

## REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

### CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, AUGUST 01, 2011

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 Wrobel, Martin, Moore and Gagne.

**ABSENT:** Council Members Tefend and Painter

**08-01-01** Motion by Wrobel supported by Moore to excuse absent members.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**ALSO PRESENT:** DPS Assist. Director Sype, City Attorney Grunow, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz, Police Chief Rossow, Fire Chief/Building Director Vack and Clerk Butski, Treasurer Lambrix.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**08-01-02** Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the regular minutes of July 18, 2011 as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Senator Patrick Colbeck arrived at 7:55 pm and gave council and the audience a legislative update. He addressed Emergency Manager Legislation in four (4) phases: 1) review (2) consent agreement (3) emergency manager (4) Senate Bill 7 or the 80/20 bill which has two options – hard cap or by resolution of council. He said the governor plans to address personal property tax or as he calls it “business equipment tax”. Also, grass roots education, “time is money”-economic development, utility interface and transparency. Mayor thanked him for his time and appreciated him coming by in person.

5. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Debbie Wilkins, on behalf of the Humane Society of Monroe, thanked the city for the use of the animal shelter while the Humane Society was being repaired and offered their facility for non-adopted animals from Flat Rock. Phone number is 734-243-3669.

She then asked about a position in the Clerk’s Office which requires a two day clerk’s accreditation course plus experience in elections and the QVF, certification to give out passports and know the BS&A software. Mayor stated there is no time for a training program – we need someone with the qualifications and experience right now.

6. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Fire Chief Vack stated that he, the DPS Director and Police Chief met with Wayne County regarding the Cook & Gladding Drain project as it pertains to street closings. Seneca Street will be closed tomorrow for 3-5 days to replace the culverts. On August 8, 2011 Gibraltar Road will be totally closed between Van Riper and Evergreen for approximately 10 days. Access to businesses will be maintained. Trucks will be routed down Hall Road to Vreeland to Telegraph Road. In mid September E. Huron River Drive will be closed and eastbound traffic from Telegraph will be routed down Gibraltar to I75 to E. Huron. North bound traffic will be routed to Gibraltar to Telegraph. The detour and information will be posted on the web and cable channel #12.

**7. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Paul Gagne gave a report on city income tax and made a motion that it be placed on the November ballot.

Motion died due to lack of support.

**8. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

**08-01-03** Motion by Martin supported by Wrobel to pass a Resolution naming the parade route for the Riverfest parade. Line up on Evergreen, proceed west on Gibraltar Road to Seneca Street and continue north on Seneca Street to the Flat Rock High School. The detour route will be Aspen Street south to East Huron River Drive, proceed west on East Huron River Drive to Telegraph Road.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dropiewski stated he wants to change web hosts. At the moment we have ECS.

**08-01-04** Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to terminate the Web Host, ECS, September 15, 2011

Motion carried 4-1 with Wrobel voting no.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

Item A – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: (1) Fire Prevention Code (2) Property Maintenance Code (3) Redesignation for Board of Review.

**08-01-05** Motion by Wrobel supported by Martin to suspend the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Contract between MDOT & City of Flat Rock for Watermain Work/ Telegraph Road Construction.

City Attorney stated that about three years ago when MDOT initially proposed the work, DDA agreed to expend upwards of \$50,000 for the watermain improvements. Now, the money is not in the DDA budget so the City will have to pay and DDA will return it to the City next year.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Prisoner Lodging Agreement: City of Flat Rock/City of Gibraltar.

**08-01-06** Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to approve the agreement. All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Request to advertise for bids for re-stripping certain roads in City.

**08-01-07** Motion by Wrobel supported by Martin to approve the agreement as presented. All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – Traffic Control Order – Woodruff Road.

**08-01-08** Motion by Martin supported by Moore to approve the order as requested by the Police Chief. All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F – Request from Beautification Commission to sell Christmas decorations.

**08-01-09** Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to approve the sale of the old decorations for best reasonable offer. All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G – Mayor’s recommendation for appointments & reappointments.

**08-01-10** – Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the appointments as recommended by Mayor Dropiewski:

Historic Preservation Commission – Lila Fedokovitz & James Martin – 2-7-2014

Library Board of Directors – Charlene L. Smith – 8-17-2016

Recreation Committee – William E. Fashing, Joseph A. Pagano, Beth Ann Klenczar, Darrin W. Wright, Tricia Balan & Jann Stahr – 6-1-2013.

Board of Canvassers – Cheryl L. Hammond – 12-31-2013.

Election Commission – Kara Tertzag – 12-31-2014.

Tax Increment Authority – John Fiorelli, Tom Havera, Patricia Simeck, Debra Lambrix, & William Neal – 6-11-2014.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**12. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:**

Item A – Request to transfer liquor license – Bashar’s Middle Easter, Inc.

**08-01-11** Motion by Wrobel supported by Martin to approve transfer as requested.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**08-01-12** Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to go into Closed Session to discuss the Fire Department Negotiations.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor called a five minutes recess at 8:24 pm.

Open Session resumed at 8:45 pm

**08-01-13** Motion by Wrobel supported by Gagne that due to both current and anticipated budget cuts, the Fire Chief is instructed to lay off one (1) full-time firefighter. The affected employee shall be given thirty (30) days written notice in compliance with the labor agreement.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

**08-01-14** Motion by Martin supported by Wrobel to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:48 pm.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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**JONATHAN D. DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR**

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**LORENE BUTSKI, CMC, CITY CLERK**

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