

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014

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: Beller, Bergeron, Martin, Thomas and Wrobel

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Bill Vack, Police Chief John Leacher, DPS Director Matt Sype, Recreation Director Joann Pawlukiewicz, City Treasurer Brian Marciniak, Building Director Bernie Ciupak, Economic Development Director Liz Hendley, Attorney David Grunow and City Clerk Meaghan Bachman

Resolution 10-20-01

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, That Flat Rock City Council hereby **EXCUSES** Councilmember Tefend as absent at the regular City Council meeting of October 20, 2014

Motion carried unanimously

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution 10-20-02

Motion by Martin
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 6, 2014 as presented

Motion carried unanimously

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Sue Farrar of the Beautification reminded residents of the 1st Annual Home Halloween Decorating Contest. Judging will take place on Monday, October 27, 2014 between the hours of 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Winners will be announced at the November 3, 2014 Council meeting and prizes will be awarded. She noted the generous sponsorship by Superior Comfort Heating and Cooling of Flat Rock.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Building Director Bernie Ciupak noted engineering bids are being solicited for the design of the heating system for City Hall.

Recreation Director Joann Pawlukiewicz announced upcoming events hosted by the community center. She noted the Senior Christmas Party is December 4th from 1-4 PM with dinner at 2 PM. She noted Breakfast with Santa is December 6th from 9 AM – 11:30 AM.

Fire Chief Bill Vack noted the sales representative for the new ambulance has been ill and that is the delay with the specs. He noted fire protection week is October 5th – 11th and the department has visited and will visit the elementary schools in Flat Rock. He reminded residents of daylight savings time and noted to change the smoke alarm batteries. He spoke of fire safety.

Police Chief John Leacher spoke of his first day on the job. He noted meeting with several officers, command staff and department heads and looking forward to meeting all employees and residents. Chief Leacher noted he is always available to discuss any issues.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilwoman Dawn Thomas welcomed Police Chief Leacher. She asked all to be careful driving on Halloween and watch out for Trick-or-Treaters and for parents to check the children's candy. She commended the JV Football team on their 2nd win and reminded residents of the last Varsity game on Friday.

Councilman John Bergeron welcomed Police Chief Leacher. He thanked DPS Director Sype for his help with St. Roch's Church and noted the church appreciated his help.

Councilman Jim Martin welcomed Police Chief Leacher.

Councilman Steve Beller welcomed Police Chief Leacher.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski expressed his condolences to the City of Taylor on the passing of former Mayor Jeff Lamarand. He also gave his condolences to the family.

Mayor Dropiewski reminded residents to be mindful of Trick-or-Treat hours. He noted the police department will be out and hope to have fire department staff available. He noted Halloween will not be delayed due to weather conditions.

Mayor Dropiewski welcomed Police Chief Leacher and noted the city is excited to have him.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

Item 9-A- Halloween Trick – or – Treat Hours

Resolution 10-20-03

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to set Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM on Friday, October 31, 2014

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-B- Request to seek bids for senior bus; CDBG funds used to purchase bus

Resolution 10-20-04

Motion by Martin
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to approve the request to seek bids for senior bus purchase; Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds used to purchase bus – approximately \$102,191.34 available – the bid advertisement will be published on October 26, 2014 in the News Herald

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-C-Resolution to approve the Flat Rock Fire Department to participate in the Downriver Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Division

Resolution 10-20-05

Motion by Thomas
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, WHEREAS, City of Flat Rock has the power, privilege and authority to maintain and operate a fire department providing fire protection, fire suppression, emergency medical services, technical rescue, hazardous incident response, and other emergency response services (“Fire Services”); and

WHEREAS, Fire Services can further be improved by cooperation between political subdivisions during times of public emergency, conflagration or disaster (“Incidents”); and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Constitution of 1963, Article 7, § 28, and the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967, Act No. 7 of the Public Acts of 1967, Ex. Sess., being MCL 124.501 et seq. (the “Act”), permit a political subdivision to exercise jointly with any other political subdivision any power, privilege or authority which such political subdivisions share in common and which each might exercise separately; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flat Rock desires to enter into an interlocal agreement, pursuant to the Act, to further improve Fire Services; and

WHEREAS, the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS), is a mechanism that may be used for deploying personnel and equipment in a multi-jurisdictional or multi-agency emergency mutual aid response; and

WHEREAS, as a result of entering into an interlocal agreement to further improve Fire Services, the Parties are creating the Downriver MABAS Division; and

WHEREAS, Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk has the authority to execute this Agreement pursuant to resolution of its governing body; and

WHEREAS, Flat Rock Fire Department desires to commit personnel and equipment to another Party if deemed reasonable upon the request of another Party; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: City of Flat Rock finds it is the best interest of its citizens from a safety and fiscal standpoint to enter into the Interlocal Agreement creating the Downriver Division.

Motion carried unanimously

10. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (ADDITIONAL COMMENTS):

NONE

11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

None

CLOSED SESSION

Item A - Convene into closed session to discuss: Labor Negotiations, Fire Department

Resolution 10-20-06

Motion by Martin
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to convene into closed session to discuss fire department labor negotiations
Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 10-20-07

Motion by Martin
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to reconvene into the regular City Council meeting

Motion carried unanimously

12. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Resolution 10-20-08

Motion by Martin
Supported by Thomas

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of October 20, 2014 at 9:14 PM

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DATE: _____
Approved

MEAGHAN K. BACHMAN, CITY CLERK