

**REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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:** Pro-Tem Martin, Gagne, Painter, Wrobel and Dropiewski.

**ABSENT:** Mayor Jones and Council Member Tefend.

**11-16-01** Motion by Painter supported by Dropiewski to excuse the absent members.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**11-16-02** Motion by Gagne supported by Dropiewski to approve the minutes of November 02, 2009 as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:** None

**5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Building Director, John Russ, reported a sanitary sewer line in Woodcreek Phase 4 failed due to pea gravel left in the sewer by the construction crew. He said the DPS did a great job unplugging the sewer.

DPS Director, Bruce Hammond, reported the Vreeland Road Paving Project is complete and the 4-way signal system is being installed. When this is complete Vreeland Road extension will be open. He also reported the tennis courts will be poured Wednesday and completed in the spring. Apple Grove Street has been paved and Red Cedar will be paved tomorrow.

**6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Council Member Dropiewski thanked everyone who voted in the election. He said he felt grateful and humbled to be elected Mayor and looked forward to working with everyone.

Council Member Gagne said he was grateful for being re-elected. He also reported that City Bank, who handles the banking for the City, seems to be solid and doing well for the City.

Council Member Painter thanked the citizens for their support at the polls and Mayor Pro Tem Martin thanked everyone for his re-election.

7. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** None

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Item A – Payment to James Brothers, Inc. for tree planting in Huron Park, \$29,206.00 (Marathon Pipeline deposited \$50,000 for this project).

11-16-03 Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to pay the invoice as presented.

There was discussion regarding the balance of the money from Marathon Pipeline. Mr. Hammond said there would be more trees planted with it.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Payment to Wayne County for April-Sept., 09 for Cross Connect in the amount of \$13,268.00.

11-16-04 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to pay the invoice as presented.

Bruce Hammond stated the City has a contract with the Wayne County Department of Public Health to do inspections of businesses through out the City for “back fill prevention”. He stated he is looking into other options to get a lower cost.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Item A – Request for commitment from the City and to direct Treasurer to obtain financing for Hall, Vreeland & Arsenal Road paving projects.

11-16-05 Motion by Wrobel supported by Painter to let Wayne County know the City is committed to these projects and to have the Treasurer look into financing the balance.

Discussion re: Vreeland Road could possibly be paid for by the DDA due to it being in the DDA District.

Motion carried 4-1 with Council Member Gagne voting no.

Item B – Request from City Treasurer to approve proposal from Watkins Ross & Co. to perform actuarial report on Other Post Employment Benefits in the amount of \$3,695.00.

Treasurer Debra Lambrix stated this requirement is mandatory for the annual audit for year ending June 30, 2009 and must be updated every three years.

11-16-06 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to concur with the Treasurer and pay Watkins Ross and Company \$3,695.00 to provide the service as requested.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Invoice from MDEQ re: annual fee for community public water supply in the amount of \$2,324.32.

11-16-07 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to pay the invoice as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Payment to BS&A Software for annual equalizer internet service/support in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Discussion as to the necessity of updating daily as opposed to weekly or monthly, etc. Treasurer was asked to try getting the price lowered.

11-16-08 Motion by Painter supported by Dropiewski to table the item until the next meeting for a report from the Treasurer.

Item E – Request to hold a public hearing Monday, December 21, 2009 re: MDOT grant application.

George Mans stated the entire project cost is \$750,000 and the City has already applied for a grant for \$500,000. He said this grant is for \$250,000 and if we get it the project will not cost the City anything. He said the grant is for a project linking Huroc Park in the City with the Oakwoods Metropolitan Park, a property of the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Park Authority.

11-16-09 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Wrobel to set a public hearing for Monday, December 21, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

11-16-10 Motion by Painter supported by Dropiewski to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:55 p,m,

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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**JAMES E. MARTIN, MAYOR PRO-TEM**

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**LORENE BUTSKI, CMC, CITY CLERK**

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