

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, JUNE 07, 2010

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 Martin, Moore, Gagne, Tefend, Painter and Wrobel.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

06-07-01 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 17, 2010 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

A resident asked about the status of the drainage problem on Meadows and was told it is on the agenda for tonight (see Unfinished Business – F).

William Solymosi owns a lot next to the Mary Brooke Home on Gibraltar Road. He asked how the large steel building next to his property got built without a survey. Also, water from the building property is being drained onto his lot. The Mary Brooke Home has a sump pump which pumps water onto his lot also. Building Director John Russ is to inspect and report back to Mayor and Council.

Sue Farrar, Chairperson of the Beautification Commission, stated the flowers at both ends of Garden Blvd. was donated and planted by the Community Lutheran Church Garden Group. The DDA (Downtown Development Authority) donated \$300 to the Beautification Commission to plant flowers in the DDA area along Telegraph Road . Two (2) volunteer donations of money were given to the Beautification Committee for flowers at the City sign. Ms. Farrar stated anyone who wanted to donate for flowers at the ball field entrance would be welcome and appreciated.

John Bergeron, 28537 Pond Side, questioned the water restriction letter he received. Mayor Dropiewski and Councilman Painter explained the agreement with

Detroit Water stating the restrictions can get Flat Rock a lower rate and better water pressure. He also questioned whether the fountains would be operating this year and the Mayor told him it is on the agenda.

Joan Beard, City Employee, asked Council to consider a 2 mill increase in taxes to save jobs which would not increase resident's taxes since the SEV has decreased. She gave all council members a sheet of paper proving her point by using their own parcel numbers.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Chief Rossow addressed the graffiti at the Playscape and asked parents to help the police department by reporting anything or anyone destroying the playscape.

DPS Director, Bruce Hammond, addressed his report on the windmill aerators for Aspen Blvd. detention ponds. His recommendation is one 23 foot American Eagle windmill with one additional aerator at a cost of \$1,905.00.

Council Member Tefend strongly objected to the windmill stating the fountains in the ponds are more esthetically pleasing for the style of homes in that subdivision. There was discussion regarding deeding the fountains back to the subdivision.

06-07-02 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Moore to explore deeding the east pond/fountain back to the subdivision.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

06-07-03 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Wrobel to authorize Mr. Hammond to repair the fountains for the amount of \$4,000.00.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hammond also reported the state will award the bid for Hall Road construction and work should start by the end of June or first of July. The State opened bids Thursday for Arsenal Road and Vreeland Road and the bid for Arsenal Road came in 17% under the engineer's estimate. Hall Road was 5% under the engineer's estimate. He also reported the rain gage on top of city hall showed 1.43 inch rainfall after the storm. He said the rainfall exceeded the one hour-ten year storm.

Fire Chief Vack reported that Flat Rock and Rockwood set their sirens off together early Sunday morning due to reports of cyclonic action between Flat Rock and Rockwood the first time and cyclonic action between Estral Beach and South Rockwood the second time. He said the siren upgrade has a battery backup and worked very well. Tuesday, June 8th is the annual Fermi drill.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Martin asked Bruce Hammond to contact AutoAlliance regarding the 3-foot high weeds in front of the training center.

Council Member Painter thanked Bruce, Matt and the City for the use of the park for Relay for Life. It worked really well and they exceeded their goal. He said they will probably ask to use the park again next year.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski congratulated the Recreation Department on a successful Kidfest. He also addressed the condition of the playscape where things like liquor bottles, cigarette butts, condoms and wrappers were found as well as vulgar drawings and writings. These things were probably done by middle school and a couple high school students. He urged people to call the police department and report them. He said he will be meeting with the superintendent and principals of the schools to see what can possibly be done about this problem. He also asked the police chief to dramatically increase the enforcement around the playscape and issue tickets as well as arrest people for defacing it. He also asked the students to take some pride in their community. Curfew is 10:00 p.m.

Mayor reminded everyone the Farmer's Market will open in the Kmart Plaza on June 19th at 10:00 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. About a dozen vendors have signed up for it and construction has begun on fixing up the plaza also.

On a personal note, Mayor congratulated his Mother-in-law. He said she has been battling breast cancer for the last seven months and just returned to work.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A – 2010-11 proposed budget.

Mayor said he thinks we are very close to a tentative agreement with the patrol unit which will hopefully be complete this week and will hopefully elevate the need to lay off two patrol officers.

Mr. Painter initiated discussion regarding a millage increase. It was mentioned that a millage increase would be the last resort.

06-07-04 Motion by Painter supported by Moore to adopt the preliminary budget with the understanding the two lay-offs are pending.

Motion carried 6-1 with Wrobel voting no.

06-07-05 Motion by Wrobel supported by Martin to adopt the millage rate 17.25 which broken down is as follows: 16 mills General, 1 mill Library and .25 mill Historical Commission.

Motion withdrawn by maker and supporter.

06-07-06 Motion by Wrobel supported by Painter to table the millage rate until the next meeting June 21, 2010.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

06-07-07 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to adopt the current water rates which are \$5 Residential, \$5 non-residential, \$6.50 Commercial and \$6.75 Industrial.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – MDOT contract for paving Arsenal Road.

06-07-08 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the resolution for contract #10-5307 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – MDOT contract for paving Vreeland Road.

06-07-09 Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to approve the resolution for contract #10-5314 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Resolution re: Setting fines & fees relative to administration of Ordinance #408 (adopted 4-19-10).

06-07-10 Motion by Gagne supported by Tefend to approve the resolution as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – Payment #2 to G.V. Cement for Red Cedar, Magnolia, Silver Court and Apple Grove Way paving.

06-07-11 Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to pay invoice #2 in the amount of \$101,517.98 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F – Meadows rear yard drainage – report from City Engineer.

06-07-12 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to authorize the City Engineer to proceed with the survey in the amount of \$1,500 as presented in his report.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A - Huron River Watershed Council annual dues.

06-07-13 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to pay the dues for 4/10 –3/11 in the amount of \$974.80.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) 2010-12 Site agreement.

06-07-14 Motion by Painter supported by Tefend to approve the Clerk to sign the agreement.

Joan Pawlukiewicz said they service 125 families a month. Helping Hands services 700 families a month.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Recreation Department policies relative to Senior Services funded through The Senior Alliance.

06-07-15 Motion by Martin supported by Tefend to approve the resolution as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Clerical Unit’s request for summer hours.

06-07-16 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to approve summer hours for clerical beginning Monday, June 14th and return to regular hours Tuesday, September 7th . Summer hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Planning Commission minutes April 26, 2010.

06-07-17 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to go into Closed Session at 9:00 pm to discuss Patrol, Command, DPS and Clerical units.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dropiewski called a 10 minutes recess.

06-07-18 Motion by Martin supported by Dropiewski to return to Open Session at 9:40 pm.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

06-07-19 Motion by Martin supported by Moore to adopt three (3) Letters of Understanding as follows: (1) Furlough Days – Clerical Unit (2) Furlough Days – DPS Department (3) Accounts Payable Clerk – Clerical Unit.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

06-07-20 Motion by Painter supported by Wrobel to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:45 pm.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN D. DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CMC, CITY CLERK

DATE: _____