

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2013

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. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Mayor Dropiewski, Councilmembers Martin, Borden, Wilkins, Wrobel, Gagne and Moore

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief/Building Director Vack, Lieutenant Metz, Interim DPS Director Matt Sype, Recreation Director Joann Pawlukiewicz, Building Inspector Bernie Ciupak, Attorney Grunow and Clerk Bachman

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution 11-04-01

Motion by Gagne
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 21, 2013 as presented

Motion carried unanimously

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

William Hackett, Attorney representing a pawn shop who tend to open Platinum Pawn Shop in Flat Rock. He thanked the council for the opportunity to speak.

Mayor Dropiewski noted the city has no policy in ordinance specific to pawn shops therefore it falls back to the state law. Attorney Grunow noted this is correct. The Mayor asked this be referred to the planning commission to establish criteria for an ordinance. The following resolution was made:

Resolution 11-04-02

Motion by Martin
Supported by Gagne

RESOLVED, to have the planning commission establish criteria for an ordinance that establishes standards and guidelines on business such as pawn shops

Motion carried unanimously

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Building Director Bernie Ciupak thanked the council for supporting him and appointing him to the position of building director.

Fire Chief Bill Vack reminded residents to change their clocks and more importantly change batteries in smoke alarms. He noted smoke detectors are only good for 10 years even if they are hard wired. He noted a power occurred due to a personal injury accident that occurred on Gibraltar Road. A telephone pole was taken out which caused a shock wave that was sent down the Edison lines and caused the breakers to trip. **Minutes amended per Councilman Borden to reflect Councilman Borden's request to Chief Vack to research companies that will dispose of used smoke detectors**

Interim DPS Director Matt Sype reminded it is leaf season and noted not to deposit leaves in the street.

Recreation Director Joann Pawlukiewicz announced upcoming activities at the center. She noted Breakfast with Santa is Saturday, December 7, 2013. She introduced Trina Miller from the ABC show Extreme Weight Loss Makeover. She lost 50% of her body weight and announced her upcoming program at the Recreation Center. The meet and greet will be held on December 2, 2013 and described the 8 week nutrition and exercise program.

City Clerk Meaghan Bachman reminded residents of the November 5, 2013 election. She announced if you are not sure where to vote, call the Clerk's office or visit the city website. She noted the polls will be open from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilwoman Wilkins reminded residents to go out and vote tomorrow.

Councilman Gagne wished the candidates good luck and hoped the citizens vote to support the library millage.

Councilwoman Moore encouraged the voters to go out and exercise their right to vote. She wished all the candidates well and good luck.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski announced on December 3rd Santa comes to Flat Rock from 6:30 – 8:00 PM for Flat Rock Children 10 and under. There will be Christmas tree lighting and Angel Bell Choir and the volunteers of the animal shelter will host a bake sale.

He noted a productive meeting with DTE regarding street lights that we will switch to LED's and will save on the utility bill. DDA is looking at improvements along Telegraph.

Mayor Dropiewski asked residents to get out and vote tomorrow and wished the candidates good luck.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item 8-A- 1st reading of the ordinance amending weed control

Resolution 11-04-03

Motion by Gagne
Supported by Martin

Discussion: Councilman Wrobel suggestion we enforcement the ordinance we have opposed to changing it.

Councilman Borden suggests we support the current ordinance and noted we work hard to maintain the city and we shouldn't change it.

Councilwoman Moore suggested in the future the ordinances should review some of the ordinances and update them as needed.

Mayor Dropiewski noted when we have the 2nd reading he would like to hear some input from department heads.

RESOLVED, to approve the 1st reading of the ordinance amending weed control

Motion carried unanimously

9. NEW BUSINESS

Item 9-A- Downriver Community Conference Invoice for 2014 membership dues in the amount of \$4,750.00

Resolution 11-04-04

Motion by Martin
Supported by Moore

RESOLVED, to approve payment to the Downriver Community Conference Invoice for 2014 membership dues in the amount of \$4,750.00

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-B- Downriver Community Conference/Downriver Mutual Aid Invoice for Police, Fire and DRANO dues in the amount of \$6,585.88

Resolution 11-04-05

Motion by Martin
Supported by Gagne

RESOLVED, to approve the Downriver Community Conference/Downriver Mutual Aid Invoice for Police, Fire and DRANO dues in the amount of \$6,585.88

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-C- Renewal of fitness equipment contract at the Community Center

Resolution 11-04-06

Motion by Gagne
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve renewal of fitness equipment contract at the Community Center and the waive the bid process and with the approval of the City Attorney

Discussion: Councilman Borden asked if he could see the new equipment. Mayor Dropiewski noted Rodney Wade and Joann are available tonight to speak. Joann noted some of the equipment

is available to try out. Rodney noted the contract with All Pro is the same and the contract and this will be their 3rd renewal. All Pro has dropped off a few machines to try out. He described the new equipment they will receive. Councilman Borden asked if we looked into other prices. Rodney noted the prices haven't increased and only one machine is higher priced due to the complexity of the machine. The Mayor noted it is wise for us to keep up with the newest equipment. Councilman Borden asked if we did background studies on the equipment. Rodney responded we did and the Mayor noted the members at the Community Center were surveyed. Councilman Martin noted we are receiving a refurbished Precor machine and Rodney noted a new one is very expensive and the members really enjoy this machine. Councilman Gagne asked if we had a guaranteed maintenance and it was noted we have, he also asked about the cost. Councilman Borden asked if we checked surrounding fitness centers to see what kind of equipment they have and asked if the staff had training. Rodney responded the staff is trained.

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9- D- Prisoner Lodging Agreement – City of Rockwood

Resolution 11-04-07

Motion by Martin
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to approve the Prisoner Lodging Agreement with the City of Rockwood

Motion carried unanimously

10. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

Item 10-A-The Senior Alliance HIPAA privacy agreement

Resolution 11-04-08

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to The Senior Alliance HIPAA privacy agreement

Motion carried unanimously

CLOSED SESSION:

To convene into closed session for labor contract discussion

Resolution 11-04-09

Motion by Martin
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to convene into closed session at 8:13PM for labor contract discussion

Motion carried unanimously

Reconvene into open meeting

Resolution 11-04-10

Motion by Martin
Supported by Moore

RESOLVED, to reconvene into the regular council meeting

Motion carried unanimously

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution 11-04-11

Motion by Gagne
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of November 4, 2013

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DATE: _____
Approved

MEAGHAN K. ARMSTRONG, CITY CLERK