

**REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN**

**MONDAY, JUNE 15, 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, Tefend and Wrobel.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

06-15-01 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to approve the regular minutes of May 18, 2009 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None**

**5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Police Chief Rossow commended the Recreation Department for a successful Kid Fest last weekend. He said they did finger prints, photos and I.D. cards for 90 children. He also reported the Police Department did a tobacco sting and there were no violations.

**6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Council Member Dropiewski congratulated the Recreation Department for a good job with Kid Fest last weekend. He also congratulated the Flat Rock High School Class of 2009 and stated he had attended the annual Rotary golf outing to benefit their scholarship fund and polio eradication fund.

Council Member Gagne said he attended the DDC & Mutual Aid meetings last week where he learned that 13 communities are holding blood drives due to the critical shortage in blood. He said there is federal grant money available for Brownfield projects. Grant money is available for people who have lost their jobs and want to go to college, per Congressman Dingell's office.

Council Member Wrobel asked the DPS Director if Flat Rock is sponsoring a Hazardous Waste pick-up day this year. Mr. Hammond said the City is not funding a day but Wayne County is scheduled to sponsor a hazardous waste day October 24<sup>th</sup> at the baseball field parking lot.

7. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** None.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Item A – 2009-2010 proposed budget.

Mayor Jones stated the only changes in the budget were (1) the Police Chief was put back in the budget (2) TIFA gave the Recreation Department \$150,000 to eliminate the deficit (3) TIFA and DDA will pay the Economic Director's budget.

Discussion. Dropiewski said he would not vote for a budget with a \$500,000 deficit. He said he thinks there are other areas we can cut.

06-15-02 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to adopt the budget as presented along with the upgrades and the revisions according to the monies that was approved by the various agencies.

Council Member Dropiewski suggested using the \$200,000 for roads in general fund to replace old sewer and water lines. He thinks the core reason for most of the crumbling roads is the sewer and water infrastructure underneath them are crumbling. He said we could then use water and sewer funds to fix the roads after the sewer and water lines underneath are replaced. He said we have a bond that we are making the last payment on this year. We could issue a decent size water and sewer bond and pay for some of the infrastructure that has been neglected over the last number years – that would save the \$200,000 in general fund.

Extensive discussion re: sanitary sewers vs. road drainage causing collapse of roads. The DPS Director, Bruce Hammond, told Council the old subs like Evergreen St. and Gibraltar Road have sanitary sewers and water mains under the road but subs like Tamarack and Red Cedar have sanitary sewers in the back yard and water mains in the front.

Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote on the motion: Gagne, Martin, Painter and Tefend voted "Yes". Dropiewski, Jones and Wrobel voted "No". Motion carried 4-3.

Mayor Jones asked the maker if it was understood the budget is being adopted by department total. Mayor said there are 3 ways to adopt a budget: (1) by line item (2) by department total and (3) by total revenues and total expenditures. He said a budget is a legal authorization to make expenditures. Then you monitor that budget during the year and when the year is over, you look back at what the actual expenditures is to see if the guideline Council set was followed by the department heads.

Mayor asked the maker how he was adopting the budget – was it by department or line item and Mr. Gagne said department total. Supporter agreed. Mayor Jones then asked if they wanted a re-call vote and Mr. Gagne said no. Mayor Jones said Council will still get a monthly report by line item.

Item B – 2<sup>nd</sup>. Reading: Proposed ordinance amendment re: Sewage Usage Not Measured By Water Consumption.

06-15-03 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to suspend the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

06-16-04 Motion by Martin supported by Jones to adopt Ordinance 265-C as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Contractor payment #1 – Croft Street Drainage Improvement.

06-16-05 Motion by Wrobel supported by Martin to approve payment to Compeau Brothers Inc. in the amount of \$24,310.23 as recommended by the City Engineer.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – 2009-2010 proposed TIFA Budget.

06-15-06 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to approve the TIFA Budget for 2009-2010 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

Item A – Wayne County/Flat Rock IGA for Community Park Tennis Court funding.

06-15-07 Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to approve the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF WAYNE FOR THE FUNDING AND CONSTRUCTION OF TENNIS COURTS AT COMMUNITY PARK**

WHEREAS, on or about December 18, 2008, the County of Wayne and City of Flat Rock entered into an agreement under which the County agreed to reimburse Flat Rock for an

amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for improvements to the Community Park tennis courts; and

WHEREAS, the County has appropriated additional funding for Flat Rock in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for cooperative parks and recreation projects; and

WHEREAS, Flat Rock desires to use this additional funding for improvements at the Community Park tennis courts; and

WHEREAS, the County, subject to the approval of the Wayne County Commission, has tentatively agreed to cooperatively fund the construction of the tennis courts at Community Park, subject to the terms and conditions of the Amended and Restated Agreement between the County of Wayne and the City of Flat Rock, a copy being attached to this resolution (“Amended Agreement”).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed Amended Agreement between the County of Wayne and the City of Flat Rock for the funding and construction of tennis courts at Community Park, a copy being attached, is hereby approved, and the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute the Amended Agreement.

AYES: Jones, Dropiewski, Gagne, Wrobel, Martin, Tefend and Painter.

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Traffic control order – Ailanthus Street.

06-15-08 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to approve the Police Chief’s recommendation and install a “NO OUTLET” sign on the Northeast corner of the intersection of Ailanthus and Palmetto.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Proposed DDA Budget for 2009-2010.

06-15-09 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to approve the DDA Budget for 2009-2010 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Request to solicit funds for the Breast Cancer 3-Day.

06-15-10 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to grant the Breast Cancer 3-Day team (Cups of Hope) permission to hold a canister drive in Flat Rock July 17, 18 and 19, 2009.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – 2008-2009 Budget Amendments.

06-15-11 Motion by Jones supported by Wrobel not to make recommended budget amendments.

Motion failed 4-3.

06-15-12 Motion by Painter supported by Dropiewski to adopt the budget amendments as recommended by the City Treasurer.

Council Members Painter, Tefend, Gagne and Dropiewski voting yes.  
Mayor Jones, Council Members Wrobel and Martin voting no.

Motion carried 4-3.

06-15-13 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to set the 2009-2010 millage rates at the following: 16.0 mills for General, 1.0 mill for Library and 0.25 mills for Historic Preservation for a total millage of 17.25.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

11. **LATE CORRESPONDENCE:** None

06-15-14 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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**RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR**

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**LORENE BUTSKI, CMC CITY CLERK**

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

