

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2009

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, Pro-Tem Martin, Gagne, Painter, Wrobel and Dropiewski.

ABSENT: Council Member Tefend.

12-07-01 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to excuse the absent member.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

12-07-02 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the special minutes of November 9th and the regular minutes of November 16, 2009 as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. PRESENTATION TO FLAT ROCK GARDEN CLUB

Mayor Jones read and presented a Proclamation to the following Garden Club members: Charlene Smith, Pat Minor, Karin Finkel, Janice Slage and Phyllis Dasher. The Garden Club will be dissolving in June of 2010 and the proclamation thanked them for over fifty years of service.

5. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None

6. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Fire Chief Vack reported that by going to computer reporting for EMS services (which was funded through a UASI grant with no money from the City) and because of a more timely and accurate reporting, we have negotiated a reduction in fees from the billing service from 10% down to 8%. He said this is a \$5,000 savings per year.

Mr. Vack also reported that the outdoor siren system has been upgraded as part of the UASI grant through the county. He said they replaced two of the 1975 sirens and added one so we now have seven (7) sirens in the City functioning on battery backup. Also, we are coordinating with Rockwood who now has three new sirens where they had

none before. Either one of our dispatchers can set off the other's sirens or set them all off at once. This was a \$54,000 upgrade.

Mr. Vack stated that in March of 2008 we had a hazardous diesel fuel spill at Commerce Drive. The fuel went into our storm sewer which then went into the creek. In talking with HASMAT partners in the EPA, he said they steered him to a little known site for cost recovery specifically for oil type products. It cost us \$31,000 to clean up the spill and we will receive 93% recovery (little over \$28,000).

Mr. Vack said the new fire truck arrived two weeks ago and training is beginning this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. It will be in service after the first of the year. He invited Mayor and Council to the fire department after the meeting for a personal tour. A public tour is planned for later.

Bruce Hammond, DPS Director, reported the Vreeland Road paving project is complete except for putting up signs. Also, the poles for signals will be installed the last of December or first of January then the road will be open.

Mr. Hammond stated that Apple Grove Way is paved but not open yet. Red Cedar is partially complete and the other two streets were not started and will be done in the spring. He also said if all goes well the ice rink should be open the first part of next week.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Gagne complimented City Attorney, David Grunow, for honors he recently received as top attorney in his field. Mr. Gagne brought up the subject of the Meijer store and made the following motion:

[12-07-03] Motion by Gagne supported by Jones to make a unanimous decision to support the Meijer Store and authorize George Mans to write Meijer of the City's support.

Motion carried 5-1 with Painter voting no.

Mr. Gagne informed Council that the 33rd District Court Advisory Board is doing all they can to cut costs.

Councilman Dropiewski complimented the Beautification Commission on a beautiful "Santa Comes to Flat Rock" night.

8. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Jones suggested that after the first of the year Council form a Charter Commission and consider rewriting the Charter. He said the Charter has had a few updates but was written in 1963 and it is time for an overhaul. Mayor feels the Charter should read that the Mayor should be able fire a department head.

Mayor read a letter from Police Chief Neal Rossow announcing his application for the Chief's position in Ypsilanti.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Jones asked to move Linc Mechanical to the first item.

Item C – Linc Mechanical energy & facilities improvement plan (bring your binder from last week).

Kimberly Carto introduced Kelly Pmacek, Bill Vaillantcourt and Kevin Coakeley. Together they did a presentation of their plan.

12-07-04 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to send the service provider contract to the City Attorney for review and have a recommendation at the next meeting.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item A – Public Hearing: authorize City to apply for MDOT grant money for Greenway Connector project.

A public hearing is set for December 21, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. (on the agenda at this meeting by mistake).

Item B-1 – Memo from the Treasurer re: TIFA and Hall Road paving project.
No action.

Item B-2 – Letter from Economic Development Director re: Infrastructure improvements.
No action.

Item D – Tabled Item: BS&A annual support fee - \$3,000.00 & Treasurer's report.

12-07-05 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Wrobel to remove Item D from the table.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

12-07-06 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to switch to a monthly update for a year at \$2,000.00.

Motion failed.

12-07-07 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to switch to a quarterly update for a year at \$1,500.00.

Motion carried 4-2 with Jones and Wrobel voting no.

Item E – Payment #1 to Al's Asphalt for tennis court & walking path - \$56,232.40.

12-07-08 Motion by Gagne supported Painter to pay invoice as submitted by the City Engineer in the amount of \$56,232.40.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F – Fire Chief’s bid recommendation re: SCBA Upgrade items.

12-07-09 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to award the bid to Hagemeyer NA in the amount of \$27,236.48 as recommended by the Fire Chief.

The Fire Chief stated this is part of the recent Federal AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) award and the City’s share is \$1,361.83.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G – Resolution to approve financing of the new fire truck.

12-07-10 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the Resolution to finance through Fifth Third Bank for five (5) years at an interest rate of 4.47%.

Motion carried 5-1 with Wrobel voting no.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – Resolution to approve 33rd District Court Budget for 2010.

12-07-11 Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to approve budget as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Traffic Control Order (TCO-09-002) Division Street.

12-07-12 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to approve as presented by Police Chief Rossow.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Traffic Control Order (TCO-09-003) Meadows Street.

12-07-13 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to approve as presented by Police Chief Rossow.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Membership fee to Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber for 2010-\$281.00.

12-07-14 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to pay invoice as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – Request to set a public hearing for 12-21-09 for public input on Community Development Block Grant projects for 2010. The approximate amount of 2010 funds will be \$86,000.00.

12-07-15 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to set a public hearing for 12/21/09 at 7:30 p.m. as requested by the City Clerk.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F – Mayor Jones’s resignation from the DDA (Downtown Development Authority).

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Item A – Planning Commission minutes of October 26, 2009.

Discussion – DPS Director said we need to have financing ready in May/June for Hall, Vreeland and Arsenal Roads. Mayor Jones said we should make a decision soon and talk about DDA & Vreeland, TIFA & Hall Roads.

12-07-16 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to go into closed session to discuss the Clerical Contract.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jones called a ten (10) minute recess at 8:50 p.m.

12-07-17 Motion by Martin supported by Painter to go into open session at 9:02.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

12-07-18 Motion by Painter supported by Dropiewski to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:02 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CMC, CITY CLERK

DATE: _____
approved