

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, JUNE 21, 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 Moore, Gagne and Painter.

ABSENT: Council Members Wrobel, Tefend and Martin.

06-21-01 Motion by Painter supported by Moore to excuse the absent members.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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:

06-21-02 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 07, 2010 as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Mrs. Hugh Rook, owner of ten (10) acres on Arsenal Road, questioned the city's cost for cutting grass, why she wasn't informed it was going to be cut and how to keep Rockridge residents from using her property.

Susan Daddario, Library Board, once again asked Council not to reduce the millage for the Library stating that if the millage is reduced services at the Library would be reduced.

Joan Beard, City Employee, asked Council to consider a quarter mill increase in taxes for at least one year to eliminate DPS, Clerical and Administrative furlough days so city services can continue to be provided.

John Bergeron, 28537 Pond Side, spoke against a millage increase saying it was public vs. private sector.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Fire Chief Vack said the city obtained a grant for life pak defibrillators. There is one in City Hall lobby, two at the Community Center and one in all the patrol cars.

DPS Director Bruce Hammond gave an update on the road construction. He said Hall Road will start in a week to ten days, Vreeland Road will start around the 4th of July and Arsenal Road will start about the end of July.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Painter asked the status of the new tennis courts and was informed they are complete.

Council Member Moore asked if there had been any more vandalism at the playscape and Chief Rossow said he had not heard of any.

Councilman Gagne reported he had attended the 33rd District Court meeting where he learned they had hired a prosecutor from Columbus, Ohio to collect fines. He attended a DCC meeting where he learned they are reducing housed prisoners by putting them on a tether and monitoring them with a laptop computer. He attended a Library meeting and stated the employees has not had a raise in three years and have reduced the staff. He said he will not vote for a tax increase and is still looking into a city tax.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski addressed swimming pools and reminded residents that 24 inches of water is subject to all ordinances as a permanent pool and asked that they call the building department for instructions.

He said the Farmer's Market had a flow of about 300 people and expects more vendors and diversity as the growing season progresses.

Mayor stated he wanted to combine all copier contracts under one umbrella – a single vendor and a single invoice.

06-21-03 Motion by Gagne supported by Moore to advertise for copier bids to be due July 28, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dropiewski wished his wife Robin a "Happy Birthday!"

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A – Tabled Item: Millage rate for 2010-2011.

06-21-04 Motion by Gagne supported by Moore to remove from the table.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

06-21-05 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to adopt millage at 17.25 mills total which includes up to 1.0 mill for the Library and up to .25 mill for Historical.

Motion failed 3-1 with Painter voting no.

Council Member Painter said he would vote yes with a .25 mill increase in general operating.

06-21-06 Motion by Painter supported by Moore to raise a .25 mill for general operating which breaks down to 16.25 general operating, 1.00 for Library and .25 for Historical.

Motion failed 2-2 with Mayor and Gagne voting no.

Mayor said he will call a special meeting for the millage.

Item B – Resolution authorizing notice of intent to issue bonds and declaration of intent to reimburse from bond proceeds.

06-21-07 Motion by Painter supported by Dropiewski to approve the resolution.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Resolution establishing furlough days for department heads and full-time non-union employees.

06-21-08 Motion by Gagne supported by Dropiewski to approve the resolution as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – Fire Chief’s request to purchase fire department equipment with grant money.

06-21-09 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to approve and waive the bid process.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – DPS Director’s request to purchase part for wood chipper.

06-21-10 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to approve request in the amount of \$3,338.00.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – DPS Director’s request to purchase part for backhoe.

06-21-11 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to approve request in the amount of \$2,560.00.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Invoice #50025 from Suburban Calcium Chloride Sales for dust control services.

06-21-12 Motion by Painter supported by Dropiewski to approve payment of invoice in the amount of \$7,483.04.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – Request from F.R. Little League to have a fireworks display at the Simpson Middle School NE softball outfield.

06-21-13 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to approve the request with the modification of insurance to read “Flat Rock City” instead of “Flat Rock Township.”

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F – Resolution from the Senior Alliance approving the 2011 Annual Implementation Plan.

06-21-14 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to approve as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G – SHVA – Memorandum of Understanding.

Dick Hinshon, Consultant to SHVA, was present for discussion. He said five of the eight member communities have approved the Memorandum of Understanding – Flat Rock and Woodhaven have not. Extensive discussion continued regarding capital improvement, Jefferson arm, exceeding capacity, etc.

06-21-15 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Moore to table Item G – until the next meeting for clarification.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item H – PROTEC annual membership dues beginning 7/1/10.

06-21-16 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to pay the invoice in the amount of \$1,061.00.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

06-21-17 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:52 pm.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN D. DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CMC, CITY CLERK

DATE: _____