

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 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: Pro-Tem Martin, Gagne, Tefend and Dropiewski.

ABSENT: Mayor Jones, Council Members Painter and Wrobel.

08-17-01 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to excuse Mayor Jones, Wrobel and Painter.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

08-17-02 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to approve the regular minutes of August 03, 2009 as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Fred Abar asked about sidewalk repair this year and the Building Director told him there was no money in the budget for sidewalk repair this year. Mr. Abar asked about the Meijer store and was told there is nothing to report. He then asked if we had a balanced budget and Pro-Tem Martin told him that we do have a balanced budget.

Cathleen Summerville was present to protest two tickets she received for overgrown shrubs in the front yard and apple trees in her back yard causing bees and odor. She said she cannot afford to pay \$400.00 in tickets. Attorney Grunow told her if she disagrees with the tickets she has the option not to pay them, go to court and let them be processed through the court system.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

George Mans, EDD, stated Jeff Donofrio of MDOT visited Flat Rock to see the improvements being made on Telegraph Road. He said the American Recovery Reinvestment Act provided funding to the State of Michigan and Flat Rock was selected as a recipient through the coordination of SEMCOG and the MDOT. Mr. Mans said Bruce Hammond was responsible for getting the funding and we have to thank Congressman John Dingell. In regards to Meijer, Mr. Mans said they have put some new development projects on hold. He invited Meijer to see the Vreeland Road project to see that Flat Rock is taking care of its part of the obligation.

Recreation Director, Joan Pawlukiewicz, reported on the Bear Statue in Huroc Park. The statue is complete and the plaque is ordered. She said there will be a dedication and she will be in touch with Mr. Boike, Wayne County Commission. Tennis Court project update – Wayne County has approved the match on last years \$50,000 and added this years \$50,000 which wraps up everything and we can move forward with the project. She said the fall newsletter will be out August 30th. Dropiewski asked if there will be a Christmas dinner for seniors this year and Joan said yes and that she is mailing the letters out soon to get sponsorship for it.

Bruce Hammond, DPS Director, said the Vreeland Road Extension DDA Project is proceeding well. The Evergreen repaving project is on schedule. Detroit Water & Sewer replaced our Master Meter on Gibraltar and I75 with a 12” meter. This has increased water flow from 3,500 gallons a minute to 12,000 gallons a minute. This new meter was part of the agreement with the Detroit Water & Sewer Department.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Dropiewski said it is good to see Bruce Hammond back after a week of illness.

Paul Gagne stated that Fifth Third Bank will be giving the Financial Committee a quote soon.

7. MAYOR’S COMMENTS: None

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A – Linc Mechanical verification feasibility study presentation.

Due to lack of quorum, Linc Mechanical decided to switch their presentation to September 8th Council Meeting.

Item B – 2nd reading: Proposed Ordinance #347-A – to provide for outdoor water restrictions.

08-17-03 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to suspend the 2nd reading.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

08-17-04 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to approve proposed ordinance #347- A as presented.

Motion failed 2-2 with Martin and Gagne voting Yes – Tefend and Dropiewski voting No.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – “SINC” contract renewal (Shared Info Network Consortium Agreement).

Chief Rossow explained that SINC is a shared computer system housed in Brownstown.

08-17-05 Motion by Gagne supported by Tefend to approve the agreement and security agreement as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Police Chief’s request to replace audio recording system.

08-17-06 Motion by Tefend supported by Gagne to approve the Chief’s recommendation and enter into an agreement with DSS Corporation to purchase a new voice recording system.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Historical Preservation Commission’s request:

1. Have plans drawn for restoring exterior of Wager House.
2. Repair and repaint 2nd story Hotel Porch.

08-17-07 Motion by Gagne supported by Tefend to authorize Historical Preservation Commission to have plans drawn up for restoring exterior of the Wager House.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

08-17-08 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to authorize the Historical Commission to repair and repaint the 2nd story of the Hotel Porch.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Michigan Municipal League annual meeting notice & appointment of delegate and alternate.

No action.

10. CORRESPONDENCE: None

11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Purchase agreement – Police Department copier.

No action. City Clerk to check into one lease contract for all department copiers.

Item B – Memo from Fire Chief Vack – Payment to Ace Sprinkler Company.

08-17-09 Motion by Martin supported by Tefend to approve payment in the amount of \$72,440 to Ace Sprinkler Company.

Note: Fire Chief has submitted a request for reimbursement under the federal grant in the amount of \$68,818 (or 95% of cost).

12. ADJOURNMENT:

08-17-10 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Painter to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CMC CITY CLERK

DATE: _____
approved