

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2007

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, Council Members Martin, Dropiewski, Painter, Wrobel and Gagne.

11-05-01 Motion by Martin supported by Painter to excuse absent Council member Tefend.

Motion carried 5-1 with Gagne voting no.

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Vack, DPS Director Hammond, Building Director John Russ, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz, City Clerk Butski, Economic Development Director George Mans, Steve Tallman, Police Chief, Brenda Tallman Treasurer and Attorney Dave Grunow and LaVonne Cronenwett of Remerica Country Homes.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

11-05-02 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to approve the Regular Minutes of October 15, 2007 as corrected. Change motion 10-15-03 to read, "Motion carried 4-2. Tefend, Wrobel, Dropiewski, Martin voting yes, Mayor Jones and Gagne voting no."

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

John Russ, Building Director, informed Council that Neumann Homes are filing for chapter 11 bankruptcy and Infinity Homes has purchased all the remaining lots and will continue to build under the existing PUD. They will assume the letter of credit and finish the remaining work. The sign for Neumann Homes will come down when the contract is signed.

George Mans, Economic Development Director, Freedman Reality has a potential buyer for the K-Mart property and is working on a contract. Their aim is to tear down the south end of the buildings and keep the two main buildings. Mr. Mans

requested Mayor and Council to hold off with demolition until we see what takes place. John Russ, Building Director stated that if the whole property was demolished a builder would have to go through restrictive process with the DEQ, Wayne County and environmental issues.

11-05-03 Motion by Jones supported by Gagne to instruct the Building Director to hold off demolition of the K-Mart property for a period of four (4) months.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Jonathan Dropiewski asked the public to get out and vote tomorrow. He also stated he attended the DCC meeting last Thursday where a representative from the Michigan Department of Transportation announced that beginning in February of 2008 through December, 2009, both lanes of I75 will be closed completely from Clark Street to Rosa Parks for re-construction. People are being asked to find an alternate route like Southfield and 94.

Council Member Eric Painter asked the public to remember to vote and requested criteria for setting parking restrictions on certain streets i.e.; one side vs. both sides. DPS Director stated a 27' wide street has parking on one side and a 32' wide street can have parking on both sides. He also announced there will be a spaghetti dinner and silent auction to benefit Firefighter Matt Antieau who has been diagnosed with Muscular Sclerosis, Friday, December 14th at the Community Center.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Jones stated the 2008 CDBG funds is \$84,000 and would like to set aside \$30,000 for the Truncated Dome Sidewalk project and \$54,000 for the Senior Bus Garage. Mayor and Council set a public hearing for December 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A – Letter from City Attorney re: Celtic Farms Development, agreement requiring maintenance & repair of storm management system & grant of easement.

City Attorney stated the platt is approved but will not be signed until matters are taken care of..

11-05-04 Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to approve the agreement.

All present voting yes, Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – City Engineer's recommendation to pay Inv. #2229 from Signature Sealants & Waterproofing 80% of City Hall Window Sealing project.

11-05-05 Motion by Martin supported by Dropiewski to approve payment.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – LaVonne Cronenwett, Remerica Country Homes re: Sewer tap-in.

Discussion re: an all inclusive agreement with Berlin Township.

11-05-06 Motion by Gagne supported by Jones to approve the tap-in contingent on approval from Berlin Township.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – 33rd Judicial District Courts 2008 proposed budget.

11-05-07 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the budget as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Letter from City Attorney re: Adoption of Benefit Program E for retirees (Divisions 01, 02 and 10).

11-05-08 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to approve the adoption of Benefit E program.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Request from the Kiwanis Club of F. R. for use of Holt Street right of way to sell Christmas trees.

11-05-09 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Wrobel to approve the request.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – Request from City Attorney to appoint two Council Members to consider TPOAM Grievance No, 01-09-07.

Council Members Painter and Dropiewski volunteered to hear the grievance.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Letter from Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Nagorski re: Mackinac Island trip through the Recreation Center.

Item B – Planning Commission minutes of August 27, 2007.

Item C – Planning Commission minutes of September 24, 2007.

11-05-10 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to adjourn the regular meeting
at 8:00 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CITY CLERK

DATE: _____
approved