

**REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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, and Gagne.

10-15-01 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Tefend to excuse absent Council member Painter.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**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 and Attorney Dave Grunow.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

10-15-02 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the Regular Minutes of October 1, 2007 as submitted.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Dan Rosso, Life Guard at the Recreation Center, asked why he hasn't been paid the amount he was promised which was one half of what the swim classes he taught brought in. He said the total the class made was \$1260.00 and he should have been paid \$630.00.

Extensive discussion followed. Lillian Darany, Aquatics Instructor who contracted Mr. Rosso to teach the classes, passed out a memo and gave Mayor and Council her opinion of the situation, which was to support Mr. Rosso's claim.

Mayor Jones stated there would be no more contracted employees at the Recreation Center.

Attorney Grunow stated that whatever the agreement was, as the manager states, these two people should be paid. Then something should be done to clarify as to why we

have a manager agreeing to pay a certain amount to an hourly employee. That is between the manager and her supervisor – the supervisor being the department head.

**10-15-03** Motion by Tefend supported by Wrobel to pay the two contracted employees the amount promised.

Motion carried 4-2. Tefend, Wrobel, Dropiewski, Martin voting yes, Mayor Jones and Gagne voting no.

Carl Kopsi, President of the DPS Union, asked why the City won't negotiate and is going instead to mediation. He said they only met once and the two Council Members was not at the meeting.

Attorney Grunow stated the union is at an impasse and would negotiate during mediation. When Mr. Kopsi asked if they could have a meeting before mediation and Mr. Grunow told him to have their representative call and set up a meeting.

#### **5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

George Mans, Economic Development Director, stated that at the last meeting Council Member Martin requested an update on the Gibraltar Road resurfacing as part of the I75 project. He and Bruce Hammond worked together on that this week. The late item on before you is from 2006. The understanding we had at the time in working with the County and MDOT was when the bridge was resurfaced in 2008 that they would come west to the Ford dealership with that paving project. Mr. Mans stated that before he got here there was an understanding with the County that would have been done a number of years ago but was put off until next year. The one thing I'm going to have to make sure of is that the funds that were promised in 2006 are still there for next year but I want Council and Mayor to know that will be a priority for me this week.

Also, last week the Mayor indicated there had been a visit to Flat Rock by the Postal Service from Detroit. There was correspondence in your packet this week that indicated we had been contacted by the Chicago Real Estate Division and my understanding is that they will be in Flat Rock next week to discuss the matter of a new post office with us further. That project is moving. I don't have any time tables to report to Council except the fact I know we are under consideration. It's a work in progress.

Recreation Director Joanne Pawlukewicz, stated she received a memo from the County regarding money for recreation. She has had two meetings with Commissioner Boike who said Flat Rock Recreation would receive \$50,000 which has to be used for recreation. She and Bruce Hammond met with the County this morning and she said they are pretty much on target as to what they will accept and what they won't. She said they are going to pick a project like Huroc Park or the Tennis Courts and are going to use the money wisely.

William Vack, Fire Chief, stated last week was Fire Prevention Week and theme was "Practice Your Escape Plan". Fire personnel has been visiting the elementary schools

and pre-schools and getting good reception. He reminded the public that November 4<sup>th</sup> is the time change from daylight savings time to standard time and it is a good time to replace batteries in your smoke alarms. If your detector is 10 years old or older they should be replaced. Also, received from the state conditional upgrade license for ALS (Advanced Life Support) which allows Fire Department to provide that service as we have staff to provide it. We are discussing with Rockwood the possibility of using them as an alternate with our unit.

Mr. Vack also stated the 1976 aerial truck is out of service due to a leak in the water tank. It is a 400 gallon tank and can only maintain half a tank of water. Service in Northville is working on it. The temporary repair with no guarantee can be done for \$2800. to \$3000. A new tank with life time warrantee would cost \$3900. with installation running about \$2200. Mr. Grunow said the bidding process can be waived as an emergency.

**10-15-04** Motion by Wrobel supported by Tefend to approve repairing the truck with a new tank.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Council Member Dropiewski suggested that people check dryer vents and blow out the line to prevent house fires.

Mr. Dropiewski addressed a letter from Comcast stating they are going to take away the drop box in front of City Hall and suggested Council oppose this move.

**10-15-05** Motion by Wrobel supported by Tefend to vehemently oppose the removal of the drop box.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** None.

#### **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Item A – Letter from City Attorney re: Stonewater Development.

City Attorney stated the developer doesn't want to pay the \$200,000 but they will increase the retention basin to accommodate any future storm water.

Council Member Gagne feels we should encourage development.

John Fiorelli addressed Mayor and Council. He said when the City special assesses Cahill Road; they would pay their fair share. He said they never realized the

magnitude of what it would be with Wayne County to pave Gibraltar Road and everything else. That is why I came back in front of you because I want to try and make this project happen. It is a big project that will generate some tax dollars for the City. If the City paves Cahill Road we will pay our fair share but to come up with \$200,000 doesn't seem right.

**10-15-06** Motion by Gagne supported by Tefend to direct the City Attorney to bring back an amended PUD to exclude the \$200,000 and requiring the retention pond and pipes to be oversized to accompany the storm drainage for 600 feet.

Motion failed in a tie. Mayor Jones, Gagne and Tefend voting yes, Martin, Wrobel and Jonathan voting No.

Item B – City Attorney requests 2 Council Members to hear Grievance No. 07-354.

**10-15-07** Motion by Wrobel supported by Gagne to appoint Martin and Dropiewski to hear the grievance.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Bid recommendation re: Water Main Pavement Repairs.

**10-15-08** Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the Engineer's recommendation and award the bid to Gaglio P&R Cement Corporation for \$15,445.00.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Request for payment #2 re: City Hall Roof Replacement.

**10-15-09** Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to approve payment to Holbrook's Roofing Company in the amount of \$3,566.00.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

Item A – Downriver Mutual Aid Membership dues for 2007-2008.

**10-15-10** Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to pay the dues in the amount of \$5643.21.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Trick or Treat date and time.

**10-15-11** Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to approve the Mayor's recommendation and set Trick or Treat for October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Mayor's appointments to the DDA.

**10-15-12** Motion by Martin supported by Dropiewski to approve the Mayor's recommendation and appoint Joseph Pagano to fill the vacancy of Roger Remer, term of office to expire 6/13/2010. Also, Anita Twardesky to fill the vacancy of David Karoly, term of office to expire 6/13/2008.

Motion carried 5-1. Council Member Wrobel voting No.

Item D – Woodcreek Park Sub No. 4 – Irrevocable letter of credit #1264.

**10-15-13** Motion by Jones supported by Martin to instruct the City Attorney to do what has to be done to take care of the problem.

Discussion. Dave Grunow stated it needed to be put out for bid and Mayor Jones instructed him to get with the City Engineer and work it out.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Painter arrived at 8:35 p.m.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**10-15-14** Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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**RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR**

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**LORENE BUTSKI, CITY CLERK**

DATE: 11-5-07  
APPROVED