

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2006

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, Wrobel, Dropiewski, Gagne, and Painter.

ABSENT: Tefend.

06-19-06-1- Motion by Painter supported by Dropiewski to excuse absent member Gagne. Motion carried unanimously.

ALSO PRESENT: DPS Director Bruce Hammond, Treasurer Brenda Tallman, Police Chief Steve Tallman, Recreation Director Joan Pawlukewicz, Building & Safety Director John Russ, Fire Chief Bill Vack, Economic Development Director George Mans, City Attorney David Grunow, and Assistant City Clerk Dana Ratz.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

06-19-06-2- Motion by Painter supported by Jones to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of 6/5/06 with corrections to a few items. Reports from Department Heads Bill Vack reported a siren being set off and to make a notation that it was from the Railroad and not a City siren. Motion 06-05-06 no motion was listed under approval of Library Doors and Motions 06-05-07, 06-05-08 the no votes were not recorded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

06-19-06-3- Walter Wozniak, 26575 Boulder Rockridge Estates approached Council again regarding complaint made previously regarding the noise issues generated from Wheels of Time sound system for function being held at Big Boy. Noise ordinance was discussed by Council, Police Chief and City Attorney. Police Chief Tallman stated that he has had the area patrolled and they find the situation to not be a nuisance. Motion was made to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance requiring a permit for a public gathering. Motion by Jones supported by Painter. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark "Benny" Wenzel approached Council regarding the speculation of the noises being made by the event held by The Wheels of Time. Stated he didn't feel that it was a nuisance.

Ben Penland, The Wheels of Time Classic Car Club went before Council and explained that he had tried to position speakers in better location to help curb some of the noise and discussed that he has had positive feedback from the community on the weekly event held at Big Boy parking lot.

Carol Mowl, 26587 Stoneway Drive also commented on her support to Mr. Wozniak regarding the sound system but also stated that The Wheels of Time have made efforts to reduce the noise . She also discussed paving Arsenal Road. Mayor has sent a request to DDA to expand where Vreeland Road would go through. Will take a look at the cost of Arsenal Road at the same time. Construction or bids would not be able to be done this year.

Council member Wrobel stated that he would like to keep a balance between residents and businesses and doesn't want to restrict an event and hopes that Mr. Penland tries to resolve the issue.

Arlen Fadley informed Council and Mayor that he did observe a police officer at the Big Boy parking lot on the night spoken about earlier.

Rick Linder representative of Classic Designs Concepts. Are interested in purchasing the Knights of Columbus Hall. Discussion of other properties in the community are also being looked at for possible purchase however they are on a time restraint and are looking to expand the Knights of Columbus building.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Assistant City Clerk Dana Ratz informed Council that City Clerk Dennis Mowbray is currently out of the office and sent a speedy recovery to him.

Fire Chief Bill Vack presented Council and Mayor with correspondence regarding rescue calls for Auto Alliance for the year. EMS Coordinator is completing ACLS Instructor Course training. We will be hosting an in-house ACLS training for medics and specialists as soon as possible.

DPS Director Bruce Hammond updated the Division Street project removal and replacement which is being funded by DDA will take about 3 to 4 weeks to complete. Gaglio is handling the project.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Gagne wanted to know the progress on the vacating of Mill Street alley. City Attorney, Dave Grunow stated that the resolution is contingent upon the City Engineer to do a legal description. Mayor Jones instructed DPS Director Hammond to call City Engineer to complete. Received a complaint regarding skunks on Red Cedar and spoke to Ordinance Officer as to what can be done. Ordinance Officer Wilkins explained that a new law was passed recently and only suggestion is to use ammonia. If you decide to use your own trap then you must contact DNR and receive a trap permit.

Council member Wrobel inquired to Bldg. Director John Russ if the City took a restoration bond on the old Bowling Alley property. Mr. Russ explained he would get with the person who purchased the property and see what the progress is.

Council member Martin stated the light pole in front of the Bowling Alley is still down.

Council member Dropiewski sent a thank you to Dr. Coulson for her years of service for the Flat Rock Community Schools and wished the Board of Education well in selecting a successor.

Council member Painter discussed the Utica Tour the City recently held for Mayor Exchange Day and expressed his displeasure of the Mayor's conduct at the event.

7. MAYORS COMMENTS:

None.

8. BID OPENING REPORTS:

None.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Letter from City Attorney, re: Bike Path Ordinance 2nd Reading.

06-19-06-4- Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to suspend 2nd reading of Bike Path Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

06-19-06-5- Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to adopt the Bike Path Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Letter from Economic Development Dir. re: Detroit River Water Trails.

06-19-06-6- Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve resolution for Huron River Heritage Water Trail Project. Motion carried with a 4-2 vote. Yes votes- (Jones, Gagne, Martin, Dropiewski) No votes (Painter, Wrobel)

b. Letter from Recreation Director re: Permission to Increase Pavilion Rental Rates.

06-19-06-7- Motion by Painter supported by Dropiewski to approve the Increase to Pavilion Rental Rates. Motion carried with a 5-1 vote. Yes votes (Jones, Gagne, Dropiewski, Martin, Painter) No vote (Wrobel).

c. Letter from Protec re: Application for Annual Membership Fee for fiscal year July 1, 2006.

06-19-06-8- Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to approve Protec Annual Membership Fee. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Late Correspondence Item "A" Letter from City Engineer re: Pavement Replacement for Circle Court.

06-19-06-9- Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to approve Pavement Replacement for Circle Court with bids due last Wednesday of July. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Late Correspondence Item "B" Letter from John Fiorelli re: Establishment of PUD at 25603 E. Huron River Drive.

6-19-06-10- Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to have Mr. Fiorelli to go to Planning Commission to recommend conditional ordinance. Motion carried 5 -1 Yes votes (Jones, Gagne, Dropiewski, Painter, Martin) No – (Wrobel)

Police Chief Tallman requested Council members to allow him to sell 2 vehicles that received no bids and asked permission to sell at Manheim Auto Auction.

06-19-06-11- Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to allow Police Chief Tallman to sell 2 vehicles to Manheim Auto Auction. Motion carried unanimously.

06-19-06-12- Motion by Martin supported by Wrobel to go into Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously. City Attorney added that in closed session POAM and Clerical Contract would also be discussed.

Mayor Jones called a ten minute recess at 8:45PM.

Council entered into closed session at 8:55 PM.

Council returned to open session at 9:09 PM.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

06-19-06-13- Motion by Painter supported by Martin to adjourn meeting at 9:10 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

RICHARD C JONES, MAYOR

DANA R. RATZ, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

Date: _____

Approved

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