

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014

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: Beller, Martin, Tefend, Thomas and Wrobel

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Bill Vack, Police Chief John Leacher, DPS Director Matt Sype, Recreation Director Joann Pawlukiewicz, Treasurer Brian Marciniak, Building Director Bernie Ciupak, Economic Development Director Liz Hendley, Attorney David Grunow and City Clerk Meaghan Bachman

Resolution 11-17-01

Motion by Martin
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, That Flat Rock City Council hereby **EXCUSES** Councilmember Bergeron as absent at the regular City Council meeting of November 17, 2014

Motion carried unanimously

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution 11-17-02

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of November 3, 2014 as presented

Motion carried unanimously

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Sue Farrar of the Beautification announced Santa comes to Flat Rock on December 2nd from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Santa's mailbox will be at the library from December 2nd – 19th. She announced Christmas Home Decorating Contest will be judged on December 11, 2014.

Resident Arlen Fadely asked if Comcast Cable Company is going through a merger with Charter Cable Company. It was noted by the Clerk, she will follow up with the question.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Building Director Bernie Ciupak updated the Council on the Heating System. He noted he received analyses on the system from contractors and will put out to bid shortly.

Recreation Director Joann Pawlukiewicz noted Breakfast with Santa is December 6th. She noted the senior holiday lunch is December 4th and invited the Mayor and Council to attend.

City Clerk Meaghan Bachman spoke of the November 4, 2014 State General Election. She noted 2,828 ballots were cast. She thanked Sue Ashcraft, the employees at City Hall, the election workers, the Mayor and Councilwoman Thomas for helping with election duties. She noted everyone did a wonderful job. Mayor Dropiewski thanked the Clerk for her election duties.

Police Chief John Leacher noted the Police Department webpage has been updated with new information and encouraged everyone to visit the site. He thanked the Community Lutheran Church for the appreciation dinner for the Police and Fire Departments for honoring them. He noted the department is promoting Neighborhood Watch program and noted information is available on the webpage.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilwoman Dawn Thomas wished all a Happy Thanksgiving

Councilman Jim Martin gave his condolences to the family of Gail Matthews (bus driver for Flat Rock) on her passing. He also gave his condolences to John Bergeron on the passing of his sister. He wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Steve Beller reminded everyone of the Wayne County Lights On Ceremony at Hines Park on Thursday, November 20, 2014, 6:00 pm and encouraged all to attend.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski noted the cable issues have been resolved and the Council meetings are again televised. He noted the phone systems at City Hall were down today due to a broad issue across the state.

Mayor Dropiewski thanked Liz Hendley and the DDA for decorating Garden Blvd., on Saturday morning with Christmas lights. He noted it was a chilly day but they had a good time decorating.

The Mayor expressed his condolences to the family of Gail Matthews. He noted how respected she was as a bus driver and how much she will be missed by the entire community.

Mayor Dropiewski wished all a Happy Thanksgiving. He reminded residents to slow down when driving and be cautious of the weather and road conditions.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item 8-A-Bid award for the senior bus purchase

Resolution 11-17-03

Motion by Thomas
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to award the bid for the senior bus purchase to Tesco (Transportation Equipment Sales Corporation) of Oregon, Ohio, in the amount of \$101, 965.00. This purchase price includes a \$20,000 trade-in for the current bus. The bus will be purchased with Community Development Block Grant funds.

Motion carried unanimously

Item 8-B-Progress payment No. 4 - sanitary and storm sewers replacement

Resolution 11-17-04

Motion by Martin
Supported by Thomas

RESOLVED, to approve the release of retainage to Lake Michigan Site Development LLC, in the amount of \$4,412.14 for the Sanitary and Storm Sewers Replacement along the Alley between US24 & Arsenal Road

Motion carried unanimously

9. NEW BUSINESS

Item 9-A-Roof replacement on salt bin

Resolution 11-17-05

Motion by Thomas
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the request to replace the salt bin roof; Remer Construction of Flat Rock will replace the shingle roof on the salt bin in the amount of \$4,100.00 (three contractor estimates were received); work will be started pending proof of workers comp and commercial insurance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the bid process is waived for this repair

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-B-Engagement letter for capital improvement bonds

Resolution 11-17-06

Motion by Thomas
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to approve the engagement letter with Bendzinski & Co. Municipal Finance Advisors for capital improvement bonds, not to exceed \$3,500,000

Motion carried unanimously

10. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (ADDITIONAL COMMENTS):

NONE

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

CLOSED SESSION

Item A - Convene into closed session to discuss Labor Negotiations, Clerical, DPS and Fire Department

Resolution 11-17-07

Motion by Martin
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to convene into closed session to discuss labor negotiations clerical, DPS and fire department

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 11-17-08

Motion by Martin
Supported by Dropiewski

RESOLVED, to reconvene into the regular City Council meeting

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 11-17-09

Motion by Tefend
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to authorize the Fire Chief to hire one (1) fulltime firefighter

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 11-17-10

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to establish new part-time firefighter job classifications as follows:

Paramedic (no FFI or FFII) -	\$16.50 per hour
FFII -	\$13.00 per hour
EMT Basic (no FFI or FFII) -	\$13.50 per hour

Probationary rates:

Paramedic -	\$14.00 per hour
FFI and FFII -	\$11.25 per hour
EMT Basic -	\$12.25 per hour

Note: Probationary rate for the first 90 days; full rate after 90 days for balance of 1-year probationary period.

Motion carried unanimously

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution 11-17-11

Motion by Tefend
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of November 17, 2014 at 9:16 PM

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DATE: _____
Approved

MEAGHAN K. BACHMAN, CITY CLERK