

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2009

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, Pro-Tem Martin, Gagne, Painter, and Wrobel.

ABSENT: Council Members Tefend and Dropiewski.

05-18-01 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to excuse Tefend and Dropiewski.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

05-18-02 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to approve the regular minutes of May 4, 2009 as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS: None.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Gagne gave DPS Director Bruce Hammond a photo album of different depleted areas in the City which had been taken by a resident.

Mr. Gagne stated he had mentioned at the last meeting the need to protect our financial assets. He said a bank foreclosure would shut down the city. He got a model program from the administrator at City of Gibraltar and the object of the program is to deposit no more than \$100,000 in several accounts around the state so that each account would be guaranteed by the Federal Government. He said he would like to reactivate the Finance Committee like we had about 15 years ago.

Mayor Jones said he is in favor of reactivating the Finance Committee and asked for volunteers. Gagne and Painter volunteered.

05-18-03 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to reactivate the Finance Committee with Mayor Jones, City Attorney, Council Members Gagne and Painter as members of the committee.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Gagne said at the last 33rd District Court meeting the clerk voted to go with percentage of usage to maintain 33rd Court. Since then it has been discussed and decided that we should retain the 5 year income averaging rather than percentage basis. 5 year income averaging was set up several years ago so no one community would be hit harder than the others.

05-18-04 Motion by Painter supported by Jones to have the City Attorney draw up a letter to 33rd District Court objecting to the revision of percentage and retain the current 5 year income averaging.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Jones stated the paving of Evergreen and closing part of it has been discussed. We have decided what we are going to pave on Evergreen and talked to the school district to see if they would be willing to close off the street and make it a campus atmosphere. They are receptive to that idea and we expect to get a letter shortly saying they would like to do that.

Mayor said he will have a meeting with the department heads this week to finalize the budget. He said the Governor has cut state aid and we will get hit hard next year. The state is talking about losing 1/3 of their revenues next year and a loss of 1/3 of our state aid would be about \$240,000.

Mayor said he walked to the library for a meeting and heard that the bathrooms are not clean and young teenagers are chasing older people and young children out of the park. There are about a dozen lights damaged and he said we have to have more police protection because the cameras don't cover the area. Mayor made a request to the Police Chief to have more officers in the park because they are making a mess of it and harassing people who use the park.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A – Appointment to the DDAC (Downtown Development Area Citizens Council).

05-18-05 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to appoint the nine (9) people on the list to the DDAC as recommended by the City Attorney.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Bid recommendation: City Park Garage Roof.

05-18-06 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to award the contract to the low bidder New Methods Roofing in the amount of \$5,330.00.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – Mayor’s request to set a Public Hearing for the 2009-2010 proposed budget.

05-18-07 Motion by Painter supported by Wrobel to set a public hearing for Monday, June 1, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. as requested by Mayor Jones.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Senior Alliance request for proposal.

05-18-08 Motion by Painter supported by Martin that the Mayor is authorized to submit a bid to the Senior Alliance, Inc. in connection with the bid for transportation and senior staffing. By submittal of the bid the City Council authorizes the filing of the bid proposal and incorporates the understandings and assurances contained and hereby authorized Joan Pawlukiewicz, Director of Parks and Recreation, as the official representative of the City to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Request to rent/lease vacant farm land from the city.

05-18-09 Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to grant Joe Ogonowski permission to rent/lease 15 acres located on Woodruff Road (parcel #58-137-99-0012-000) subject to approval by the City Attorney.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – CN WorldWide North America Fuel Transload Project.

Mayor Jones stated he had asked a while back that Hall Road be closed to local truck traffic only but that didn’t happen. Now DT&I teminal wants to put a terminal in to ship jet fuel to Toronto, Canada with approximately 100 trucks a day using Hall Road. It will cost about two million dollars to pave Hall Road then the trucks would tear it up in 5 years. Mayor said the request from CN railroad is tabled in Woodhaven. He said they

met with CN railroad today at lunch and told them our biggest complaint is the traffic. He said they told the CN engineers they did not want the trucks on Hall Road or Gibraltar Road. The CN engineers proposed they get off at West Road to Allen Road to Vreeland to their main entrance.

Mr. Painter said truck traffic is not going to go away.

Mayor Jones asked the City Attorney to give Council a report on Class B roads at the next meeting and asked Chief Rossow to re-submit his report on what he thought the alternative would be re: Hall Road traffic.

Discussion continued regarding possible spills, noise, Flat Rock has M3 zoning (specifically for railroads) and Woodhaven does not, Class B road, truck weight, etc.

Mayor Jones said at this point we will wait for the Police Chief and the City Attorney's reports then we will go back to CN for a discussion.

Item E – Invoice from PROTEC for fiscal year beginning 7-1-09.

05-18-10 Motion by Jones supported by Painter to pay the invoice in the amount of \$1,061.00.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F – Clerical request to change summer hours at City Hall.

05-18-11 Motion by Gagne supported by Jones to change the summer office hours. New hours to be: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. effective May 26, 2009 to September 8, 2009 (Memorial Day thru Labor Day).

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Resolution from Riverview opposing further reduction in State Revenue Sharing with Local Municipalities.

05-18-12 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to adopt a similar resolution and forward to Governor, State Representatives and member communities of the DCC.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Invoice for Baker Square Shopping Center Water Main.

05-18-13 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to make a final payment to the contractor, Gaglio P&R Cement, in the amount of \$9,290.56 as recommended by the City Engineer.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Letter to Mayor from Congressman Dingell stating he has submitted our project requests to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for their consideration. Mr. Dingell stated he is trying to bring back much needed funding to the 15th District of Michigan.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

05-18-14 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m.

RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CMC CITY CLERK

DATE: _____
approved

