

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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.

ABSENT: Council Member Tefend

09-21-01 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to excuse Tefend

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

09-21-02 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to approve the regular minutes of September 08, 2009 as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Greg Faverio, 30667 Apple Grove Way, stated the roads in the Huron Subdivision are getting worse by the week and hopes that Council approves the bid recommendation before them tonight.

Sue Farrar, who works for the DPS Department as summer help, stated the playscape is a disaster with limbs torn off trees, smut written on tables and seats removed. Mayor Jones asked Lt./Det. Metz to ask the Chief to have a report on how to prevent the playscape from being destroyed. Mr. Metz said one way that would help is for residents to be more proactive and report anything they observe wrong.

Sue Farrar also passed out information from Trenton and Rockwood regarding city-wide garage sales and suggested Flat Rock could have the same. The weekend after Mother's Day and the weekend after Labor Day were suggested. More information will follow.

Arlen Fadley questioned cell phone usage by the Police and DPS Department. Also, assessing residents for streets was discussed.

Mayor Jones said, “If we lose tax base from AutoAlliance and lose revenue sharing, I would hate to assess the residents with road repair.”

Barbara Fedon stated that she and her husband were leaving the Smith Hotel Saturday about 5:00 p.m. when they noticed eight kids about 12-14 years of age at the warming building. One was on the roof and another was climbing up. They called the police when they got home. Mayor Jones said the police need to park and walk around the parks to deter vandalizism.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

George Mans, Economic Development Director, stated a grant for the bike trail was submitted in the amount of \$500,000. He said he met with Metro parks today and learned there are 106 communities competing for the grant. Mayor Jones said the local cost will be shared between Flat Rock and Huron Township.

Joan Pawlukiewicz, Recreation Director, reminded everyone the dedication of the Bear Statue in the Huroc Park is at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, September 23rd. The Indians will begin at 12:30 with their program. She also informed the public that Kroger will come to the Community Center Wednesday, October 14th from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm to give flu shots. Major insurance companies will cover the cost like Medicare, Medicaid and Blue Cross.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Painter asked who will cover the cost to repair the sidewalk that is caving in by Heier Lumber. Bruce Hammond, DPS Director, stated Wayne County will repair it this spring.

Councilman Gagne stated that he will not vote to assess residents for road repairs.

Councilman Dropiewski said he thinks a city-wide sidewalk sale is a good idea. He also congratulated Dr. Clark on the “Run for Ryan” – it was a great city event. He said he will have more details on home heating assistance from the DCC next month.

7. MAYOR’S COMMENTS: None

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A- Bid recommendation: Tree Planting in HuRoc Park.

Mr. Hammond said the Marathon Pipe Line project gave the city \$50,000 to replace trees in the park.

09-21-03 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to concur with the City Planner's recommendation and award the bid to the low bidder, James Brothers Landscape, in the amount of \$29,206.00.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Payment #1 to G.V. Cement for Evergreen Street paving (a Block Grant Project).

09-21-04 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to approve payment in the amount of \$98,140.70.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Tabled Item: Change order from G.V. Cement to pave the Fire Department driveway.

09-21-05 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to remove item from the table.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

09-21-06 Motion by Gagne supported by Jones to approve paving the Fire Department driveway in the amount of \$38,700 by G.V. Cement.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Tabled Item: 2009 pavement replacement bid recommendation (Red Cedar, Magnolia, Apple Grove and Silver Court).

09-21-07 Motion by Martin supported by Painter to remove item from the table.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

09-21-08 Motion by Jones supported by Painter to concur with the City Engineer's recommendation and award the bid to the low bidder, G.V. Cement, in the amount of \$221,507.50.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – Proposed Ordinance #347-A – Outdoor Water Restrictions.

09-21-09 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the ordinance as presented.

There was discussion regarding savings, water pressure, etc.

Motion carried 4-1 with Councilman Painter voting no.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – 1st Reading: Proposed ordinance prohibiting the keeping of exotic and wild animals.

09-21-10 Motion by Jones supported by Martin to suspend the first reading.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Mayor’s recommendation to appoint Planning Commission member.

09-21-11 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to approve the Mayor’s recommendation and appoint Gary Borden to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mark Ratz with term of office to expire February 15, 2010.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

11. LATE CORREPENDENCE:

Item A – Letter from Richard J. DeGrosky resigning from the T.I.F.A. Board.

City Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Mr. DeGrosky.

Item B – Memo from the City Clerk asking Council to rescind their previous motion to go out for bid for the Police Department copier and approve renting the one they have for \$80 per month (including service and supplies).

09-21-12 Motion by Martin supported by Jones to rescind their previous motion and rent the one they have for \$80.00 per month.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

09-21-13 Motion by Martin supported by Dropiewski to go into closed session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss DPS negotiations.

Mayor Jones called a 5 minute recess.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session resumed at 8:21 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

09-21-14 Motion by Painter supported by Dropiewski to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:22 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CMC CITY CLERK

DATE: _____
approved