

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 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, Gagne and Tefend

ABSENT: Council Member Painter.

08-15-01 Motion by Wrobel supported by Martin to excuse absent member.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Painter arrived at 8:00 p.m.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

08-15-02 Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to approve the regular minutes of August 1, 2011 as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Denise Gutenschwager, Arsenal Road, complained of the drainage problem in her front yard since the repaving of Arsenal Road. She said it has been a mess for 13 months.

Mayor Dropiewski asked Bruce Hammond to contact the City Engineer and have him call the Mayor.

Sue Farrar, Chair Person of the Beautification Commission, reminded everyone of the City Wide Garage Sale on September 10th and 11th. Permits are \$5 at the Clerk's Office. St. Vincent DePaul trucks will be in the city hall parking lot for unwanted items.

Chris Elliott, Flat Rock Schools, stated he will be handling the 3 on 3 basketball tournament on September 17th.

Gary Borden stated Escapes Network will be doing a commercial at Huroc Park tomorrow advertising the Riverfest.

Joe Pagano, DDA Chair Person, gave a little history on the Downtown Development Authority which captures taxes to be used for revitalization of the downtown area. He said the Vreeland Road extension is a DDA project and we will have the ground breaking for the new Metro Shores Credit Union building soon on Vreeland Road and the Auto Zone store is in the DDA district. Some of the projects that DDA sponsors are the Façade Program, Riverfest, Wheels & Deals car show and the Farmer's Market on Arsenal Road. Mr. Pagano urged residents to shop and purchase in Flat Rock to support our area businesses.

Tim Huddleston, Electronic Computer Services, Inc., Web Hosting and Design Services (whose contract for the web site is not to be renewed per Mayor Dropiewski) asked for a chance to show Mayor and Council the new web site design with a modular content management system before the contract ends September 15, 2011.

Mayor stated he will have a recommendation at the next meeting.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Bruce Hammond, DPS Director, updated Council on the Gibraltar Road closing project. He said the new pipes are in place and the contractor plans to pour the concrete by the end of the week and the road should be open by the end of next week.

City Attorney stated that regarding the laid off firefighter – there was an informal discussion with the fire department and it appears there is sufficient movement on both sides that will save the firefighter's job.

08-15-03 Motion by Tefend supported by Moore to rescind the lay off motion made at the August 1st Council Meeting.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Paul Gagne gave a brief history of the South Huron Valley Utility Authority.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor announced the city is seeking volunteers for during the day and night on Friday before set up for the Riverfest on Saturday, September 17th and ask that they call Gary Borden at 782-2455. For their contribution to the Flat Rock Community Foundation, he thanked Ford Motor Company who is the title sponsor of the Riverfest and also Crest Ford who is a gold sponsor. They are and have been generous to the City. The music lineup has been announced for the Riverfest.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A – 2nd. Reading: Fire Prevention Code, Property Maintenance Code and Redesignation for the Board of Appeals.

08-15-04 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to suspend the 2nd reading. All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

08-15-05 Motion by Martin supported by Wrobel to adopt all three (3) ordinances as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Amended Resolution placing Proposal on City Election Ballot.

08-15-06 Motion by Wrobel supported by Tefend to approve ballot wording as presented.

Motion carried 5-2 with Martin and Gagne voting no.

Item C – Phase 1 Environmental – Mell property.

08-15-07 Motion by Wrobel supported by Moore to approve the phase 1 environmental.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – Knights of Columbus request to conduct their “Tootsie Roll” drive October 7-9, 2011 in Flat Rock.

08-15-08 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to approve as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting notice and request to designate official to attend the convention October 5th.

No action.

10. CORRESPONDENCE: None

08-15-09 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to go into Closed Session to discuss a Personnel Matter at 8:11 pm.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor called a five (5) minute recess.

Open Session resumed.

08-15-10 Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to reinstate Mr. Ferguson for a six (6) month probation period and if another incident occurs he will be permanently dismissed.

Roll call vote: Gagne, Moore and Wrobel voting yes – Dropiewski, Martin, Painter and Tefend voting no. Motion failed 3-4.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

08-15-11 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:23 pm.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN D. DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CMC, CITY CLERK

DATE: _____