

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: DPS Director Hammond, City Attorney Grunow, Fire Chief/Building Director Vack, Economic Development Mans, Chief Rossow, Clerk Butski and Treasurer Lambrix.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

10-17-01 Motion by Gagne supported by Tefend to approve the regular minutes of October 03 and October 06, 2011 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Chief Rossow announced there will be a receiving box in the Police Department for prescription drugs on October 29th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Anyone wishing to dispose of prescription drugs can put them in the box, they will be disposed of and remain completely anonymous.

Chief reminded everyone that October 31st is Halloween between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Be aware of Trick or Treaters and drive carefully.

Chief Rossow asked permission to use the COPS IV grant money through the Downriver Community Conference in the amount of \$14,030.00 to purchase technology equipment for the police department.

10-17-02 Motion by Painter supported by Wrobel to use the COPS IV grant to purchase technology equipment for the police department as requested.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Vack reminded everyone that November 6th begins daylight savings time – time to set the clocks back an hour and change the batteries in your smoke detectors. If the detector is ten years old it is time to replace it.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski congratulated the Flat Rock High School on the homecoming.

Mayor passed out a presentation re: Flat Rock Recreation New Computer Server Purchase. He stated the server that runs the Community Center and Recreation Department is severely out of date and can no longer be upgraded to sufficiently run the operations of that building without severe limitations and potential for further downtime. He recommended waiving the bidding process and accepting the quote from ECS in the amount of \$6,823.84.

10-17-03 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to waive the bidding process and approve the upgrade server from ECS in the total amount of \$6,823.84.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor asked everyone to have a good time Halloween and drive carefully.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A – Payment #1 to G.V. Cement re: reconstruction of Water Main Breaks – 2011.

10-17-04 Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to approve payment #1 in the amount of \$11,157.98.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Resolution directing City Assessor to prepare assessment district for residents affected by the Meadows Rear Yard Drainage project.

Item C – Request to proceed with phase 11 Environmental Study of the Mell property for the Greenway Project.

10-17-05 Motion by Wrobel supported by Martin to table Item C.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – Web Site License & Hosting Agreement.

10-17-06 Motion by Gagne supported by Moore to approve the agreement with ECS as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Invoice #3791 for 2012 membership dues to the Downriver Community Conference.

10-17-07 Motion by Martin supported by Wrobel to approve payment in the amount of \$4,750.00.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Invoice #3792 for 2012 membership dues to the Downriver Mutual Aid.

10-17-08 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to approve payment in the amount of \$6,585.88.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Request to hold annual Goodfellows newspaper sale November 16, 2011.

10-17-09 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to grant the Goodfellows permission to hold the annual newspaper sale as requested.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – Request to sign a lease for new Neopost mail machine.

10-17-10 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to approve the lease for a new mail machine in the amount of \$165.00 per month which includes maintenance and two rate changes per year.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE; None

10-17-11 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to go into Closed Session to discuss re-opening Command/Patrol Contracts (Health Insurance) and to discuss the Fire Department.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dropiewski called a five (5) minute recess at 7:44 p.m.

Open Session resumed at 7:55 pm

Mayor Dropiewski stated the Mell property where the Greenway project is to be constructed is partially in Flat Rock and partially in Huron Township. The part in Huron Township belongs to Wayne County (in foreclosure) and is on the list to be auctioned. Wayne County has been asked to pull it from the auction list because someone has stated they will purchase it and donate it to the city. If Wayne County will not pull it from the auction list, will Flat Rock bid on it and how much should we bid?

10-17-12 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to bid up to \$12,000.00 if Wayne County will not pull it from the auction list.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion re: the part of the Mell property that is in Flat Rock is delinquent on taxes approximately \$7,000.00.

10-17-13 Motion by Martin supported by Painter to have the City Attorney procure a quit claim deed from the Mells which would mean Flat Rock would pay the back taxes owed.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Attorney stated there is a case before the Michigan Civil Rights Commission concerning a former employee and our insurance carrier has asked that an elected official set in on the hearing which will be Oct. 25th or 26th.

Council Member Wrobel volunteered.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

10-17-14 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN D. DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CMC, CITY CLERK

DATE: _____
approved