

**AMENDED REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 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, Tefend, Thomas, and Wrobel

ALSO PRESENT: 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

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Resolution 10-05-01**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Thomas

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of September 21, 2015 as presented

Motion carried unanimously

**4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Sue Farrar, Chairman of the Beautification Commission announced the annual Halloween Home Decorating Contest. She noted the nomination forms can be picked up and dropped off at City Hall. Sue Farrar announced the Beautification Commission is selling ornaments at the Treasurer's office for \$15.00 each.

**5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**AMENDED:** Department of Public Service Director Matt Sype asked for permission to contract with G.L.C. Landscaping for Huron Woods Subdivision Maintenance; the following motion was made:

**Resolution 10-05-02**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to contract with G.L.C. Landscaping *in the amount of \$4,487.49* for Huron Woods Subdivision Maintenance and to assess the homeowners for the work. All brush and weeds will be

removed for the retention pond area that services Huron Woods Phase I and II Subdivisions. Per the P.U.D.'s of these subdivisions, the city has been placed responsible for maintenance of the pond, pump station, and surrounding area with provisions for the city to assess the property owners for this work.

Motion carried unanimously

Police Chief John Leacher announced the retirement of Lieutenant Jeffrey Metz and he noted Kevin Murphy has been promoted to Lieutenant. Chief Leacher announced both new vehicles will be in service before the snow season. He noted background investigations are being conducted for new police patrol candidates. He noted an accident occurred with a patrol car.

Fire Chief Bill Vack announced the new ambulance is in service. He noted Fire Prevention week. He updated on calls regarding smells in the east side of town; the smell is coming from FRAP's sludge pits due to change in chemicals.

Economic Development Director Liz Hendley presented "Flat Rock, Our Hometown Events" along with Bill Barker; it is a City-sponsored, volunteer-driven activity to develop a Downtown Business District that attracts residents and businesses, promotes commercial investment and spur economic growth. Permission was asked to close a portion of Seneca on October 24, 2015 from 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM for Trunk or Treat and other activities by Flat Rock businesses. The following motion was made:

**Resolution 10-05-03**

Motion by Dropiewski  
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to close Seneca on October 24, 2015 from 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM for Trunk or Treat and other activities by Flat Rock businesses

Motion carried unanimously

Treasurer Brian Marciniak encouraged citizens to use the drop box outside of City Hall during construction. He noted is a receipt or verification of payment is requested to include a self-addressed envelope. Treasurer Marciniak noted a resolution is needed to change the authorized representative for the SAW Grant; currently Clerk Bachman is the representative due to the prior vacancy in the Treasurer's office. The following motion was made:

**Resolution 10-05-04**

Motion by Wrobel  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, The City of Flat Rock Mayor and City Council hereby appoints the City Treasurer, a position currently held by Brian Marciniak, as the Authorized Representative for purposes of the SAW Grant Agreement

Motion carried unanimously

**6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Council Member Dawn Thomas spoke of the Flat Rock Homecoming Parade.

Council Member John Bergeron congratulated Lieutenant Jeff Metz and Lieutenant Kevin Murphy.

Council Member Jim Martin asked about Red Cedar project, Director Sype noted it will start on October 6, 2015. Council Member Martin asked about the demolition of the Red Cedar house and Director Dishaw noted it was posted as condemned today and ticketing is in process.

Council Member Ken Wrobel noted lots of good stuff is going on around town, such as the streetscape. He thanked Bill Barker and "Flat Rock, Our Home Town".

**7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Dropiewski thanked Flat Rock Schools for participating with Homecoming and recapped the festivities.

The Mayor congratulated Lieutenant Jeff Metz on retirement and Lieutenant Kevin Murphy on his promotion.

Mayor Dropiewski noted the chip sealing will start again in the spring.

The Mayor noted the Little League concession stand was broken into over the weekend. He noted the Police Department is looking for the suspects.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 9-A-Halloween Trick-or-Treat Hours on October 31, 2015 – Recommended hours are 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**Resolution 10-05-05**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to set the Halloween Trick-or-Treat Hours from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM on October 31, 2015

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-B-Painting of the Bobcean Stable, Wagar House Porches and Bar Section of the Smith Hotel**

**Resolution 10-05-06**

Motion by Thomas  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the request from the Historic Preservation Commission to repaint the exterior of the Bobcean Stable, Wagar House Porches and Bar Section of the Smith Hotel Building as they are peeling and in need of repainting; Perfection Plus Painting & Decorating an estimate of \$4,660 to power wash, repair any damaged boards, fill in nail holes and prime and paint all three areas.

Motion carried unanimously  
**Item 9-C-EH&S Compliance Solution – MSDSONline**

**Resolution 10-05-07**

Motion by Thomas  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the contract with MSDSONline, a chemical management solutions software for Environment, Health & Safety (EH&S) regulations. MSDSONline will allow the City to add all chemical products into a cloud database by department and further, divisions. This program will be used to track and manage chemicals from City Hall, Police & Fire Department, DPS Garage, Mechanic's Garage, Water Department, and Parks & Recreation. MSDSONline will automatically update the data sheets if the chemical formula changes, allowing the City to stay in compliance with OSHA standards. In addition, the program will allow to create custom labels with words, pictograms, hazard statement, and precautionary statements to place on spray bottles and containers. The program will be managed by City Clerk Meaghan Bachman and DPS Director Matt Sype.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the cost of the program is based on a 3 year contract paid annually. The Downriver Community Conference has partnered with MSDSONline to offer a 20% discount, which is reflected on the proposal totaling \$2,319.00 annually.

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-D-Invoice for Roof Repairs to the City Hall Building due to Boiler Pipe Removal**

**Resolution 10-05-08**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to approve the invoice for Roof Repairs to the City Hall Building due to Boiler Pipe Removal in the amount of \$3000.00

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-E- Payment No. 1 – Police Department Women’s Locker Room Project – Building Technology Services, LLC**

**Resolution 10-05-09**

Motion by Bergeron  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve Payment No. 1 – Police Department Women’s Locker Room Project – Building Technology Services, LLC in the amount of \$27,164.50

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-F- Progress Payment No.3 – Aspen Blvd. Road Reconstruction – Hard Rock Concrete, Inc.**

**Resolution 10-05-10**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to approve Progress Payment No.3 – Aspen Blvd. Road Reconstruction – Hard Rock Concrete, Inc. in the amount of \$283,479.62

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, an additional \$10,000.00 was held from the invoiced amount; total payment is \$283,479.62

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-G- Reaffirmation of Inter-Local Agreement/Downriver Community Conference**

**Resolution 10-05-11**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to approve the reaffirmation of Inter-Local Agreement/Downriver Community Conference; it is approved the Mayor is authorized to reaffirm the agreement

Motion carried unanimously

**10. AMENDED: CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (ADDITIONAL COMMENTS):**

*Sue Farrar of 30645 Apple Grove Way, requested further explanation about Resolution 10-05-02 passed earlier for Huron Woods Subdivision maintenance of brush and weed removal at the retention pond area.*

**11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Item-A- Crown Corr v City of Flat Rock – Michigan Tax Tribunal Litigation**

**Resolution 10-05-12**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to convene into closed session at to discuss Crown Corr v City of Flat Rock – Michigan Tax Tribunal Litigation

Motion carried unanimously

**Resolution 10-05-13**

Motion by Bergeron  
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to reconvene into open session

Motion carried unanimously

**Resolution 10-05-14**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to authorize City Attorney David Grunow to settle with Crown Corr for the True Cash Value of \$280,000.00

Motion carried unanimously

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Resolution 10-05-15**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of October 5, 2015 at 9:24 PM

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously

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**JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Approved**

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**BRIAN MARCINIAK, ACTING CITY CLERK**