

**REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 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 Pro-tem Dropiewski, Council Members Martin, Tefend, Painter and Gagne.

**11-19-01** Motion by Painter supported by Tefend to excuse absent Council member Wrobel and Mayor Jones.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**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 Carolyn Grapentine, Flat Rock High School Science Teacher.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**11-19-02** Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the Regular Minutes of November 5, 2007 as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Item A – Presentation by Science Club Teacher, Carolyn Grapentine.

Mrs. Grapentine showed slides of the students testing the general health of the Huron River for depth, width, sediment, bugs and insects. She stated the variety is down a little but the species are the same as the last couple years. All test results are sent to the Huron River Water Shed Council. Mrs. Grapentine thanked AutoAlliance for supporting this project.

Stan Grumeretz, Engineer from SSOE and representing Meijers, stated the Meijer Corporation of Grand Rapids will hold an informational meeting in the Flat Rock Community Center on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Meijer has rented the main room to display information relating to their wish to locate a store in our community at Telegraph and Vreeland Roads. He welcomed everyone to attend.

Several residents voiced their concern and opinion regarding Meijer being located in the area of Telegraph and Vreeland Roads. One resident opposed Mr. Mans giving the Meijer representative a wink and a high sign.

Mr. Mans explained himself by stating Meijers called him to ask how to go about holding a public meeting in Flat Rock. He told them the best way to do it would be come to a Council Meeting and make an announcement. He said he did not give them a wink and heads up. He brought them into the Council Chambers and sat apart from them. He said he believes he was a good host to them and that is all there was to it. Thank you.

Barbara Fedon stated she has lived in Flat Rock 38 years and she resents her new neighbors in this community coming here and saying we are a bunch of crooks and that our Development Director person is working behind the scenes. She said she resents them calling our Mayor, Mayor Pro-tem, City Council and our Attorney anything but honest. She said she would like to say (for many members of our community) that we all feel this way towards our City and how they are doing.

**5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Bruce Hammond, DPS Director, stated that on November 13<sup>th</sup> the Wayne County Board of Determination held a meeting in the Council Chambers regarding the Cooke and Gladding Drain. The Board of Determination decided to authorize the County and drain office to proceed with the preliminary work to clean the Cooke and Gladding Drain. They also decided to assess both Flat Rock and Huron Township for the clean up of the drains.

Mr. Hammond also reported that he, the City Engineer and Fire Chief attended an MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) meeting re: that portion of I75 south to the county line which will be reconstructed. The bridge at Smith Creek and I75 will be enlarged and Flat Rock wants MDOT to physically separate the bike path from the roadway going over Woodruff Road and enlarge the bridge to help control flooding – they are still working on that possibility.

**6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Council Member Paul Gagne congratulated the election winners and complimented Mrs. Grapentine and her students for their report on the Huron River.

Council Member Painter asked the status of the Meadow Street bridge. Mr. Hammond stated it will be open in a week or two.

**7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dropiewski thanked everyone for voting. He asked if the trash cans in the park can be fastened down to they don't get thrown in the river.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Item A – Letter from Treasurer and Police Chief re: Retirement.

**11-19-07** Motion by Gagne supported by Tefend to approve the request for MERS E-2 cost of living retirement benefit and Chief Tallman's request for his duty weapon.

Discussion re: whether City property can be given away. Mr. Grunow stated the E-2 is reaffirming what Council already approved and a nominal fee or estimated value could be set for the duty weapon. Mr. Painter stated he had to pay \$25.00 for his gun when he retired from Romulus and Chief Tallman said he would be happy to pay \$25.00 for his.

Motion **11-19-07** was amended to include payment of \$25.00 for the duty weapon.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

Item A – Letter from City Attorney re: Lease of cardio fitness equipment – Recreation Center.

**11-19-07** Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to waive the bid process and approve the lease of updated equipment Option 2.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Recommendation from Mayor Jones re: re-appointment to various Boards and Commissions.

11-19-07 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to approve the following:

**Beautification Commission** - Donna Davis, Louise Pinter and Sue Farrar with terms of office to expire 12/31/2010.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** - Todd Nivison, Timothy Marsh and David Ballard with terms of office to expire 12/31/2010.

**Board of Review:** - Ivy Smith term of office to expire 12/31/2010.

**Building & Safety Board:** - William E. Lezotte term of office to expire 12/31/2012.

**Board of Canvassers:** - Kenneth C. McCleery and Kathleen M. Chiles – term of office to expire 12/31/2011. Barbara Fedon to fill the unexpired term of Wilma Calkins – term of office to expire 12/31/2009.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Request from City Attorney to appoint 2 Council Members to hear TPOAM Grievance #07-404.

**11-19-07** Motion by Dropiewski supported by Tefend to appoint Painter and Martin to hear the grievance.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Item A – Zoning Board of Appeals minutes of August 13, 2007.

Item B – Zoning Board of Appeals minutes of October 8, 2007.

Item C – Resolution from City of Riverview in opposition to proposed HB 4221 and HB 4222.

11-19-07 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to go into closed session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations for Firefighters.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem Dropiewski called for a five (5) minutes recess.

Closed Session convened at 8:25 p.m.

**11-19-07** Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to return to Open Session at 8:30 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**11-19-07** Motion by Painter supported by Tefend to adjourn the regular Council meeting at 8:30 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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**JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR PRO-TEM**

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**LORENE BUTSKI, CITY CLERK**

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