

## REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

### CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, DECEMBER 03, 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 Jones, Council Members Martin, Dropiewski, Tefend, Wrobel, Painter and Gagne.

**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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

12-03-01 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to approve the Regular Minutes of November 19, 2007 as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Chris Wooley, 25976 Rockridge Ct., read a letter to Council from the group **“Citizens for Responsible Development”** (see Attachment #1).

Denise Gutenschwager, 27107 Arsenal Road, also of the group **“Citizens for Responsible Development”**, read an excerpt from a book written by The American Independent Business Association written in 2006. She also read a letter she had written from the heart (see Attachments #2 and #3).

Alan Hall, 26876 Blue Heron Dr., requested the statements made by Chris Wooley and Denise Gutenschwager be reflected in the minutes.

5. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

DPS Director Bruce Hammond, reported the repair on the ice rink was started last Friday and will be ready to start up next week.

6. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Council Member Painter noted that now that the Auxiliary Police is disbanded, will the members receive plaques and suggested the money left in the Auxiliary Police fund be given to a charitable organization.

Police Chief Tallman stated that the Chief of the disbanded Auxiliary Police will be in tomorrow to tie up the loose ends.

Council Member Tefend reminded everyone that Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> is the benefit for Fireman Matt Antieau at the Recreation Center from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and invited everyone to attend this worthy cause.

Council Member Dropiewski reported he attended a DCC meeting where he learned there will be meeting of Public Works Directors to discuss a purchasing cooperative. Mr. Hammond said he plans to attend.

Dropiewski also attended a CDBG meeting and learned that HUD is cracking down on giving extensions for using Block Grant money. The money must be spent in the year allocated. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Council Member Gagne attended a Library Board meeting where they adopted an amnesty period for people with books outstanding. On January 26, 27 and 28, 2008 people can return books and will not be fined for being late.

Mr. Gagne asked about the Police Chief applications and Mayor Jones stated he has interviewed nine (9) so far and would like to make the appointment at the next meeting. The question as whether to hire from within or without came up. Tefend said he would like to hire from within, Martin would like to hire from outside, Gagne wants most qualified whether in house or outside, Wrobel would like to hire from within, Dropiewski wants most qualified whether in house or outside and Painter stated he would make a decision later. Mayor Jones told Painter to see Karen to view all the applications.

Council Member Gagne attended a 33<sup>rd</sup> District Court Advisory Council meeting and reported the Advisory Council is proposing renovations amounting to over \$700,000 and wants to start a new program for drugs, alcoholics etc. They received a \$25,000 grant to train staff to manage the new program.

Council Member Martin thanked the Recreation Director for the Breakfast with Santa which was well attended and a good time was had by all. He also questioned the status of the Meadows Street bridge. Mr. Hammond stated the construction is complete but the City has to accept all the roads in the subdivision which should be before Council at the next meeting or the first meeting in January.

## **7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Jones gave Council an update on the SHVA (South Huron Valley Authority). He referred to a letter written to Dave Flatten of Woodhaven re: going

through “Dispute Resolution” for ’03-’04 and ’05-’06 which he added to the list today. Mr. Flatten is recognizing that one of the problems we have is the meter that reads Flat Rock 5% error which may mean 30% error on our billings because we have Van Buren and Huron sewerage that goes thru that main along with ours, so when it’s a 5% error it means 5% Van Buren, 5% Huron and 5% Flat Rock. They finally understand. Huron is talking about a race course going in and will max their sewage. Van Buren is supposed to be going to max of theirs so that 5% error is no longer acceptable. As we go thru the dispute process we are going to discuss how to fix this problem in the future. Mayor stated he did not accept the \$188,000 because it should have been \$260,000 and we should have it by late January and “I am pretty sure we will get it all”.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Item A – PUBLIC HEARING: Allocation of 2007-2008 CDBG funds.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing at 8:07 and asked if anyone in the audience had any thing to say. Hearing none he asked if Council had any suggestions or recommendations. Martin asked if the Senior Bus Garage is a multi-year project. Mayor stated the Building Authority has some money left over and we can use that for the garage because it cannot go back into the general fund – it must be used for buildings or grounds.

Public Hearing closed at 8:09.

12-03-02 Motion by Gagne supported by Dropiewski to allocate \$30,000 to the Truncated Dome Sidewalk Project and \$54,000 to the Senior Bus Garage for a total of \$84,000.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

Item A – Web Site License and Hosting Agreement.

12-03-03 Motion by Martin supported by Wrobel to approve the addendum as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Mass Transit Corridor from Detroit to Ann Arbor.

George Mans, Economic Development Director, stated the gist of the information is whether or not Flat Rock wants a representative to sit on that group to bring back information to Council. He said there is no cost or appropriations involved – mostly information gathering.

Mayor Jones told Mr. Mans to attend the meetings as Flat Rock's representative.  
Item C – 1<sup>st</sup>. Reading: Amendments to Zoning Ordinance.

Mayor Jones clarified the reason for the ordinance – he stated it is a technical amendment to the Zoning so that we are in compliance with Act 110 of 206 that was passed last July.

12-03-04 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to suspend the 1<sup>st</sup>. reading.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Waiver of Noise Ordinance for 2008 I-75 Project.

12-03-05 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to approve the request as submitted.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – Membership dues to Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber.

12-03-06 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to approve payment of dues in the amount of \$281.00 for 1/1/08 – 12/31/08.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

12-03-07 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR**

**LORENE BUTSKI, CITY CLERK**

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