

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2009

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, Pro-Tem Martin, Gagne, Painter, Wrobel and Dropiewski.

08-03-01 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to excuse Tefend.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

08-03-02 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to approve the regular minutes of July 20, 2009 as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Richard Hoffman, 27091 Blue Heron Drive, asked if the picnic tables in Huroc Park could be secured so they don't wash away or get thrown in the river. DPS Director, Bruce Hammond, will take care of it. Council Member Painter said the DDA has a plan to secure the tables.

Mike Lanni, 26602 Stoneway Drive, asked if Arsenal Road is going to be paved soon and Mr. Hammond said no. Mr. Lanni also asked if the fire suppression system at Flat Rock Tire Recycling is sufficient and the Fire Chief, Bill Vack, stated the water-based system they have is the required system.

A resident on Apple Grove Way in the Huron Woods Subdivision complained of the condition of the road and asked when it will be fixed. DPS Director, Bruce Hammond, said there is a bid out now to pave part of Apple Grove Way to west of Willow Springs. The resident asked about the rest of the road and Mayor Jones said he will get with Mr. Hammond when the bid comes in to see what else can be done.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Item A – Report from DPS Director on W. Huron River Drive pavement repair.

08-03-03 Motion by Jones supported by Gagne to direct Bruce Hammond to contact the City Engineer to get a quote to fix the pavement around the repair.

Motion carried 4-2. Roll call vote: Jones, Martin, Dropiewski and Gagne voted yes. Wrobel and Painter voted No.

08-03-04 Motion by Jones supported by Painter to pay G.V. Cement \$1,854.00 for the repair of W. Huron River Drive.

Motion carried 5-1 with Wrobel voting no.

Mr. Hammond stated that paving/extending Vreeland Road from Telegraph to Arsenal Road started today. Evergreen Street repaving will start next week and be finished in about 4 weeks.

John Russ, Building Director, stated that at the last Planning Commission meeting the site plan for K-Mart Plaza was approved. Also, Comcast is working in the area of Pebblebrook Sub back yards. He said he will check to see where their right of way is and asked residents to get ID and a written notice of actual proposed work they are doing. Mayor Jones asked Mr. Russ to get with the City Attorney tomorrow and find out what they can or cannot do.

George Mans, Development Director, announced that today was the first meeting of the Business Connect Networking (BCN). It is a group for those in Flat Rock and other cities who are interested in establishing good business relationships and increasing profitability through networking and the City is partnering with them. He said about 25 people attended the first meeting including AAI. He said one thing that came out of the meeting was the flow of traffic. Business is down and Flat Rock needs a large store as an anchor whether it be Meijer or the K-Mart Plaza. He also stated that AAI reported at the meeting they are making all the Mustangs and Mazda 6s that they can and these cars are being well received in California.

Recreation Director, Joan Pawlukiewicz, reported on the Level Pebble Run. She said they had 124 participate – the youngest was 12 and the oldest was 75. She thanked the Police and Fire Departments, Mayor, Councilman Painter, all the volunteers, Penero Bread, the major sponsor (Crest Ford) and special thanks to her husband, John Pawlukiewicz, who did a lot of the work for the run.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Painter read a statement regarding the recall petition filed against him which was passed by the Wayne County Election Commission 2-1. He has 10 days to appeal the decision. He stated he will continue to work for the good of the residents.

Council Member Gagne stated the Financial Committee had a meeting with Fifth Third Bank. The bank will make a presentation to the Committee within a couple weeks.

Council Member Dropiewski stated the recall petition against him was dismissed on a 3-0 vote by the Wayne County Election Commission. He also asked George Mans to look into what it would take for our city or one of the shopping plazas to host a Farmer's Market on the weekends.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Jones stated he is not running for public office and would appreciate it if everyone would keep him out of politics on either side.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A – Linc Mechanical verification feasibility study.

Kimberly Carto, Facility Consultant for Linc Mechanical, asked to be moved to the August 17th Council Meeting to give them more time to prepare a more complete evaluation.

Item B – 1st Reading: Proposed Ordinance to provide for outdoor water restrictions.

08-03-05 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to suspend the first reading.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – Mayor's recommendation to appoint Tracy Cooper to the DDA and re-appoint Michael Crowder to the DDA.

08-03-06 Motion by Martin supported by Dropiewski to approve the Mayor's recommendation as presented. Tracy Cooper's term to expire June 13, 2012 and Michael Crowder's term will expire June 13, 2013.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Notice of Liquor License request at 26883 Telegraph Road

No action necessary.

Item C – Police Chief's request to purchase two (2) patrol cars.

08-03-07 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to approve purchase as requested.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Request to bid for tree planting at Huroc Park.

08-03-08 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to approve the request to bid for trees which are being funded by Marathon Pipeline Company (\$50,000) which is part of the site approval to install a new underground pipe and transfer station on the Huron Clinton Metro Park property leased by the city.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Planning Commission minutes of June 22, 2009.

Item B – Letter to MDOT re: traffic light on Vreeland Road at Gate 2 of AutoAlliance.

The Police Chief was requested to do a traffic study and report back to Council.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

08-03-09 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Painter to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CMC CITY CLERK

DATE: _____
approved

