

**REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN**

**MONDAY, JUNE 06, 2011**

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 Gagne, Martin, Painter, Wrobel and Tefend.

**ABSENT:** Council Member Moore.

**06-06-01** Motion by Painter supported by Martin to excuse absent member Moore due to a family funeral.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**06-06-02** Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to approve the regular minutes of May 16<sup>th</sup> and special minutes of May 25, 2011 as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Ron Czapski, Thomas Delanderville and several neighbors from the Meadows, Dover and Port Street area, once again pleaded with Mayor and Council to do something about the flooded back yards. They have not been able to mow the grass this year and fearful of letting their children in the yard due to standing water. Mr. Delanderville suggested checking the catch basin to see if it is blocked with debris and Mr. Hammond said he would follow through. Mr. Czapski stated a neighbor has filled his yard and blocked the catch basin and asked what their recourse is. City Attorney said we can take legal action.

Charla Micallef, E. Huron River Drive, asked the status of the Coleman Building and Mayor Dropiewski said the City Attorney has been asked to start legal proceedings which will take about 60 days.

**5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

George Mans reported the Flat Rock DDA sponsored Farmer's Market will open June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and go through October. It is the second year for the market and promises to be bigger and better.

Fire Chief Vack reported the Flat Rock Area Little League wants to host a fireworks show on June 25<sup>th</sup> at Simpson Middle School on the north east grounds. The fireworks will be handled by a certified Pyro Technician (Todd Rieber).

**06-06-03** Motion by Martin supported by Tefend to approve the fireworks request contingent on the City Attorney's approval.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

DPS Director Hammond reported that construction of the Cook & Gladding Drain will be starting soon and should be completed by October, 2011. The entire length of the drain will be cleaned out and five (5) major culverts (including Huron River Drive, Gibraltar Road, Seneca Street, Cooke Avenue and Telegraph Road) and many private culverts will be replaced as part of the project.

**6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:** None

**7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Dropiewski thanked the Recreation Department for a successful Kid Fest and thanked the Fire Department for the fire trucks.

He stated Mazda has announced they will cease making Mazda cars in Flat Rock. He will keep everyone informed as information is received. Also, he announced Manheim is closing and moving to Will Carleton Drive.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Item A – Public Hearing: 2011-2012 Budget.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 8:12 p.m.

Richard Jones, ex-mayor, stated there has been only a 15% decrease in evaluation since his last budget.

Charla Micallef stated she is worried about closing the Building Department and the Mayor told her it is not closing.

Deborah Wilkins asked why mayor and council are afraid to raise taxes. She said they should raise taxes to save the city.

Roger Skrzynski said do not raise taxes because it won't solve the problem.

Mayor Dropiewski said he tried to keep expenses within the city's means without any decreases in service, no layoffs and no furlough days. The DDA will be asked to refund \$600,000 of which the city can keep about \$350,000, the Historical Commission will be asked for \$50,000, with Mr. Vack (Fire Chief) continuing as acting director of the building department about \$70,000 will be saved and the employees will be asked to pay 20% of their health insurance.

Putting a millage question to a vote of the people on the November ballot was proposed by Councilman Tefend. Both maker and supporter withdrew the motion for further discussion.

**06-06-04** Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to close the public hearing at 8:26 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**06-06-05** Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to adopt the 2011-12 Budget as presented with General Operating Millage 16.00, Library 1.00 and Historical .25.

There was discussion regarding increasing the millage or putting it to a vote of the people.

**06-06-06** Motion by Tefend supported by Wrobel to the table motion 06-06-05. All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**06-06-07** Motion by Tefend supported by Wrobel to put 1.5 mills on the November ballot.

Maker and Supported withdrew the motion for further discussion.

**06-06-08** Motion by Tefend supported by Martin to remove tabled motion and adopt the budget as presented.

Motion carried 5-1 with Painter voting no.

Item B – 2<sup>nd</sup>. Reading: Illicit Discharge & Connection Ordinance.

**06-06-09** Motion by Wrobel supported by Martin to suspend the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**06-06-10** Motion by Wrobel supported by Martin to adopt the ordinance as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

Item A – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Proposed Zoning Map Amendment.

**06-06-11** Motion by Painter supported by Martin to suspend the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

**06-06-12** Motion by Painter supported by Martin to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:46 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**JONATHAN D. DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR**

**LORENE BUTSKI, CMC, CITY CLERK**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_