

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014

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. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Mayor Dropiewski, Councilmembers: Bergeron, Borden, Martin, Thomas and Wrobel

EXCUSED AS ABSENT: Councilwoman Wilkins

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Bill Vack, Police Chief Neal Rossow, Interim DPS Director Matt Sype, Recreation Director Joann Pawlukiewicz, Treasurer Lani Rozga, Building Director Bernie Ciupak, Attorney David Grunow and Clerk Meaghan Bachman

Resolution 1-21-01

Motion by Borden
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, That Flat Rock City Council hereby **EXCUSES** Councilwoman Wilkins, as absent at the regular City Council meeting of January 21, 2014

Motion carried unanimously

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution 1-21-02

Motion by Martin
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of January 6, 2014 as presented

Motion carried unanimously

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Kathleen Bone spoke of Fire Chief Bill Vack and his dedicated and great service to the community. She presented petitions to council that support Chief Vack's reappointment. She spoke of Vack's past accomplishments and noted his support to the community and downriver area.

Jerry Niemann, resident at 24465 East Huron River Drive spoke supporting Fire Chief Bill Vack and noted working for the Flat Rock Fire Department alongside Vack. He noted the City is lucky to have Chief Vack.

Rod Hopper, 27604 Arsenal Road, spoke supporting Fire Chief Bill Vack and spoke of the petition/letter presented to council.

Brian Daugherty, son of Councilwoman Wilkins, read a letter on behalf of Councilwoman Wilkins. It was read that Councilwoman Wilkins regretfully must resign from the Flat Rock City Council effective immediately. This was due to a change in her work schedule. The letter was noted, it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the residents of this great city. She truly appreciates the support she received. She wished the Mayor, Council, employees and residents of Flat Rock the best.

Resident Arlen Fadely noted the past 2 council meetings and his disappointment with some councilmembers. He noted council shouldn't operate and micromanage the city day to day. He noted the city needs a city manager. He spoke of the procedure with removing a department and who they report to.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Neal Rossow Police Chief announced the crime mapping website (www.crimedar.com) is up and running and residents can see what is happening around town. He noted the new patrol car is in and looking for bids to outfit the car. He noted the Flat Rock Police Department in the news in regards to a stolen vehicle. He noted the situation had been addressed. The following motions were made:

Resolution 1-21-03

Motion by Martin
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of 3 Tasers with 5 batteries for the Police Department to total an amount of \$2,667.75 (without shipping)

Discussion

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 1-21-04

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of computer equipment through the COPS technology grant through DCC such as 31 Panasonic Toughbook 31 computers, 3 PocketJet 6 Bluetooth Printers with car adapter, 3 Havis Mounts and Docking stations, 4 HD10 Body Worn Cameras, 2 Digital Cameras (Road Investigations) the total amount is \$14,987

Motion carried unanimously

Recreation Director Joann Pawlukiewicz announced upcoming events at the community center.

Fire Chief Bill Vack reported the ladder truck is back in service. He reminded residents about smoke alarm safety and noted they should be replaced if over 10 years old.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Borden welcomed a Girl Scout and her Mother announced the fundraiser hosted by the Giving Foundation and noted the foundation is donating \$100 to the Girl Scouts. Councilwoman Thomas presented the check. Councilman Borden spoke of the "new resident

packet” provided by the Clerk’s office (Sue and Meaghan); the City Clerk spoke about the “new resident packet” and the contents of it. Councilman Borden thanked all the city employees and department heads for their hard work. He thanked everyone who voiced their concerns about reappointments of department heads. He noted his obligation to the community and noted he wants to do what is right; he noted the Mayor and City Council are a team. He noted what he looks for in a department head. Councilman Borden announced the Country Blast in the Park dates (June 13th and 14th and fireworks on the 13th) he noted the success of last year and noted the committee gave \$3500 in donations to organizations. He noted he had a good talk with Fire Chief Vack concerning the city and thanked him for that and said he would like to absorb the letters that were presented to him. He thanked Councilwoman Wilkins for her support to the community and noted she will be missed. Councilman Borden’s Giving Foundation gave away books and held a free raffle to win gift cards. Several names were drawn by various individuals at the Council meeting.

Councilman Wrobel noted the clerical union needs a council representative (Councilwoman Moore was the rep; Mayor noted he will bring up in his comments). Councilman Wrobel spoke regarding the City of Flat Rock Employment policies and if all appointees follow the same policy. He noted some department heads worked 39 hours of overtime and doesn’t want side deals to be made. The Mayor noted the DPW Director worked overtime as double duty (assistant and director). Councilman Wrobel noted additional concerns such as, vehicles taken home, vacation policy, comp time. Councilwoman Thomas asked why department heads would get paid overtime at all. The City Attorney responded. Wrobel noted his concern with comp time and should be recorded on time sheet and flex time isn’t in policy so shouldn’t be allowed. Councilman Wrobel noted the council should be notified when an employee quits (he didn’t know a few employees quit/left). Councilman Wrobel had concerns regarding the agenda; why the appointments of Fire Chief and Treasurer are on the agenda again after they were voted down at last meeting. He asked if what we follow such as Roberts Rules of Order or the Charter. Attorney Grunow noted the agenda item is proper and the Charter provision overrules Roberts Rules of Order. Wrobel noted he doesn’t discuss department heads or the City of Flat Rock with the media. Councilman Wrobel thanked the Clerk for providing the new Councilmembers with copies of the charter, employment contracts, etc.

Councilman Martin gave his regrets on Councilwoman Wilkins letter of resignation.

Councilman Bergeron wished Councilwoman Wilkins the best.

Councilwoman Thomas noted she attended the Downriver Community Conference (DCC) and passed out a list of programs provided by the DCC. She noted concern regarding the need for more employees in police, fire and DPS, the cost of overtime is very high. Councilwoman Thomas noted job descriptions are need for positions and policies should be in place. Thomas noted the Mayor and Council are the supervisors of the department heads as a whole. She noted the Council needs to come together and address any problems.

7. MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski announced he met with Cub Scout Webelo Pack 568 Den 2 & 3 before the Council meeting. He noted they discussed the City and functions. The Mayor noted the Pack is active in community events such as clean-ups and will be helping with the playscape in the future.

The Mayor noted a presentation will take place next meeting regarding the new recycling bins.

Mayor Dropiewski commended the DPW for their hard work with plowing and salting along with the weather conditions. He noted the city received a new delivery of salt and supply is in good shape.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 8-A- Appointment of Treasurer

Resolution 1-21-05

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported Martin

Discussion

RESOLVED, to reappoint Lani Rozga, City Treasurer as recommended by Mayor Dropiewski

Motion failed 2-3 with Borden, Wrobel and Thomas voting no

Mayor Dropiewski abstained

Resolution 1-21-06

Motion by Borden
Supported by

Discussion

RESOLVED, to amend motion #1-21-05 to dismiss the Treasurer in her position

MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT

Item 8-B-Appointment of Fire Chief

Resolution 1-21-07

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported Bergeron

Discussion

RESOLVED, to reappoint William Vack Fire Chief & Civil Defense Director as recommended by Mayor Dropiewski (motion is for position of Fire Chief only not for salary increase as previous voted on, this was upon the request of Councilmember Borden, approved by Mayor Dropiewski)

Motion failed 3-2 with Wrobel and Thomas voting no

Mayor Dropiewski abstained

Resolution 1-21-08

Motion by Borden
Supported Wrobel

Discussion

RESOLVED, table the motion to reappoint William Vack until the next City Council meeting

Motion failed 2-4 with Dropiewski, Martin, Bergeron and Thomas voting no

9. NEW BUSINESS

Item 9-A-MDOT Annual Performance Resolution

Resolution 1-21-09

Motion by Martin
Supported Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the annual performance resolution from Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

Motion carried unanimously

Consent Items 9-B, C and D

**B-Huron Woods Subdivision Payment No. 1 - G.V. Cement Contracting Company
C-Evergreen Street Pavement Progress Payment No. 2 – G.V. Cement Contracting Company
D-Pavement Repairs at Water Main Breaks Payment No. 2 (final) – G.V. Cement Contracting Company**

Resolution 1-21-10

Motion by Wrobel
Supported Borden

RESOLVED, to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

- B- Huron Woods Subdivision Payment No. 1 - G.V. Cement Contracting Company in the amount of \$49,049.69
- C- Evergreen Street Pavement Progress Payment No. 2 – G.V. Cement Contracting Company in the amount of \$7,496.36
- D- Pavement Repairs at Water Main Breaks Payment No. 2 (final) – G.V. Cement Contracting Company in the amount of \$1,509.59

Motion carried unanimously

10. CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution 1-21-11

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of January 21, 2014 at 9:45 P.M.

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DATE: _____
Approved

MEAGHAN K. BACHMAN, CITY CLERK