

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, JULY 19, 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 Tefend, Gagne, Wrobel, Martin, Painter and Moore.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

07-19-01 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 06, 2010 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Larry A. Salstrom, Attorney from Knaggs, Harter, Brake & Schneider, was present representing Linda White, 28579 Pondsides Court in the Woodcreek Subdivision. Ms. White has planted bushes on city property, the easement around the retention basin for storm water runoff, and children are fishing there, leaving debris and not respecting her.

Donald Hochertz, 28593 Pondsides Court, is a neighbor and has no problem with Ms. White or the children.

Donald Green, 28525 Pondsides Court, along with several young boys who fish there, said they think she planted bushes to spite the kids.

Lisa Tefend, 25103 Hunter Lane, said her boys fish at the pond and has been taught to respect elderly people.

John Bergeron, 28537 Pondsides Court, said this is his third summer here and his boys are respectful and would like to keep things the way they are.

Attorney Salstrom stated he is making a formal request to prohibit recreational activities at the pond.

07-19-02 Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to give Linda White 30 days to remove the bushes.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jan Friend, Vice President of the Library Board of Directors, read a letter she passed out to Mayor and Council Members explaining the “up to 1 mill” the citizens voted for and dedicated to the library in 1994.

Sue Daddario, President of the Library Board, asked that the letter she passed out to Mayor and Council be added as an attachment to the minutes (see last page of 7-19-10 minutes).

Chris Mitchell, laid off from the police department as administrative secretary, asked why one of the three laid off employees was not called to fill the part time position in the clerk’s office. Mayor Dropiewski said the original plan was to eliminate the receptionist position at the end of June; however, due to the election in August, the lay off date was moved to the end of August. The receptionist then announced her retirement at the end of July and we had to find someone who could fill in without training to help with the state wide election.

Debbie Wilkins, laid off ordinance officer, stated that at the May 27, 2008 Council meeting it was stated there is a hiring freeze. Ms. Wilkins asked Mayor to remove the hiring freeze.

Gary Borden stated he has been laying the ground work to hold a festival next year and is asking the school, city and businesses for help and support. He wants to see the children get involved and work together. Mayor Dropiewski said he hopes to bring the Riverfest back next year. Mayor and Council asked Mr. Borden to put together a proposal.

William Solymosi, who owns a lot next to the Mary Brooke Home on Gibraltar Road, was present again regarding the large steel building next to his property. He said the Zoning Board of Appeals passed a variance without a survey and he called it a “gross incompetence”. He wants to know how this could happen. John Russ, Building Director, will have a report at the next meeting.

Joan Beard stated the city has given the Library \$675,000 over a period of 7-8 years and now the city is asking for some of it back. She also disagreed with part time help.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Joan Pawlukiewicz, Recreation Director, announced there will be a World Harmony Run Friday, July 30th at 5:50. Anyone can join the run or cheer them on.

She addressed Late Correspondence – A – Annual Software Support Contract Renewal in the amount of \$2,800.00. The contract provides support and upgrades for the period August 1, 2010 through July 31, 2011.

07-19-03 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to pay the invoice in the amount of \$2,800.00 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Vack asked residents to be careful when disposing of cigarette butts due to dry conditions. There have been several deck fires because of careless smoking.

Bruce Hammond, DPS Director, gave an update on Vreeland and Arsenal Road paving. Vreeland Road will begin this week and Arsenal Road will start next week.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Painter requested the Building Director to have a report on the status of the house at 29319 Evergreen Street at the next meeting.

Council Member Wrobel asked if we are paying overtime for mowing and DPS Director said we are for mowing private lots and Huroc Park. He said the overtime pay comes from other lot mowing.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski reminded residents again that pools with three feet of water require all the permits and regulations that a larger pool requires.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A – Tentative Agreement – Patrol Officers.

07-19-04 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to approve the Patrol Officers contract as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – Cross Connection Inspection Proposal.

Bruce Hammond said several Wayne County communities have dropped the Wayne County Health Department and have hired private contractors. He said he has met with Gibraltar and Woodhaven about a joint cross connection inspection service contract. A three year bid was received from Hydro Designs, Inc. in the amount of \$8,280.00 per year for a total of \$24,840.00.

07-19-05 Motion by Painter supported by Dropiewski to approve the agreement from Hydro Designs, Inc. and authorize Mr. Hammond to send the Wayne County Health Department a letter notifying them the city will be terminating their contract in 30 days.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Flat Rock Historical Society – request to purchase/install Windmill.

07-19-06 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to approve the purchase/installation of a windmill between the pond and Bobcean Stable as requested.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Notice from Wayne County Treasurer re: Right of Refusal to Purchase Tax Foreclosed Property.

07-19-07 Motion by Martin supported by Tefend to decline the offer to purchase parcel #58-094-03-0238-000 at Division Street and W. Huron River Drive.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Request to purchase patrol car computer and mounting equipment.

07-19-08 Motion by Tefend supported by Painter to approve request to purchase.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Historical Commission – Budget Report.

07-19-09 Motion by Martin supported by Painter to approve the amended budget as presented.

Motion carried 4-3 with Wrobel, Dropiewski and Moore voting no.

11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Annual Software Support Contract Renewal. See Department Head Reports.

07-19-10 Motion by Martin supported by Dropiewski to go into closed session at 9:18 p.m. to discuss Command Officers contract.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor called a ten (10) minute recess.

Open Session resumed at 9:35 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

07-19-11 Motion by Martin supported by Tefend to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:35 p.m.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN D. DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CMC, CITY CLERK

DATE: _____