Moore and Martin both asked if a grocery store is in the works. Mr. Pattah stated that it is still part of their development plan but that the financing is still an issue.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Chief Rossow thanked Council member Wilkins for all of her time and energy at the rabies clinic on Saturday. Chief Rossow also reported that the towing companies have reviewed the tow agreement and hopes to present it to council at the next meeting for approval. He wanted to thank the State of Michigan for the construction on Telegraph. It played an important part in the capture of the robbery suspect from Monroe Bank and Trust. The suspect was apprehended by Brownstown Police after a chase into Southgate.

Chief Vack requested permission to have the ceilings in city hall patched and made ready for paint in an amount not to exceed \$2,600. He has received quotes for the work to be done with the highest one at \$2,600. Vack still has a couple of companies that will be quoting on the work.

05-07-05 Motion by Martin, supported by Wilkins to approve the repairs not to exceed \$2,600. Motion carried unanimously.

Vack reported that the HVAC maintenance contract with Mead has expired. He requested approval to continue on a month-to-month basis at this time so that he and Bruce Hammond can review the contract for our needs at the various buildings to put out for bid. He hopes to have the request to bid at the next council meeting.

05-07-06 Motion by Wrobel, supported by Martin to continue the month-to-month contract with Mead until the contract can be bid. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Gagne requested that the library be removed from the contract in an effort to reduce the expense to the library. Mayor Dropiewski discouraged Gagne from putting the building and equipment at risk for a potentially higher expense if costly repairs happen in the future.

Vack thanked the communities of Woodhaven and Rockwood for their support with personnel and equipment during the recent fire at the Lutheran church. After discussion with the insurance investigator, it was determined that the construction of the building expedited the spread of the fire and that from the time of discovery to the time of dispatch the building was already too far gone. Vack also commented on the use of the new water lines during the fire allowed for a convenient supply to the equipment and thanked council for making the improvements to the system.

DPS Director Hammond, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz, and Treasurer Lambrix had nothing to report at this time.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council member Wilkins thanks Dr. Oliver, the fire department personnel and the treasurer's office personnel for their assistance with the rabies clinic that past Saturday. The clinic was successful without any major incidents.

Council member Borden extended his condolences to the Farrar family for the loss of two family members in the last week. He also wished Terry Farrar a speedy recovery from a recent surgery. Borden stated the Judge Coleman will be judging an art contest from the Flat Rock Schools that will be on display at the 33rd District Court. Borden thanked Hammond and Vack for working with the businesses on Telegraph to get additional signage for those affected by the construction project.

Hammond stated that the city worked the MDOT to get MDOT's approval for temporary signs to mark the entrances to the businesses in the construction zone. MDOT agreed to temporary signs and flags as long as they were easily moved if needed.

Borden thanked Pawlukiewicz and staff for their continued support for upcoming events in the city.

Council member Martin extended his condolences to the Farrar family for their recent losses. Martin also reminded residents of the Miles for Miracles walk on Saturday, May 12 at 10:30 am and encouraged support of the event.

Martin asked Hammond when the county will complete the drain project. Hammond stated that it should be finished in July.

Council member Wrobel also extended condolences to the Farrar family. He requested the Economic Development Director Mans begin looking into having a service drive built behind the businesses on the east side of Telegraph for better traffic flow and access to those businesses. Vack spoke regarding the plans for the service drive. He stated that the former Wendy's and the site plan for Taco Bell already include the service drive. Tim Horton's will be required to include it on their site plan as well. The issue is with the McDonald's site, as it is the most swallow of the properties and may have an issue with their drive thru location.

Council member Gagne did not have a report at this time.

Council member Moore inquired to Pawlukiewicz as to when the summer newsletter would be available and if there will be any new programs. Pawlukiewicz stated that the newsletter has been sent to the printer will should be mailed out in the next week. She stated that there are a few new family fun nights planned for the summer.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski also wanted to remind residents of the Wheels and Deals event on May 19 and 20 and the drive-in movie on Saturday night. He also asked for the residents to support the Miles for Miracles walk on May 12. He reported the he has spoken with the owner of Mr. Bean's regarding an after-party from the Miles for Miracles walk that Mr. Bean's will be sponsoring. The owner requested that the council approve closing Seneca from the alley to E. Huron River Drive for the event on May 12 from noon until 8:00 pm.

05-07-07 Motion by Gagne, supported by Borden to close Seneca from the alley to E. Huron River Drive on May 12 from noon until 8:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Dropiewski asked again that the residents continue to support our local businesses especially those affected by the construction project on Telegraph. He also would like to reminder residents to contact their state legislators regarding the personal property tax elimination plan. If the state does not replace this tax with another form of revenue it will make it difficult to balance the city's budget.

Dropiewski thanked the cities of Woodhaven and Rockwood for the aid during the recent fire and it showed why mutual aid is a benefit.

He stated that he had hoped to present an outline of the 2012-13 budget at this meeting, but that is was not ready yet. He also stated that this budget will be a difficult one. Even with the new millage approved in November, the budget will still have a net loss in revenues and a new increase in expenditures. He stated that the council will have to work to balance the budget and not rely on the fund balance.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Public Hearing on the Single Premises Special Assessment Roll

05-07-08 Motion by Martin, supported by Gagne to open the public hearing on the special assessment roll at 8:20 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Dropiewski asked if there were any citizens that wished to be heard. None came forward.

05-07-09 Motion by Martin, supported by Wrobel to close the public hearing at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

05-07-10 Motion by Martin, supported by Wrobel to adopt the resolution confirming the single premises special assessment roll as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Agreement to Repair Bike Path at Railroad Crossing by the Kinder-Morgan Cochin Pipeline Co.

Hammond explained that the agreement is for the city to repair the bike path should the pipeline need to be fixed and the path has to be removed to allow the repair if needed.

05-07-11 Motion by Wrobel, supported by Martin to approve the agreement as presented. Motion carried 6-1, with Wilkins voting no.

C. Payment #2 for Vreeland Road Water Main Emergency Repair

05-07-12 Motion by Martin, supported by Borden to approve payment #2 to Lowe Construction in the amount of \$13,613.93 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Payment #1 for Meadows Backyard Drainage Improvements

05-07-13 Motion by Martin, supported by Borden to approve payment #1 to RVP Construction in the amount of \$18,799.55 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Recommendation for Rock Salt Bid for 2012-13

Hammond reported that the bid recommendation is from a bid received by the Downriver DPS Consortium for 2012-13 salt. In the past the city has been a part of the State of Michigan bid process which required that the city purchase 70% of the requested amount of salt. This year with the mild winter we did not require the amount of salt requested in the state bid, but we still have to purchase our 70% or approximately 150 tons. He reported that the Downriver DPS Consortium has bid the same suppliers but will not have the 70% requirement and the price is comparable to the state bid.

05-07-14 Motion by Borden, supported by Martin to approve the bid from Detroit Salt Company for \$46.58 per ton as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Recommendation to Approve the Emergency Food Assistance Program Agreement

05-07-15 Motion by Martin, supported by Wrobel to approve the TEFAP agreement as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Pawlukiewicz stated that the community center accepts donations on the days of the commodities and adds those donations to the food left after the commodities distribution. The donations are then given to the Helping Hands Food Bank at Community Lutheran.

C. Approval of Lease/Purchase of 2012 Sewer Vector Truck

05-07-16 Motion by Wrobel, supported by Martin to approve the lease agreement with Doheny Supplies in the amount of \$179,590.70 for five years as submitted.

Hammond reported that the bid presented was provided through the National Purchasing Alliance, which bids the equipment on a national scale. This allows for a strong purchasing power based on a base-spec truck. The city is allowed to participate in this program free of charge and offers its members very competitive prices.

City Attorney Grunow wanted to advise council on two items. First, the council will need to waive to bid requirement for this lease. Second he cautioned that the buy-back at the end of the lease is with the supplier. He further stated that if the supplier should go out of business the city would be responsible for the balloon payment at the end of the lease.

05-07-16A Wrobel amended motion to include the waiving of the bid process, amended motion supported by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Minutes from the March Board of Review

11. ADJOURNMENT:

05-07-17 Motion by Martin, supported by Borden to adjourn at 8:43 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN D. DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DATE: _____
Approved

DEBRA LAMBRIX, TREASURER