

**REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013**

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, Council members Martin, Borden, Wilkins, Wrobel and Gagne

EXCUSED AS ABSENT: Councilwoman Moore

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

**Resolution 01-07-01**

Motion by Martin

Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, That Flat Rock City Council hereby **EXCUSES** Councilwoman Moore, as absent at the regular City Council meeting of January 7, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Resolution 01-07-02**

Motion by Martin

Supported by Gagne

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of December 17, 2012

Motion carried unanimously

**4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

NONE

**5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Police Chief New Rossow updated the Council on Officer Neilson's field training status. He announced his field training will end on Monday, allowing him to patrol on his own which will cut down on overtime pay.

**6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Councilwoman Deborah Wilkins wished everyone a happy and prosperous new year. She asked about the sign in front of City Hall and noted it was out. Bill Vack said they are waiting on Townsend Neon Sign. She asked about an electronic sign and they Mayor responded he would like to have one when the budget allows. Councilwoman Wilkins noted DPS did a wonderful job with snow removal. She asked the status of the ordinance inspector position. She reminded everyone of the snow removal ordinance and reminded residents to clean their sidewalks. She asked the status

of hiring firefighters. Bill Vack noted he will be testing this month. Councilwoman Wilkins made a motion to hire two police officers; the motion failed due to lack of support. She stated the overtime cost is high and the officer's safety is being jeopardized because they are working so much overtime. The Mayor noted public safety is not being compromised and overtime was high even when we had more officers. Councilwoman Wilkins asked about Jeff Metz of the police department going to FBI school and who is paying for it. Chief Rossow responded the FBI pays for everything including travel and tuition.

Councilman Gary Borden wished everyone a happy new year. He also asked about firefighter hiring status and what the cost is for the hiring process. Councilman Borden noted it has been 3 months since the hiring process started. He suggested we hire as soon as possible and possibly from the current fire department staff. He asked if we could offer the Community Center resident rate for 4-6 police officers from the Rockwood department. Mayor Dropiewski suggested we could put together a proposal for them since we share other services. Councilman Borden asked the status of the City website. He suggested the ball fields should be on the website along with other things. Mayor Dropiewski noted the community fields fall under the recreation section of the web site. Councilman Borden announced the dates for 2013 Riverfest which will be Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Fireworks will be held on Saturday night.

Councilman Jim Martin noted he was glad to see notices in the Monroe Evening News for Community Center events.

Councilman Paul Gagne announced the Library Board approved their budget for 2013-2014. He is concerned with the deficit of the library budget. Councilman Gagne noted he was able to make enough cuts to get rid of the deficit and a report will be submitted shortly. With his cuts, this will give a balanced budget with a surplus of \$792.00. The board has two upcoming activities for fundraising. They will have a book sale and a fundraiser at Big Boys on February 20, 2013 from 5:00 – 9:00 PM. Councilman Gagne announced they are advertising for a new library director. Position will not be fulltime and they are hopeful they will find a retired director to lower costs. He has a plan for a process to help with the deficit for the library and hopes to have a presentation for the Council soon.

7. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Jonathon Dropiewski announced the ice rink has been cleaned and flooded and is hopeful Mother Nature will allow for it to freeze. He reminded citizens to remove cars from street when a snow emergency has been declared. It helps when the snow plows are out and police will be out issuing notices and or violations if a vehicle is not removed. He wished everyone a happy new year. He anticipates he will give the State of the City presentation on February 19, 2013. The Mayor reminded everyone the next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 21, 2013 due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. **Item 8-A. Payment number 2 (final) for Meadows backyard drainage improvements - Payable to RVP Construction Company in the amount of \$989.45**

**Resolution 01-07-03**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Borden

Resolved, to approve the final payment for Meadows backyard drainage improvements

Motion carried unanimously

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item 9-A. Appointment of Darilyn Scafidi to the Beautification Commission with term to expire on December 31, 2014**

**Resolution 01-07-04**

Motion by Gagne  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Darilyn Scafidi to the Beautification Commission with term to expire on December 31, 2014

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-B. Approval of resolution to accept long term maintenance of storm water management system at Flat Rock Metal**

**Resolution01-07-05**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to approve resolution to accept long term maintenance of storm water management system at Flat Rock Metal

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-C. Annual performance resolution from Michigan Department of Transportation for miscellaneous operations within state highway right of way**

**Resolution 01-07-06**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Gagne

RESOLVED, to approve the annual performance resolution from Michigan Department of Transportation for miscellaneous operations within state highway right of way

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-D. Resolution approving Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan for the City of Flat Rock**

**Resolution 01-07-07**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the resolution approving Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan for the City of Flat Rock

Motion carried unanimously

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Item A: Buechel vs. Flat Rock ZBA**

**Resolution 01-07-08**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to convene into closed session to discuss Buechel vs. Flat Rock ZBA

Roll Call Vote: All Yes: Unanimous

**Resolution 01-07-09**

Motion by Gagne  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to reconvene into the regular City Council meeting

Motion carried unanimously

**Resolution 01-07-10**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to concur with the recommendation of the city attorney and enter into consent judgment agreement

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Resolution 01-07-11**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of November 5, 2012

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously.

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**JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR**

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

**Approved**

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**MEAGHAN K. ARMSTRONG, CITY CLERK**