

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010

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

ALSO PRESENT: DPS Director Hammond, Treasurer Lambrix, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz, Police Chief Rossow, Economic Director Mans, City Attorney Grunow, Building Director John Russ, Fire Chief Vack and Clerk Butski.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

11-15-01 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 1, 2010 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Andrea Jones, Community Representative, Great Lakes Division, Inc., Southeast Michigan Office, presented the Mayor a Certificate of Appreciation for hosting the American Cancer Society Relay For Life for the past seven years. Flat Rock has helped raise over \$330,000 for cancer research. She stated that Wayne County, Mi. is one of the top ten fund raisers in the nation. The next relay will be May 14-15, 2011 at the Community Park and invited everyone to the next information meeting at Flat Rock First Congregational Church on November 30, 2010 from 6-7 pm.

Sue Farrar, Beautification Commission Chair Person, announced Santa's arrival on November 30th at 6:30 pm at the Warming Center. This event is open to all Flat Rock children ages 10 and under.

Sue also announced there are no registrations to fill out for the Home/Business Decorating Contest this year. The judges will tour the city after 6 pm on December 15, 2010 and the winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded at the December 20th council meeting.

Patrick VanBuren, Woodcreek Subdivision, asked if the builders sign could be removed and John Russ, Building Director, said he would take care of it.

5. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

John Russ, Building Director, stated the city hall elevator had been tested and is in good condition.

Fire Chief Vack, addressed a copy of House Bill No. 6566 which would prohibit a local unit of government from charging a fee to a person, or from seeking reimbursement for costs from a person, for providing emergency response services at a motor vehicle accident ie; cost recovery.

11-15-02 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to authorize the City Attorney to draft a resolution opposing this House Bill No. 6566.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

DPS Director Bruce Hammond updated council on the road paving projects. He said Arsenal and Vreeland Roads should be complete by Friday, Hall Road should be open by next week.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Martin suggested Huroc Park be cleaned up and also reported the light outages on Aspen Blvd.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski invited everyone to Santa Comes to Flat Rock, November 30th from 6 – 8 pm and also Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 11th from 9 am to 11:30 am at the Community Center. He announced the Flat Rock Family Café's 26th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the needy and homeless Tuesday, November 23rd from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm. Donations are appreciated for the cost of dinner. Mayor also reminded the seniors of the Flat Rock Senior Christmas Gathering on Thursday, December 9th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Community Center.

Mayor said he has been meeting with other mayors regarding the tax issue and hopes to have an update at the next meeting.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – Agreement for CDGB between Charter County of Wayne and its subrecipients.

11-15-03 Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to authorize Mayor to sign the agreement as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Public Utility Franchises (gas & electric).

11-15-04 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to suspend the first reading of the ordinances.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Retirement of Lt. Frank Castellese.

11-15-05 Motion by Wrobel supported by Tefend to approve the City waive the 25-year requirement and pay 100% of his retiree healthcare benefits and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – MDNR & E community public water supply annual fee.

11-15-06 Motion by Martin supported by Moore to the invoice in the amount of \$2,320.58 as submitted.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – Reappointments to Beautification Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

11-15-07 Motion by Gagne supported by Tefend to approve the Mayor’s recommendation and reappoint the following: Beautification Commission – Sue Farrar, Louise Pinter and Donna Davis with terms of office to expire 12-31-13. Zoning Board of Appeals – Christopher Ceane and David Ballard with terms of office to expire 12-31-13.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Letter from Beautification Commission re: Santa Comes to Flat Rock. (See Citizens to be Heard).

Item B – Resolution from the DCC Board of Directors in support of Senate Bill 1475.

No Action

11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Rockwood Area Lions Club request to sell Christmas candy Friday, December 10th and Saturday, December 11th at Telegraph and E. Huron River Drive.

11-15-08 Motion by Martin supported by Wrobel to approve the request.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Vreeland Road Street Lighting – REVISED.

11-15-09 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to approve the revised cost of street lighting subject to DDA approval.

Discussion. City Attorney stated Council had recently approved the DTE contract in the amount of \$54,876.33 (a DDA project). The 26 lights were increased in height to

accommodate banners; however, DTE changed their representative and the updated agreement increasing the cost for the banner accommodations was not previously submitted for Council approval. The revised agreement increases the cost for the poles from \$54,876.33 to \$64,209.67.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dropiewski announced that Tuesday, November 16th at 3:00 pm the Consul General of Japan Mr. Kuninori Matsuda and Consul (in charge of Automotive, Political & Economic affairs), Mr. Nobutoshi Hori, will visit Flat Rock City Hall.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

11-15-10 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to adjourn the regular Council meeting at 8:00 p.m.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN D. DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CMC, CITY CLERK

DATE: _____
approved