

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015

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: Beller, Bergeron, Martin, and Tefend

ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk Meaghan Bachman, Fire Chief Bill Vack, Police Chief John Leacher, Department of Public Service Director Matt Sype, Recreation Director Rodney Wade, Treasurer Brian Marciniak, Economic Development Director Liz Hendley, Building Director Larry Dishaw, and City Attorney David Grunow

Resolution 10-19-01

Motion by Martin
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, That Flat Rock City Council hereby excuses Council Members Thomas and Wrobel as absent at the regular City Council meeting of October 19, 2015

Motion carried unanimously

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution 10-19-02

Motion by Martin
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 5, 2015 as presented

Motion carried unanimously

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Commissioner Raymond E. Basham's office presented the City of Flat Rock with a 50th Anniversary Proclamation. The proclamation was presented to Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski and the City Council during the regular meeting

State Representative Bill LaVoy presented a special tribute honoring the 50th anniversary of Flat Rock being incorporated as a City. The state of Michigan tribute was signed by State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood, State Representative Bill LaVoy and Governor Rick Snyder. The tribute was presented to Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski and the City Council during the regular meeting

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell's office presented a Congressional Record acknowledgement of Flat Rock's 50th anniversary to the Mayor and City Council/

Sue Farrar of Huron Woods spoke regarding the maintenance work contracted by G.L.C. Landscaping for Huron Woods Subdivision. It was noted the cost of the invoice wasn't included in the October 5, 2015 meeting minutes; it was noted the minutes would be amended to reflect the invoiced amount along with additional comments made by Sue Farrar. She voiced concerns regarding the contracted work.

Residents spoke to represent the neighbor of Red Cedar and Tamarack. The residents presented a petition to tear down the home of Barb Baker. They noted the house is condemned; smells bad, rodents are on the property. They would like the house demolished. Building Director Larry Dishaw noted the homeowner has received tickets and he is in the process of condemning the property. It may take a couple months he noted.

Lynn Ferguson spoke regarding the Red Cedar and Vreeland homes. He passed out pictures of the homes and noted a petition was sent to the Mayor and Council last year to have it demolished. He noted the home has several ordinance violations. Mr. Ferguson spoke of many concerns with the property and how the issues are affecting the neighbor's property.

Robert Noble of Pebble Brook Way spoke regarding the maintenance work contracted by G.L.C. Landscaping for Huron Woods Subdivision. He questioned why the homeowners are being assessed for the work that (he felt) isn't owned by the residents in Huron Woods but rather by the State Land Bank (inside the fence area). Attorney Grunow suggested the correct information, including who owns the property and who is responsible to maintain the property can be found in the deed and covenants and restrictions. Sue Farrar joined in while Mr. Noble spoke regarding a meeting in 1997 discussing the Huron Woods pond and a hold harmless agreement for upkeep and maintenance. She felt the residents should have been notified of the maintenance project and option to bid on it. She voiced other concerns with the project.

Leila Ballard of Huron Woods previously asked for information on what the homeowners owe and what they are responsible for, in regards the landscaping work for Huron Woods. She noted it has been several weeks and asked for an update as soon as possible.

Leonard Parsons of Glen View Lane asked about back taxes and the Land Bank. He asked once this is cleared up, will "we" be able to purchase it. Mr. Parsons just wanted to make sure the homeowners are not responsible for the back taxes.

Joe from Glen View Lane asked where the deed restrictions can be found. Attorney Grunow noted he can receive the information from the Wayne County Register of Deeds or with his title work.

Sharon Campbell of Huron Woods asked why she is responsible for paying the area around the pond; she noted the State Land Bank should pay for it. She noted another concern regarding a neighbor's property elevation.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Economic Development Director Liz Hendley announced Captain Nemo's and Bigby Coffee will be opening business in Flat Rock. Captain Nemo's will move into the former Ray Hunter on Telegraph and Bigby will move into a spot on Telegraph. Brett from Captain Nemo's and Diane from Bigby were introduced by Director Hendley and noted they are excited to open in Flat Rock.

Police Chief John Leacher noted announced Officer Vespremi completed his probationary period and read a letter congratulating him. Chief Leacher presented Officer Vespremi with a Challenge Coin; he noted all members of the Police Department have been given a Challenge Coin with the exception of probationary employees. Chief Leacher announced Officer Vespremi has been award officer of the quarter due to his outstanding work ethics in the department.

City Clerk Meaghan Bachman spoke of the upcoming election on November 3, 2015. She spoke regarding absentee ballots and election procedures.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

No Comments

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski gave his condolences to the family of Pastor Dave Gohn, the founding pastor of Community Lutheran Church. He noted his great services to the church and the City of Flat Rock. He announced the funeral services.

Mayor Dropiewski noted the last call to include ideas for the time capsule for Flat Rock's 50th Anniversary.

The Mayor noted the splash pad concrete will be poured in the spring of 2016 and will be up and running by the time the weather allows. A lot of the unground utility work has been completed and the project will pick back up after winter.

Mayor Dropiewski received questions regarding Vreeland and Cahill land clearing Liparoto Construction is constructing a survey to see if they can build an office and storage building.

The Mayor noted the next few months to listen for announcements for the old Kmart Plaza.

Mayor Dropiewski reminded residents of Halloween hours and reminded residents to be safe.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

Item 9-A-Payment No. 1 - City Hall Entrance Revisions – Sole' Building Company

Resolution 10-19-03

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve Payment No. 1 to Sole' Building Company for the City Hall Entrance Revisions in the amount of \$102,150.00

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-B-Payment No. 2 – City Hall Boiler Project – Mechanical Services, LLC

Resolution 10-19-04

Motion by Beller
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve Payment No. 2 for the City Hall Boiler Project to Mechanical Services, LLC in the amount of \$53,965.00

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-C-Payment No. 4 – Water Main and Pavement Repairs – RVP Construction

Resolution 10-19-05

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve Payment No. 4 for the Water Main and Pavement Repairs to RVP Construction in the amount of \$56,376.57

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-D-Change Order – City Hall LED Lighting Project – Geal Electric

Resolution 10-19-06

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the Change Order for City Hall LED Lighting Project by Geal Electric in the amount of \$3,931.00

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-E-Permission to Advertise for Bids – Cleaning, Televising, Inspecting Sanitary and Storm Water Sewer Pipes

Resolution 10-19-07

Motion by Martin
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to approve the Permission to Advertise for Bids for Cleaning, Televising, Inspecting Sanitary and Storm Water Sewer Pipes. This project is part of the Storm Water and Wastewater (SAW) grant the City received in October 2014. The work will consist of cleaning televising and inspecting 73,000 ft. of sanitary sewers and 43,000 ft. of storm sewers. All of the sewers are 20 years and older and will be evaluated using the Pipeline Assessment Certification Program. The assessment data will be incorporated into the City's asset management plan. The cost of this project is SAW grant eligible. The City's match will be either 10% or 25% or a combination thereof. The match is 10% of the first million dollars spent and 25% of the second million dollars spent. The grant total is \$2 million. The Preliminary Project Cost is \$465,000.00 with a Bid Due Date of November 12, 2015

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-F-Historical Hotel & House Landscaping and Gutter Re-routing/Grading around buildings

Resolution 10-19-08

Motion by Bergeron
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to approve the Historical Hotel & House Landscaping and Gutter Re-routing/Grading around buildings, work will be done by G.L.C. Lawn & Landscaping; moisture has been an issue in the hotel and Langs - Wagar house caused by the sinking of grading around the buildings and the downspouts pouring the drainage at the base of the foundations. G. L. C. Lawn & Landscaping has reviewed the problem and given a proposal to extend the downspouts to a pop up system and grading the buildings for \$2,454.34. On Monday, October 12, 2015, the Historical Preservation Commission voted to have the work done as soon as possible because of mold under the hotel. The crawlspace was never cleared of debris and has no vapor barrier and may need more work.

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-G-Traffic Control Order – Emma Street – No Parking, Right of Way Sign

Resolution 10-19-09

Motion by Beller
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve Traffic Control Order: TC-15-0008 – Emma Street – No Parking, Right of Way Sign

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-H-Renewal of Subscription for Mitchell 1 Software

Resolution 10-19-10

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the renewal of subscription for Mitchell 1 Software in the amount of \$2,986.56; This is the vehicle record management and repair information system used for the past year and has been very beneficial, as it includes real time repair information updates, and service and repair record keeping for the city's entire fleet of on road vehicles.

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-I-Repair Section of Asphalt Paving on Arsenal Road

Resolution 10-19-11

Motion by Martin
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to forego bidding procedure and contract Hutch Paving, of Warren, MI, to repair a section of deteriorating asphalt paving on Arsenal Road that was installed as part of the 2010 reconstruction project and surface is deteriorating' he cost of this work is \$14,500.00. Funds will be used from the original 2010 Road Construction Fund (amount available: \$29,041.72).

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-J- National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA)

Resolution 10-19-12

Motion by Martin
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to join the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) and authorize the Treasurer to enroll the City as a member

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-K-Request from Flat Rock Jewelry & Exchange to schedule a Public Hearing for the purpose of appealing the denial of a Business License Application

Resolution 10-19-13

Motion by Martin
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to approve the request from Flat Rock Jewelry & Exchange to schedule a Public Hearing for the purpose of appealing the denial of a Business License Application;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Public Hearing is set for Monday, November 16, 2015 at the request of the applicant.

Motion carried unanimously

10. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (ADDITIONAL COMMENTS):

NONE

11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

Resolution 10-19-14

Motion by Tefend
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to appoint Mark Maul to the Planning Commission with term to expire on 12/31/2017

Motion carried unanimously

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution 10-19-15

Motion by Martin
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of October 19, 2015 at 9:08 PM

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DATE: _____
Approved

MEAGHAN K. BACHMAN, CITY CLERK