

**REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Flat Rock City Council convened at the Municipal building on the above date at 7:30 p.m.

**Judge Jennifer Coleman Hesson of the 33<sup>rd</sup> District Court swore in and presented the Oath of Office to Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski, Councilman James Martin, Councilman John Bergeron and Councilwoman Dawn Thomas**

**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, Russ Wittman City Engineer, Attorney David Grunow and Clerk Meaghan Bachman

**Resolution 1-6-01**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, That Flat Rock City Council hereby **EXCUSES** Councilwoman Wilkins, excused as absent at the regular City Council meeting of January 6, 2014

Motion carried unanimously

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Resolution 1-6-02**

Motion by Borden  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of December 16, 2013 as amended by Councilman Borden to reflect the commission appointments to Library Board and TIFA only

Motion carried unanimously

**4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

None

**5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Building Director Bernie Ciupak gave an annual report on the department. Total permits pulled in 2013 were 883, fees of permits were \$188,662.00, and total construction cost was \$5,541,867.00.

Neal Rossow Police Chief thanked the members of community for removing cars off the road with the snow fall. He announced the animal shelter was awarded a grant in the amount of \$2600.00 to cover the cost of spay and neuter of the animals.

Recreation Director Joann Pawlukiewicz announced upcoming events at the center. She noted the community center is a warming center and Homeland Security is aware of this.

Fire Chief Bill Vack reminded residents if you have a fire hydrant in your front yard, to clear the snow around it so the fire department can see it and access it.

**6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Councilman Borden wished all a Happy New Year, thanked Bernie for a good job as a department head. He noted residents should put out reflectors around mailboxes so the DPS plows can see them. He spoke of the Big Boy fundraiser and how well it turned out, gave away free books, had a free raffle for gift cards and to pay on a water bills for the community and will be presented at the next council meeting. He thanked Judge Jennifer Coleman for being at the meeting tonight and her hard work.

Councilman Wrobel welcomed all the New Year and reminded residents to help each other out and if a neighbor needs help shoving snow. He asked about parking at the train depot and if cars must be moved when it snows for the plows. He thanked all the city employees for their hard work with the cold weather.

Councilman Martin welcomed the Bergeron and Thomas as new councilmembers. He thanked Matt for the good job DPS did with snow removal and noted the roads were in good condition.

Councilman Bergeron wished all a Happy New Year and thanked the residents for supporting him during the election.

Councilwoman Thomas thanked the residents for their support during the election and noted if anyone needs to contact her she can be reached by email or phone. She thanked Matt and the DPS for a job well done with the snow removal.

**7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Dropiewski wished all a Happy New Year. He thanked DPS for a great job with the snow removal. He gave his condolences to the family of Don Fedon, resident and husband of late councilwoman (Barb) and announced the funeral arrangements per the request of Mr. Fedon's family. He noted the city facebook page is now live. The page will be used for city communication and announcements. A link will be on the Downtown Flat Rock facebook page. He announced the city will be exploring a couple of options for emergency announcement communications. The Mayor thanked Judge Hesson for swearing in the new officers and welcomed the new councilmembers.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 8-A- Mayoral Appointments**

- **Note: Department Heads were asked to present their goals and objectives for 2014. The goals and objectives of the Department Heads are attached to these minutes**

**Resolution 1-06-03**

Motion by Dropiewski  
Supported by Martin

Discussion

RESOLVED, to reappoint William Vack Fire Chief & Civil Defense Director as recommended by Mayor Dropiewski and with an annual salary of \$60,000.00

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

Mayor Dropiewski abstained

**Resolution 1-06-04**

Motion by Dropiewski  
Supported by Martin

Discussion

RESOLVED, to reappoint Mark Hammond Assistant Fire Chief as recommended by the Mayor

Motion carried 4-1 with Wrobel voting no

Mayor Dropiewski abstained

**Resolution 1-06-05**

Motion by Dropiewski  
Supported by Martin

Discussion

RESOLVED, to appoint Matthew Sype as DPS Director and Street Administrator as recommended by the Mayor with an annual salary of \$60,000.00

Motion carried 4-1 with Wrobel voting no

Mayor Dropiewski abstained

**Resolution 1-06-06**

Motion by Dropiewski  
Supported by Martin

Discussion

RESOLVED, to reappoint Neal Rossow Police Chief as recommended by the Mayor

Motion carried 4-1 with Wrobel voting no

Mayor Dropiewski abstained

**Resolution 1-06-07**

Motion by Dropiewski  
Supported by Martin

Discussion

RESOLVED, to reappoint Meaghan Bachman as City Clerk with an annual salary of \$50,000.00

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Mayor Dropiewski abstained

**Resolution 1-06-08**

Motion by Dropiewski  
Supported by Martin

Discussion

RESOLVED, to reappoint Lani Rozga as City Treasurer and City Fiscal Officer

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

Mayor Dropiewski abstained

**Resolution 1-06-09**

Motion by Dropiewski  
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to reappoint Timothy O'Donnell as City Assessor

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Mayor Dropiewski abstained

**Resolution 1-06-10**

Motion by Dropiewski  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to reappoint David Grunow as City Attorney

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Mayor Dropiewski abstained

**Resolution 1-06-11**

Motion by Dropiewski  
Supported by Martin

Discussion

RESOLVED, to reappoint Joan Pawlukiewicz as Recreation Director and Senior Citizen Advisor

Motion carried 4-1 with Wrobel voting no

Mayor Dropiewski abstained

**Resolution 1-06-12**

Motion by Dropiewski  
Supported by Bergeron

Discussion

RESOLVED, to reappoint Bernie Cuipak as Building and Safety Director

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Mayor Dropiewski abstained

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**COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

**Resolution 1-06-13**

Motion by Dropiewski  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to appoint Jonathan Dropiewski to the as the representative and Matt Sype as alternate

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Mayor Dropiewski abstained

**Resolution 1-06-14**

Motion by Dropiewski  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to appoint Jonathan Dropiewski to the Mutual Aid/Drano Representative and Ken Wrobel as alternate – both were also appointed to the Downriver Community Conference

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Mayor Dropiewski abstained

**Resolution 1-06-15**

Motion by Dropiewski

Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to appoint Ken Wrobel to the 33<sup>rd</sup> District Court Representative and Gary Borden as alternate

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Mayor Dropiewski abstained

**Resolution 1-06-16**

Motion by Dropiewski  
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to appoint James Martin to the Community Development Block Grant Representative and Dawn Thomas as alternate

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Mayor Dropiewski abstained

**Resolution 1-06-17**

Motion by Dropiewski  
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to appoint James Martin to the Huron River Watershed Representative

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Mayor Dropiewski abstained

**Resolution 1-06-18**

Motion by Dropiewski  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to appoint Charles E. Raines Company as the City Engineers

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Mayor Dropiewski abstained

**Resolution 1-06-19**

Motion by Dropiewski  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to appoint McKenna Associates as the City of Flat Rock's Planning Consultants

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Mayor Dropiewski abstained

**Resolution 1-06-20**

Motion by Dropiewski  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to appoint Heritage News Herald as the City's official newspapers  
Motion carried unanimously 5-0  
Mayor Dropiewski abstained

**Resolution 1-06-21**

Motion by Dropiewski  
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to appoint Dr. Patterson as the City Health Officer

Motion carried 5-1 with Borden voting no

**Item 8-B-Approval for Riverfest 2014 – September 19th, 20th and 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Resolution 1-06-21**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve Riverfest 2014 dates for September 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 8-C-Livescan system update and maintenance agreement**

**Resolution 1-06-22**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to approve the Livescan System update and maintenance agreement for the Police Department fingerprinting system; this update will be covered by the DCC grant funds.

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 8-D- City of Flat Rock and Oakland County agreement for I.T. services**

**Resolution 1-06-23**

Motion by Dropiewski  
Supported by Martin

Discussion

RESOLVED, to approve the agreement for I.T. services with Oakland County; this program will allow the city to accept credit cards as forms of payment for taxes, water bills, permits, etc.

Motion carried 5-1 with Borden voting no

**9. CORRESPONDENCE: NONE**

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Resolution 1-06-24**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of January 6, 2014 at 9:53 P.M.

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously.

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**JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Approved**

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**MEAGHAN K. BACHMAN, CITY CLERK**