

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2007

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

06-18-01 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to excuse Council Member Tefend.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

06-18-02 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the regular minutes of 6-4-07 as presented and the special minutes of 6-11-07 with a correction. Council Member Painter left the meeting at 7:55 p.m. not 7:30 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Gerald Matthews, 29732 Larches, showed Council pictures and referred to Russ Wittman's report at the June 4th Council Meeting. He stated he will take care of the drainage problem himself at no expense to the City and urged Mayor and Council to help the Building Department enforce ordinances.

Don Shannon, 29248 Magnolia, questioned the status of the drainage problem on his street. The DPS Director was directed to have a price for repair at the next meeting.

Arlan Fadely, 27054 W. Huron River Dr., complained of low water pressure on the west side of Telegraph Road especially in the morning and evening. He also stated the background noise in the transmission of the Council Meetings is very disrupting.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Bruce Hammond reported that the Vreeland Road Water Service Project is completed.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Painter thanked the DPS and Recreation staff for a job well done at the ball fields. He also asked if an entity can restrict health care to a couple – is there a provision for a couple if a spouse has coverage from another source.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Dropiewski sent sympathies to Donna and Matt Sype on the passing of her mother.

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

8. BID OPENING REPORTS:

Item A – City Hall Window Sealing recommendation of bid award.

06-18-03 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the City Engineer's recommendation and award the bid to Signature Sealants for \$22,685.00, low bidder.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A – Letter from City Attorney re: Combination Sewer and Catch Basin Cleaning Truck.

City Attorney discussed lease vs purchase. Bruce Hammond stated that with purchase we get the lowest possible interest rate.

06-18-04 Motion by Jones supported by Martin to approve the purchase as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Resolution re: Cooke Street Alley Vacation.

06-18-05 Motion by Gagne supported by Jones to approve vacating the Cooke Street alley providing all the engineer's recommendations are met.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Invoice from Historical Preservation Commission re: Hotel Restoration Phase 3.

06-18-06 Motion by Gagne supported by Jones to approve the final payment of invoice #2636-07 to Phoenix Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$16,530.00.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D -- 2006 Sidewalk Replacement Program -- Contractor payment #2.

06-18-07 Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to pay A Land Construction for work completed to date in the amount of \$10,696.10 (payment #2)

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E -- Vreeland Road Water Services Project -- Contractor payment #1.

06-18-08 Motion by Martin supported by Wrobel to pay D&D Water and Sewer for work completed to date in the amount of \$37,301.26 (payment #1).

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F -- Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement.

City Attorney recommended 5% and 2% be inserted with qualifying statement.

06-18-09 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to approve the Attorney's recommendation.

Motion carried 5-1 with Jones voting no.

06-18-10 Motion by Jones supported by Dropiewski to authorize the City Attorney to file a complaint against Comcast Cable with the Public Service Commission for not fulfilling their agreement.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G -- 2007-2008 Budget.

Mayor Jones stated the law requires the budget be adopted by June 30th.

Discussion ensued re: outside membership to Community Center.

06-18-11 Motion by Jones supported by Martin to open the Community Center to outside service area membership -- **yearly membership only.**

Motion carried 5-1 with Council Member Painter voting no.

06-18-12 Motion by Gagne supported by Jones to adopt the budget as presented.

Police Chief Tallman stated only one of two cars were approved for his department and he desperately needs both. He stated he could cut his budget by approximately 25,000.00 and the second car is approximately \$21,000.00.

06-18-13 Motion by Jones supported by Gagne to amend the motion to amend the budget to include both cars.

Motion carried 5-1 with Wrobel voting no.

The Police Chief stated the Tabled Item – Car & Truck Diagnostic Scanner – is needed badly and he can take it out of OUIL cost recovery funds.

06-18-14 Motion by Gagne supported by Jones to remove the Scanner from the table.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

06-18-15 Motion by Gagne supported by Jones to approve purchase of the Diagnostic Scanner from Snap-on-Tools in the amount of \$8,521.15 – cost to come from OUIL cost recovery funds.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

06-18-16 Motion by Wrobel to make full time employees at Community Center part time.

Motion died for lack of support.

06-18-17 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Jones to have the City Attorney submit a cost for health care for Council consideration.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – First reading of Ordinance #223-D re: Deleting Chapter 26 entitled “Cable Communications”.

06-18-18 Motion by Gagne supported by Dropiewski to suspend the first reading.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Letter from Building Director re: Sidewalk Replacement reimbursement.

06-18-19 Motion by Gagne supported by Jones to reimburse Susan Emery, 24512 Laurel Drive, 50% of what it would cost the City to replace the sidewalk which is \$330.50.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

06-18-20 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to go into closed session to discuss Patrol Negotiations.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jones called a five (5) minute recess at 8:45 p.m.

Council came back into Open Session at 8:55 p.m.

06-18-21 Motion by Jones supported by Gagne to direct the City Attorney to negotiate contracts starting July 1, 2007 – no increase in wages and no opt out and to find the best health care cost for the City.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

06-18-22 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:00 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

DATE: _____
Approved

RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CITY CLERK