

**REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2007**

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, Council Members Martin, Dropiewski, Tefend, Wrobel, Gagne and Painter.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Fire Chief Vack, DPS Director Hammond, Building Director John Russ, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz, City Clerk Butski, Economic Development Director George Mans, Steve Tallman, Police Chief, Brenda Tallman Treasurer, Tom Mercure of National City Health Insurance, Howard Lancaster of Professional Services Health Insurance and Robert Bucko of the Stevenson Company.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**09-04-01** Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the Regular Minutes of September 17, 2007 as submitted.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Walter Wozniak, 26575 Boulder, suggested to Council two amendments to the commercial zoning ordinance to be able to control the direction in which the City is heading: (1) maximum size of any commercial building be restricted to 60,000 feet and (2) stipulate that any store that builds on commercial property be required to return the land to pristine condition should they decide to leave.

Discussion.

Mayor Jones stated he would take a look at it. Attorney Grunow said it would take more than a couple weeks because it would go to the Planning Commission first.

**5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

As requested by Council at the last meeting, Bruce Hammond, DPS Director, addressed his priority list of the major and local streets to be considered for repair. He stated there is \$140,000 in major street funds and \$60,000 in local street funds. Red Cedar and Magnolia can wait for late winter 2008. The Evergreen Street road and water main

project can only start in June due to two schools on Evergreen. He would like to combine his 2007/2008 budget with 2008/2009 budget to complete the project,

Discussion.

Mayor Jones stated he needed a motion to put that money in a separate Escrow Account.

**10-01-02** Motion by Painter supported by Tefend to transfer \$145,000 major street funds and \$60,000 local street funds to a Road Construction Fund.

Motion carried 6-1 with Councilperson Gagne voting no.

## **6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Dropiewski commended the High School students on a nice parade and homecoming.

Council Member Martin asked the DPS Director to get in touch with the Wayne County Road Commission re: resurface the strip of Gibraltar west of the I75 expressway.

## **7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor distributed copies of a letter he wrote to AutoAlliance requesting 12/31/06 depreciation schedule and financial statements for the equipment reported. Also the cost incurred on the new smokestacks through 5/31/07 and any unpaid amounts on the completion of the installation.

He also past out copies of a letter from George Mans, Economic Development Director, to the District Manager of the U.S. Postal Service regarding a meeting that took place with the Mayor and himself to evaluate the need in Flat Rock for a new Post Office facility.

Mayor stated at the last SHVA meeting he made a motion to fire the attorney for the SHVA that failed 4-2.

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Item A – Presentation by Tom Mercure and Howard Lancaster re: Health Insurance for 65+ retirees.

Mr. Lancaster stated the rates he quoted was for Plan F (medical and prescription) and would be the same through 12/31/08. He and Mr. Mercure said the Plan was as good or better than the B/C PPO the retirees now have. He stated the group plan for Flat Rock through B/C PPO is costing \$250,000 annual premium and the proposed plan thru Professional Services would cost \$165,000 annual premium – a 35% reduction.

Extensive discussion followed. Two retirees, Carol Gibbons and Robert Schrader, were present and would like many questions answered.

**10-01-03** Motion by Jones supported by Martin to direct the consultants to meet with the retirees a.s.a.p. to further explore this change in insurance.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ordinance amending DDA boundaries.

**10-01-04** Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to suspend the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously

**10-01-05** Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to adopt Ordinance #267 (C) as submitted.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Bid recommendation from DPS Director for Ice Rink Chiller.

Robert Bucko of the Stevenson Company, the City's Insurance Representative, was present for discussion. He said they are looking for a way to fund the repair of the chiller and over a two year period the insurance will pay all of the \$38,711.00.

Discussion re: the cause of the breakdown, faulty pipes, budget restraints, etc. Mayor Jones asked Mr. Bucko, "As our insurance representative can you assure us we can get part or all of the cost back?" Mr. Bucko assured him we will.

**10-01-06** Motion by Martin supported by Dropiewski to approve the repair in the amount of \$38,711.00.

The motion carried 4-3 with Painter, Wrobel and Gagne voting no.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

Item A – Request from the Flat Rock Goodfellows Chairperson to hold the annual Goodfellows newspaper sale Friday, Nov. 16, 2007 – 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**10-01-07** Motion by Dropiewski supported by Tefend to approve the request as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Letter from David Karoly resigning from the DDA.

**10-01-08** Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to accept Mr. Karoly's resignation with regret and the City Clerk to send him a letter of appreciation.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – 1st Reading: Ordinance amendment pertaining to Storage of Vehicles.

**10-01-09** Motion by Dropiewski supported by Tefend to suspend the 1<sup>st</sup> reading and refer the Ordinance to the Planning Commission for consideration.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Item A – Resolution from Township of Grosse Isle opposing the WCCCD Board of Trustees placing the Millage renewal on the November 6<sup>th</sup> ballot prior to the expiration of the existing Millage which has 3 years remaining.

**10-01-10** Motion by Wrobel supported by Gagne to adopt a similar resolution.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**10-01-11** Motion by Martin supported by Dropiewski to go into closed session.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jones called a ten minute recess at 8:40 p.m.

Open Session convened at 8:55 p.m.

**10-01-12** Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:00 p.m.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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**RICHARD C. JONES**

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

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**LORENE BUTSKI, CITY CLERK**