

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, JUNE 01, 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, Dropiewski and Wrobel.

ABSENT: Council Members Tefend.

06-01-01 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to excuse Tefend.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

06-01-02 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to approve the regular minutes of May 18, 2009 as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Michael Lanni, 26602 Stoneway Drive, complained about having to call John Russ several times a year to get the field mowed adjacent to his house and the one north of his house.

Mayor Jones said a ticket should be issued, mow it and bill the owner.

The Pattah Brothers, owners of the K-Mart Plaza, asked to have the demolition order rescinded now that they have preliminary approval from the Planning Commission.

06-01-03 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to rescind the demolition order.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Gary Borden, 25284 Hunter Lane, said he is worried about privacy and water drainage due to the soccer field the school is building behind his house.

Mayor Jones said the field is small; there will be no lights and only a very small set of bleachers. John Russ, Building Director, was asked to go to the school and check out the drainage plans, etc.

Councilman Painter told Mr. Borden to attend the next school board meeting and ask to see the plans.

Paul John Ivanics, 28017 Cahill Road, complained about the neighbor's dog kennel. He said the noise goes on all the time. He said their license should be rescinded.

David Grunow, City Attorney, said a kennel license can be rescinded if rules are not followed. The Police Chief and Ordinance Officer are looking into it. Mr. Grunow will have a report on the ordinance at the next meeting,

Roger James Skrzynski, 28135 Aspen Blvd., spoke in regard to the proposed CN Transload Project regarding noise abatement, weight limits, etc. He suggested talking to the City of Ferndale regarding these issues.

George Mans, Economic Development Director, said the CN will go before the Planning Commission on June 22nd with a proposal and will have to address the environmental issues associated with the proposed jet fuel transfer station.

Robert Litner, 24885 Parklane, said he was concerned about safety issues because vapors are heavier than air and transfer points are the most dangerous.

Mayor Jones asked those concerned to be at the next Planning Commission meeting on June 22nd.

Sue Martin of the Beautification Commission asked if they should outsource the setting of the park benches and hanging of the flower baskets or if DPS was going to do it.

Bruce Hammond, DPS Director, said they should ask the DDA to do a change order to their Park Furniture Bid and install the benches at that time. DPS will hang the flower baskets.

Mayor Jones said he would take care of the park bench project at the next DDA Meeting June 4th.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Chief Rossow reported the Open House and Silent Auction was a success Saturday. The auction brought in about \$600.00 and he thanked Chris Mitchell for her work on the project.

Chief Rossow also announced Vreeland Road will be closed for about three (3) weeks beginning June 8th for repaving. The announcement is on cable. MDOT will take care of signage.

Recreation Director, Joan Pawlukiewicz, reminded everyone of the Kidfest from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm Saturday, June 6th. She reported that Home Depot and volunteers put in the Kindergarten and Bocce Ball court on May 28th. She said Camp at the Rock is June 12th at the Community Center and they have space for up to 25 tents & campers.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Painter thanked Joan, Mike and the DPS for the success of the softball tournament.

Councilman Martin said cold patch is needed all around the city.

Councilman Dropiewski thanked both Police and Fire Chiefs for the success of Open House and Relay for Life on Saturday.

Councilman Gagne said he will have a couple reports at the next meeting.

Councilman Wrobel said we spend a lot of money keeping the park clean and mowed and feels we should charge for parking to help defray the cost of upkeep.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS: None.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A – Public Hearing: 2009-2010 proposed budget.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing at 8:11 p.m.

Mayor said the city may take a big hit with Ford Motor real property taxes. Taxes are down about \$400,000 and state revenues are being cut.

There were suggestions from individuals in the audience such as: (just to mention a few)

- The City should raise taxes
- The elected officials must make hard decisions
- No new taxes
- Can't do things the way we used to
- We need to reevaluate and live within our means
- Need more people to volunteer
- We should go back to paid-on-call firemen
- We should have separate meters for water usage not going into the sewer

Mayor took the Police Chief out of the budget and suggested two Lieutenants serve as chief. Dropiewski asked the Treasurer to report back on what the two Lieutenants would cost.

Barbara Fedon, Historical Commission, withdrew Item E on the agenda until a later date.

Sue Farrar, Beautification Commission, said she feels Mayor and Council have done a sufficient job over the years and she has lived here 45 years.

06-01-04 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Painter to add the Police Chief back in the budget.

Discussion.

06-01-04 Motion by Wrobel supported by Jones to table the motion.

Motion failed 3-3.

On the original motion: 4 yes and 2 no with Jones and Wrobel voting no. Motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – 1st. Reading: Proposed ordinance amendment re: Sewage Usage Not Measured by Water Consumption.

06-01-05 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to suspend 1st reading.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – TIFA budget for 2009-2010.

06-01-06 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the TIFA budget as presented.

Discussion. Mayor Jones asked the City Clerk to write TIFA a letter and ask for a contribution of \$150,000 to the Recreation Department.

Maker and Supporter withdrew the motion.

Item C – Request from Police Chief to spend DRMATF COPS grant.

06-01-07 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to pay OEM Micro Solutions in the amount of \$10,188.00 for two computers purchased through the Down River Mutual Aid Task Force COPS grant.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Request from Police Chief re: Increase in animal violation fees.

Discussion. These fines match the fine schedule currently being used by the 33rd District Court: First violation - \$125.00, Second violation - \$150.00, Third violation - \$150.00.

06-01-08 Motion by Painter supported by Dropiewski to approve the new fine schedule as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – Proposal from the Historical Commission re: Renovation of buildings.

Mayor Jones said there are no fees or money involved in appointing an architect for future renovations and he recommends approval of the proposal.

06-01-09 Motion by Jones supported by Martin to approve Anthony Robert Herk Associates, Inc. as architects for future renovation to the Flat Rock Historic Buildings.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F – Huron River Watershed annual dues for 4/09-3/10.

06-01-10 Motion by Martin supported by Painter to pay the invoice in the amount of \$970.50.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Road closure – Vreeland Road near Peters Road.

Police Chief Rossow said construction is scheduled to begin on June 8th and should take about 3 weeks to complete. Vreeland Road will be completely closed and will require detours on Telegraph and Hall Roads. MDOT will take care of signage.

11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Implementation of Supplemental Regulations – Flat Rock Community Park.

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Flat Rock, Wayne County, Michigan, held in the Municipal Building of said City, on the 1st day of June, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Jones, Council Members Martin, Painter, Wrobel, Gagne and Dropiewski.

ABSENT: Council Member Tefend

MOTION BY: Council Member Painter

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Martin

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following supplemental regulations issued by the Director of Public Services are hereby approved and ratified:

Playscape Area:

- . The use of the playscape area will be restricted to children 12 years of age or younger. Children ages 13 through 17 years of age shall be restricted from the playscape area unless attending or escorting a child 11 years of age or younger. Adults attending or escorting children may be within the playscape area. Children 13 through 17 years of age may be within the playscape area while attending or escorting children 11 years of age or younger.
- . The playscape area shall be closed at the earliest of sunset or 9:00 p.m.

Fountain and Warming Building Area:

- . Closed at sunset unless the ice skating rink is in operation.

Historical Buildings Area:

- . Closed at sunset unless an event sanctioned by the City is being conducted at The historical buildings.

Library Area:

- . Closed at sunset. This shall not apply during library business hours.

Promenade Area:

- . Closed at sunset to persons 17 years of age or younger unless the ice skating rink is in operation.

AYES: Council Members Gagne, Dropiewski, Wrobel, Painter and Martin.

NAYS: Mayor Jones

06-01-11 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to approve and ratify the resolution as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The DPS Director will post sufficient signs which will give notice of the existence of the above regulations. These rules and regulations take effect immediately with the approval and ratification by Mayor and Council.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

06-01-12 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:30 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CMC CITY CLERK

DATE: _____
approved

