

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008

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: Council Members Dropiewski, Martin, Gagne and Tefend

ABSENT: Council Members Painter and Wrobel

12-15-01 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to excuse the absent members.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

12-15-02 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the regular minutes of December 1, 2008 and the special minutes of December 8, 2008 as submitted.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Bill Burbo of First Heritage Realty was present and spoke in opposition of the Rental Property Inspection ordinance. Mr. Burbo asked if the purpose of the ordinance is to raise money for the municipality. Mayor Jones said it was for “public health and safety”. Mr. Burbo said public act #245 section 22 says a separate fund is required for building enforcement and cannot be used for any other debts in the city and cannot be co-mingled with anything in the general fund. He said all the city can do with the money is bring it into the building department for the enforcement of building codes.

Mayor Jones stated that he and Mr. Gagne did not vote for the ordinance, however, it was never the intent of the council or the city to use this ordinance as a revenue raising ordinance. Mr. Burbo said the city should be more proactive to businesses by good example.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

DPS Director, Bruce Hammond, stated that he and the City Engineer had attended a meeting of the Wayne County Federal Aid Commission on December 2nd regarding the 16 million dollars Wayne County receives each year for road projects throughout the county excluding City of Detroit. Mr. Hammond said the first list that came out had Hall, Vreeland and Arsenal Roads on it but at the meeting on Dec. 2nd they learned that due to shortfalls in funding from the Federal Highway Administration and Michigan Department of Transportation trust fund, some 2009 projects did not get done and were pushed to the 2010 list. Arsenal Road was pushed from the funded list to the alternate list. If any of the 19 projects on the funded list does not happen, Arsenal Road will move up to the funded list. Mr. Hammond said if there are no objections he and the engineer would like to work on the three projects beginning in January because the “Shovel Ready” projects will be the first to be done. He said he and the engineer will have a more specific cost the city will have to fund after they begin working on the project.

Fire Chief, William Vack, stated the overtime calculations for the Fire Department is not complete and he will have the report at the next meeting.

Recreation Director, Joan Pawlukiewicz, thanked AutoAlliance for the Senior Dinner. She said it went off really well and was attended by 220 people. She reported the ice rink is open and will start staffing it Wednesday from 12 noon to 9 pm through the holidays. After the holiday it will be staffed Thursday through Sunday 4:30 pm to 9 pm. She also reported that during the holiday from December 22 through January 4th the Community Center will offer “Holiday Passes” for \$20.

Economic Development Director, George Mans, announced the Pattah Brothers closed on the K-Mart property (\$700,000). Their attorney will call soon to set up an appointment with the building department to find out their plans for the building. Mr. Mans said he will have a report after the first of the year. Mayor Jones and Mr. Mans stated that Ford Motor Company has contributed \$500.00 toward the senior dinner next year.

Council Member Martin sent his condolences to the Painter family for the loss of their Mother.

Council Member Tefend sent his condolences to the Painter family and wished everyone a happy holiday.

Council Member Gagne sent his condolences to the Painter family.

Council Member Dropiewski sent his condolences to the Painter family and kudos to the Recreation Department for “Breakfast with Santa” which was attended by 218 people.

7. MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

Item A – Annual Report year ending 6/30/2008.

Bruce Jocks of Williams, Herbert and Jocks, was present to discuss the June 30, 2008 audit. After his presentation Mr. Jocks announced he sent a letter to the Mayor December 11th informing him of his resignation effective December 31, 2008 as the City's Auditor. He thanked Flat Rock for the 23 years he has been doing the audit for the city. Mayor Jones stated he has directed the Treasurer to put out a request for three quotes from different firms and is not going out for bids. Mayor and Council wished Bruce well in his future endeavors.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A – Public Hearing: Allocation of CDBG funds 2009-2010.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing at 8:05 p.m. and asked for suggestions for the expenditure of the \$83,000 allocation.

Council Member Dropiewski suggested funding the senior coordinator and bus driver because it is now coming out of the general fund.

Mayor Jones wants to build the senior garage for parking the bus out of the weather.

Hearing no more comments from the audience or council members, Mayor closed the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

[12-15-03] Motion by Gagne supported by Jones to allocate the 2009-2010 Block Grant funds in the amount of \$83,000 to the senior garage.

Motion carried 4-1 with Dropiewski voting no.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – 33rd. Judicial District Court Budget 1/1/09 thru 12/31/09.

[12-15-04] Motion by Jones supported by Martin to approve the 33rd Court budget with the stipulation “no increase for the judges”.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Southern Wayne County Chamber of Commerce membership dues for 2009.

[12-15-05] Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to approve payment in the amount of \$281.00.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Michigan Municipal League Membership dues for 2008-2009.

12-15-06 Motion by Gagne supported by Dropiewski to approve payment in the amount of \$4,728.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – HVAC System Inspection Service Agreement.

12-15-07 Motion by Jones supported by Martin to approve the contract subject to the four items in the contract being approved by the City Attorney.

Discussion. Building Director, John Russ, stated the buildings have never been this comfortable year round. He said R.W. Mead & Sons has been doing an excellent job.

Motion failed 3-2.

12-15-08 Motion by Gagne supported by Dropiewski to put the HVAC System out for bids to be due February, 2009.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE: None

11. ADJOURNMENT:

12-15-09 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:35 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CMC
CITY CLERK

DATE: _____
approved

