

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012

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, Council members Borden, Wilkins, and Gagne

EXCUSED AS LATE: Councilwoman Moore

EXCUSED AS ABSENT: Councilman Martin and Councilman Wrobel

ALSO PRESENT: DPS Director Hammond, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz, Police Chief Rossow, Economic Development Director Mans, Fire Chief/Building Director Vack, Treasurer Rozga, City Attorney Grunow and Clerk Armstrong

Resolution 11-05-01

Motion by Wilkins

Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, That Flat Rock City Council hereby **EXCUSES** Councilwoman Moore, as late and Council members Martin and Wrobel, excused as absent at the regular City Council meeting of November 5, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution 11-05-02

Motion by Gagne

Supported by Wilkins

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 15, 2012

Motion carried unanimously

4. CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AWARD:

Mayor Jonathon Dropiewski presented John "Butch" Mentzert of John's Garage a certificate of service for 71 years of business in Flat Rock.

5. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Sean Gillaspie of Support Local Downriver spoke of the upcoming event, Flat Rock Winter Wonderland. This event will be held on December 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd. The event will feature Santa at Mr. Beans, Christmas trees, house decorating contests and food and drinks. Support Local Downriver asked permission to have horse and carriage rides. Council advised they come back when more information can be provided such as insurance, vendor of carriage, permits, etc.

6. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Chief New Rossow announced the Toys for Tots program and said it will run through mid December.

Chief Rossow updated the Council on the training status of new police officer; Officer Nielson completed his 2nd stage of field training and is doing well.

Chief Rossow passed out a memo to Mayor and Council on community policing. He has assigned officers to specific areas of the community, where they will enforce ordinance violations, attend events and talk with the residents and businesses.

Fire Chief Bill Vack announced the Downriver Community Conference (DCC) Mutual Aid Radio System for the Police and Fire department. The DCC funded \$241,493 worth of equipment and requested the City to approve \$11,397.81 for the entity cost. Included in the minutes is an official resolution.

Department of Public Service Director Bruce Hammond announced the free Electronic Recycling program that will take place on Saturday, November 17, 2012 between 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Flat Rock Community Fields.

He also announced the new vactor truck has already been used on a plugged sewer main.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilwoman Deborah Wilkins gave her condolences to the passing of DPS employee, Pat Mittig's Mother. She also gave her condolences to Tim Huddleston's family as his mother passed.

Councilman Gary Borden gave his condolences to Pat Mittig and Tim Huddleston for the passing of their mothers. He also gave his condolences to the family of Emanuel Steward.

Councilman Borden thanked the Flat Rock businesses for Trunk or Treat.

Councilman Paul Gagne announced the Library Board meeting is held the 4th Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. He announced the library is looking for volunteers for book sale locations. He also announced Friends of the Library may be reinstated.

Councilwoman Felicia Moore thanked Police Chief Rossow and officers for patrolling on Halloween.

Councilwoman Moore suggested a "no left turn" sign near Pizza Hut on Telegraph & Vreeland.

8. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Jonathon Dropiewski gave his condolences to the families of Tim Huddleston and Pat Mittig on the passing of their mothers. He thanked the police for patrolling on Halloween and making it a safe night.

Mayor Dropiewski gave an update on US Silica mining operation that will take place south of town off Telegraph Road. This project will increase traffic across Huron River Drive. He would like the attorney to draft a preferred truck route in town.

Mayor Dropiewski updated on the ice skate rink by the library. DPS did a yearly startup and found a leak in the system and are unsure of where the leak is. Therefore, we will not be able to operate the ice rink. What they City will do is clean it out and flood it and let it freeze. The Mayor is working on a solution for the spring and hopes to have grant money to repair it.

Mayor Dropiewski reminded everyone to get out and vote tomorrow. He talked about the important issues on the ballot and importance of how they will affect not only Michigan but Flat Rock as well.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Item 9 - a. City Engineer's bid recommendation for Langs-Wagner House plaster removal (opened on October 11, 2012).

Resolution 11-05-03

Motion by Gagne
Supported by Moore

Resolved, to approve the City Engineer's bid recommendation for Langs-Wagner House plaster removal bid

Motion carried unanimously

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Item 10 - a Approval of invoice number 0163137-IN from Lacaal Equipment, Inc. for steering gear assembly, in the amount of \$3,949.22

Resolution 11-05-04

Motion by Gagne
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to approve the invoice from Lacaal Equipment in the amount of \$3,949.22

Motion carried unanimously

Item 10 - b Resolution to approve “Support Local Downriver” in addressing and meeting the terms and condition of the associate level of the Michigan Main Street Project

Resolution 11-05-05

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported by Gagne

RESOLVED, to approve the Support Local Downriver resolution for the Michigan Main Street Project

Motion carried unanimously

Item 10 - c Approval of quote from Advanced Wireless Telecom for a new 911 system - The new equipment is paid for using grant funds by the DCC.

Resolution 11-05-06

Motion by Gagne
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to approve the quote from Advanced Wireless Telecom for a new 911 System, DCC grant funds will be used to pay for the system.

Motion carried unanimously

Item 10 – d Proposal to change natural gas provider to Constellation Energy

Resolution 11-05-07

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported by Gagne

RESOLVED, to change natural gas provider to Constellation Energy; this change is subject to no cancellation penalty with our current provider.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, City Council gives permission to the City Treasurer to lock into rates as market conditions warrant.

Motion carried unanimously

Item 10 – e Purchase of new computers

Resolution 11-05-08

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported by Wilkins

RESOLVED, to purchase seven new computers from Electronic Computer Services

Councilman Borden Voted NO
Motion carried 4-1

Item 10 – f Permission to bid for a replacement Dump Box for truck #63

Resolution 11-05-09

Motion by Gagne
Supported by Wilkins

RESOLVED, to approve purchase of dump box for salt truck #63

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the bid process will be waived for this purchase

Motion carried unanimously

11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

Item 11 – a Change of date for the Goodfellows newspaper sale

Resolution 11-05-10

Motion by Moore
Supported by Wilkins

RESOLVED, to approve the date change for the Goodfellows newspaper sale to Tuesday, November 20, 2012 from 7:00 am – 2:00 pm

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 11 – b Downriver Community Conference, Downriver Mutual Aid Radio for Police and Fire Department

Resolution 11-05-11

Motion by Borden
Supported by Moore

RESOLVED, to approve the Downriver Community Conference, Downriver Mutual Aid radio system entity cost in the amount of \$11,397.81

Motion carried unanimously

CLOSED SESSION

Item A: Buechel vs. Flat Rock ZBA

Resolution 11-05-12

Motion by Gagne
Supported by Dropiewski

RESOLVED, to convene into closed session to discuss Buechel vs. Flat Rock ZBA

Roll Call Vote: All Yes: Unanimous

Resolution 11-05-13

Motion by Gagne
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to reconvene into the regular City Council meeting

Motion carried unanimously

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution 11-05-14

Motion by Borden
Supported by Moore

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of November 5, 2012

All voting yes; Motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DATE: _____
Approved

MEAGHAN K. ARMSTRONG, CITY CLERK