

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, OCTOBER 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, Councilmembers Martin, Borden, Wilkins, Wrobel, Gagne and Moore

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief/Building Director Vack, Police Chief Rossow, Interim DPS Director Sype, Treasurer Rozga, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz, Attorney Grunow and Clerk Bachman

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution 10-7-01

Motion by Gagne
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of September 16, 2013as presented

Motion carried unanimously

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Arlen Fadley inquired on a report on the lawn mowing ordinance. The Mayor noted it is being reviewed by the department heads and will be discussed during his comments. Mr. Fadley asked about shared services with other communities. The Mayor noted we house prisoners for two other communities, added a community to the library and increased DPS work with Rockwood. Mr. Fadley asked how we get an accounting report on Country Blast and Riverfest and how the money was spent. The Mayor noted there is purchase sponsorship and Attorney Grunow stated the amount of funds and where the funds were received from. Grunow noted this isn't a City of Flat Rock event it is sponsored by Flat Rock Community Foundation.

Dave McGee inquired about permits for the Meijer location. He asked if the DEQ burm permit was submitted per the PUD agreement. He has concerns the permits will not be submitted and burm will not be put up.

Robert Henrietta voiced concerns regarding the traffic signs on Arsenal Road off Vreeland. His concerns are with the semi-trucks driving down the road and children riding bikes down the road. The DPS director will look into this issue and report back.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Chief Neal Rossow presented a report (per Councilman Gagne's request) with logs on what each officer is doing throughout their shift. He noted it doesn't reflect their trips to court, their own traffic stops and dealing with prisoners. He noted Riverfest went well from the Police Department's view. Chief Rossow reminded residents to keep their cars, home and garage locked.

Recreation Director Joann Pawlukiewicz noted the City will not be reimbursed for senior services due to the government shutdown and is hopeful we will receive funds when the government comes to an agreement. The Mayor noted services will continue to the residents and we will fund from our city account. Director Pawlukiewicz noted several upcoming events for the next couple months.

City Clerk Meaghan Bachman reminded residents October 7, 2013 is the last day to register to vote. She noted permanent absentee applications will be mailed out this week and applications are available to residents.

Fire Chief Bill Vack noted a house fire on E. Huron River Drive on Monday. Other communities came to assist and went well. He suspects this is a result of an electrical fire due to an electrical multi plug strip on floor. He reminded residents to take precaution when purchasing a multi plug strip and not to buy an inexpensive one. He noted not to use for an extended period of time. He noted it is National Fire Prevention week and focused on kitchen fires and how risky a kitchen fire can be. Chief Vack gave some suggestions on how to put out a house fire. Chief Vack gave an update on the status of two house fires that occurred in the past per Councilman Wrobel's question.

City Clerk Meaghan Bachman reminded residents of Election Day on November 5, 2013. She noted absentee ballots are available and gave general election information.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Gagne gave an update on the library and noted a millage is on the ballot. He noted several reasons why the millage is needed. He also explained cuts the library gave up to reduce costs. He explained the millage in regards to how many years it will be assessed for and how much money it will cost homeowners. Councilman Gagne thanked Chief Rossow for the requested information.

Councilman Wrobel inquired about the ordinance officer position. He noted the as the city gets older the more issues come up and it is starting to show. He requested we act on hiring an ordinance officer.

Councilman Martin thanked everyone who came out for Riverfest. He also gave special thanks to his wife for organizing and running the kids tent, David Grunow, Rosas Market, Flat Rock Bagging, The Candy Store from Wyandotte, Joann Pawlukiewicz, Mayor Dropiewski, Meaghan Bachman for volunteering and sponsoring the kids tent. He noted lots of kids participated and the kid's tent was free. He looks forward to doing it next year.

Councilman Borden thanked everyone for supporting Riverfest. He noted a lot of things have been achieved in the past three years. He noted we must invest in our community and did a good job doing so. He noted the Riverfest supports many organizations and businesses. Councilman Borden thanked the sponsors. He noted three businesses in the community decorated their marquees to show their support. He thanked Crest Ford, Carl Crook Insurance Company, Kentucky Fried Chicken out of Woodhaven, Taco Bell, Supreme Comfort, Police Officer, schools, businesses, Volunteers and City Workers for making this possible. He noted we are making a

statement in a positive way. He inquired if the road assessment review was done, Mayor Dropiewski every road is being assessed and not done yet.

Councilman Borden asked for approval to set the dates for 2014 Country Blast in the Park. The proposed date is June 14th or 15th.

Resolution 10-7-02

Motion by Borden
Supported by Moore

RESOLVED, to approve the proposed dates for the 2014 Country Blast in the Park with the date being June 14th or 15th

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, the Flat Rock Community Foundation will come back at a later time with the required permit

Motion carried 5-2
With Wrobel and Wilkins voting no

Councilwoman Wilkins noted she was going to inquire about the ordinance officer and police officer position but will wait to hear the update from the Mayor.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski updated on the building department position. He announced a grant is available for services with other communities and is currently working with another community on inspection services. We should hear about the grants shortly and waiting on clarification from the state on what we can use the funds for. This is why we are waiting on hiring a full time building director and the part time ordinance officer positions.

Mayor Dropiewski updated the DPS Director position. He noted we interviewed several candidates and narrowed it down to an outstanding candidate but he had to withdraw his name from consideration. The Mayor noted the 2nd and 3rd candidates wouldn't be the exact fit at this time. His recommendation is having Matt Sype continue in the position until the end of the year and we will search again.

Mayor Dropiewski noted repairs to the steps outside City Hall. The Department Heads are looking into a long term plan to fix them. He also noted the City Hall and Library parking lot need to be fixed because they are in rough shape.

Mayor Dropiewski thanked everyone for attending Riverfest. A lot of people came out and had a lot of fun. He gave special thanks the Councilman Borden for chairing the event.

Mayor Dropiewski noted the bike path is completed after 10 years. The ribbon cutting is 10-9-2013 at 4:00 PM at Oakwood Metro Park and Flat Rock Opening on 10.12.2013 at 10:00 AM at Huroc Park.

Mayor Dropiewski congratulated the school on a very successful homecoming and noted the football team is playing hard and congratulated them.

Mayor Dropiewski noted the city is receiving complaints on speeding. He reminded residents to slow down especially around the schools.

Mayor Dropiewski noted the lawn ordinance was drafted by the city attorney and is being reviewed by department heads and he is awaiting their comments.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item 8-A-Bid recommendation for Solid Waste Services

Resolution 10-7-03

Motion by Gagne
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to award the bid for Solid Waste Services bid to Rizzo Environmental Services November 2013 thru November 2016

Councilmembers asked questions and voiced concerns to the DPS Director and both representatives from Rizzo Environment Services and Stevens Environmental. Representatives from both communities spoke regarding their services to the city and history on their company.

Motion carried unanimously

Item 8-B-Bid recommendation for pavement replacement on Maple View Lane

Resolution 10-7-04

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to award the bid recommendation to G.V. Cement for pavement replacement on Maple View Lane, total awarded amount is \$56,487.50. The work will generally include removing the existing concrete pavement and replacing it with 8" concrete and installing sub drains along the new curb lines

Motion carried unanimously

Item 8-C- Evergreen Street Pavement Replacement – Payment number one in the amount of \$73,873.35

Resolution 10-7-05

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve payment number 1 to G.V. Cement for the Evergreen Street Pavement Replacement in the amount of \$73,873.35. This project is funded through the Community Development Block Grant

Motion carried unanimously

9. NEW BUSINESS

Item 9-A-Purchase of one new police patrol car from State forfeiture funds

Resolution 10-7-06

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of one Ford Interceptor police patrol car from Crest Ford of Flat Rock using State forfeiture funds in the amount of \$25,454.25

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-B- SMART Municipal Credit Contract for Fiscal Year 2014

Resolution 10-7-07

Motion by Gagne
Supported by Moore

RESOLVED, to approve the SMART Municipal Credit Contract for Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014) for the amount of \$9,728.00

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-C- Trick or Treat Halloween hours for October 31, 2013 (recommended hours 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM)

Resolution 10-7-08

Motion by Martin
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to approve Trick or Treat Halloween hours for October 31, 2013 (recommended hours 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM)

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9- D- Set public hearing for amendment, transfer and approval of application for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for Ford Motor Company – Flat Rock Assembly Plant for October 21, 2013 at 7:30 PM

Resolution 10-7-09

Motion by Martin
Supported by Gagne

RESOLVED, to set a public hearing for amendment, transfer and approval of application for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for Ford Motor Company – Flat Rock Assembly Plant on October 21, 2013 at 7:30 PM

Motion carried unanimously

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

On Sunday, October 20, 2013 at 1pm, a Tree Dedication Ceremony for a Crimson Maple tree that was purchased for Carol Gibbons by Shirley Kinsey will take place. The tree has been planted near her husband, Bill's near the city marquee by Playscape. An engraved marker will be presented to Shirley for pictures then she will give it back to us to be cemented in at a later date

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution 10-7-10

Motion by Martin
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of October 7, 2013 at 9:11P.M.

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DATE: _____
Approved

MEAGHAN K. ARMSTRONG, CITY CLERK