

**REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 02, 2009**

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 Jones, Pro-Tem Martin, Gagne, Painter, Wrobel, Dropiewski and Tefend.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

11-02-01 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to approve the regular minutes of October 19, 2009 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Beautification Commission:** Presentation to Ron Klingel in recognition as photographer for Santa Comes to Flat Rock.

Sue Farrar and Sue Martin presented Mr. Klingel with a photographer's Christmas ornament in gratitude for all the work he has done for the Beautification Commission and especially for photographing Santa Comes to Flat Rock for the Beautification scrape book.

**5. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Sue Farrar announced a fundraiser for Aron Bonk, a Flat Rock high school graduate, 29 years old with heart disease and just underwent a triple bypass surgery. He wont be able to return to work for at least three months and they need help with bills. The fundraiser is \$10 adults and \$5 for children or donations can be made to 5/3 Bank – Aron Bonk Fundraiser.

**6. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

City Clerk asked everyone to get out and vote tomorrow. The polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm.

Bruce Hammond, DPS Director, stated the City hosted Wayne County's Hazardous Waste Collection Day on October 24<sup>th</sup> which was a huge success, about 1,000 cars (222 from Flat Rock) participated. Dropiewski and Painter suggested we host it more often. Mr. Hammond said the Vreeland Road extension paving project road

construction is done and they are working on the approaches to blend with the new road. He stated construction will begin either Tuesday or Wednesday on Apple Grove Way and will continue to work on Red Cedar, Magnolia and Silver Court as the weather permits and before it gets too cold to pour concrete.

**7. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Councilman Gagne said he was impressed with the trees in the park. He asked the status of the Huron Woods foreclosure process and the City Attorney told him we are in a 60 day waiting period. Mr. Gagne asked about the agreement with Meijer for \$30,000 toward infrastructure and the Attorney said it was predicated on Meijer coming to Flat Rock and no decision has been made yet.

Councilman Tefend asked what is happening with K-Mart? George Mans, Economic Development Director, said the new owner is having trouble getting financing to complete the exterior restoration of the building. He said he talked with a possible tenant today and maybe one store at a time is the way to go. The new owner paid \$700,000 to take the property out of foreclosure and it would cost several million dollars to bring it totally up to code and he is unable to get that financing right now. Mr. Mans said the bottom line is nothing is happening at K-Mart right now and they are trying to work at one store at a time.

Councilman Painter complimented the Fire and Police Department for their Halloween presence in the community and Mr. Hammond on the hazardous waste day.

All the Council Members asked everyone to get out and vote tomorrow.

**8. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Jones said he got a quote from the contractor who is doing the tennis courts to pave the gravel road across. He said the quote is \$17,000 and since the tennis courts doesn't cost all the grant he would like to get approval for a change order to pave the gravel road contingent on the County paying for it.

11-02-02 Motion by Jones supported by Gagne to approve the Mayor signing a change order to pave the gavel road across contingent on the County paying for it.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jones said he wanted to clarify how the money flow from the court is determined. This subject came up regarding seat belt tickets and whether it cost the city money or not. He said \$65.00 is charged to the person who violates the seat belt law. \$43.00 stays with the court, \$22.00 is remitted back to Flat Rock, however, we have to add money to that because every violation that goes thru the court costs us \$85.00 in court budget cost. Subtract \$85.00 court cost from the \$22.00 that was remitted back to the city and you have \$63.00 lost on that ticket.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Item A – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ordinance to amend the Downtown Development District.

11-02-03 Motion by Martin supported by Wrobel to suspend the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

11-02-04 Motion by Wrobel supported by Painter to approve Ordinance 267(D) as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – City Engineer’s recommendation to award bid for Huroc Park Sewer Pump Station Upgrade.

11-02-05 Motion by Jones supported by Dropiewski to approve the engineer’s recommendation and award the bid to the low bidder, Lawrence M. Clark, Inc., in the amount of \$135,130.00.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Evergreen Street Paving Project – Payment #2 (Block Grant Project).

11-02-06 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve payment to G.V. Cement in the amount of \$30,138.18 as recommended by the City Engineer.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Fire Department Drive Replacement – Payment #1.

11-02-07 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to pay G.V. Cement in the amount of \$41,030.50 as recommended by the City Engineer.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

Item A – Approval and method of payment for fire truck.

11-02-08 Motion by Tefend supported by Gagne to approve.

No action.

11-02-09 (substitute motion) Motion by Jones supported by Wrobel to table item A until the special meeting next Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Motion carried 6-1 with Tefend voting no.

Item B – Payment of invoice to Detroit Salt Company.

11-02-10 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to approve payment in the amount of \$4,155.53.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Payment to Townsend Neon Inc. to repaint City welcome signs.

11-02-11 Motion by Wrobel supported by Tefend to pay the invoice in the amount of \$3,000.00.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Rockwood Area Lions Club request to solicit funds through “White Cane Week” December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, Telegraph and E. Huron River Drive.

11-02-12 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to approve as requested.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – Mayor’s recommendation to reappoint members to various commissions.

11-02-13 Motion by Gagne supported by Dropiewski to approve the Mayor’s recommendation and appoint Glenn Hobgood to the Building & Safety Board, Bruce Hammond to the Flat Rock Building Authority, Timothy Spees and Mark Wrobel to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Marilyn Young and Sue Martin to the Beautification Commission, Barbara Fedon and Peggy Remer to the Board of Canvassers and Carol Gibbons to the Board of Review.

Motion carried 6-1 with Painter voting no.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE: None**

11-02-14 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to go into Closed Session at 8:01 pm.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jones called a 5 minute recess.

11-02-15 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to go back into Open Session at 8:25 p.m.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

11-02-16 Motion by Martin supported by Painter to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:26 p.m.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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**RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR**

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**LORENE BUTSKI, CITY CLERK**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**approved**