

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2010

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 Dropiewski, Council Members Gagne, Wrobel, Martin, Painter, and Moore.

ABSENT: Council Member Tefend

12-20-01 Motion by Painter supported by Wrobel to excuse absent member.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ALSO PRESENT: DPS Director Hammond, Treasurer Lambrix, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz, Economic Director Mans, City Attorney Grunow, Building Director John Russ, Fire Chief Vack, Police Chief Rossow and Clerk Butski.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

12-20-02 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the regular minutes of December 06, 2010 as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Christmas Decorating Contest Awards by Molly Leumpert-Coy of DTE and the Flat Rock Beautification Commission.

Ms. Leumpert-Coy of DTE and Sue Farrar, Chairperson of the Beautification Commission, announced the following winners of the Home Decorating Contest. All 1st place winners received \$50.00 from DTE and an engraved Make-a-Wish ornament. All 2nd place winners received \$25.00 from DTE:

Residential-Religious Category:

- 1st place – 26851 Robin Court – David Loeman
- 2nd place – 26096 Matilda St. – John Cardamone

Residential – Traditional Category:

- 1st place – 28235 Sheeks – Pat & Leon Simeck
- 2nd place – 26561 Ashtonbury – Philip DeBlock

Residential – Original Category:

- 1st place – 26655 Sierra – Aron Klein
- 2nd place – 28478 Church – Mark Wnuk

Pat & Leon Simeck donated the \$50.00 prize plus \$100.00 back to the Beautification Commission. Mr. Philip DeBlock and Mr. Mark Wnuk each donated their \$25.00 prize back to the Beautification Commission. Ms. Leumpert of DTE matched their \$200.00 donation to help the Beautification Commission plant flowers next spring.

Businesses received a framed Certificate of Appreciation:

Business – Traditional Category:
Deerfield Estates Office, 26211 Telegraph Road

Business – Original Category:
Flat Rock Big Boy, 27050 Telegraph Road

Mayor and Council thanked Molly Leumpert-Coy and DTE Energy for their support and generous donation and also thanked Sue Farrar and the Beautification Commission for their hard work.

5. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:** None

6. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

George Mans, Economic Development gave an update on the business in the Flat Rock Plaza, Watershed Council and the Greenway Connection Trail.

Joan Pawlukiewicz, Recreation Director, said the Senior Dinner was a huge success and thanked the sponsors such as Crest Ford, Wysouth Credit Union, AAI Local 3000, etc.

Mr. Vack, Fire Chief, offered a safety tip regarding live Christmas trees. He said water them well and when needles start to fall, remove them from the home.

7. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Mr. Gagne wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Martin asked that the detour signs for Hall Road be removed.

8. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Dropiewski sent his condolences to the family of Brian Terry, Border Patrol Officer, who was killed in the line of duty.

Mayor said he will have a State of the City address at the second meeting in January. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and safe New Year.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Item A – 2nd reading: Ordinance Amending Section 58-86/Writing Checks Without Sufficient Funds.

12-20-03 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to suspend the 2nd reading.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

12-20-04 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to adopt the ordinance as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – Annual Report June 30, 2010.

Mike Georges of Hungerford & Co. briefly discussed the Financial Report pages 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 27 & 30 and stated that no city fund had a deficit and that is good. He said the city ended the fiscal year with a combined fund balance of about \$2.3 million, a decrease of \$1.4 million from the previous year.

Item B – Michigan Department of Transportation – Performance and Indemnification Resolution.

12-20-05 Motion by Wrobel supported by Martin to add City Engineer Russ Wittman and DPS Director Bruce Hammond as authorized agents of the city to sign MDOT permits applications on behalf of the city.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Wayne County Annual Permit Resolution.

12-20-06 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to designate Matthew Sype, Assist. Director of Public Works, Russ Wittman, City Engineer and Bruce Hammond, DPS Director to sign applications for county permits.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – COPS VI Sub-award Agreement.

12-20-07 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to approve the Sub-award Agreement between the Downriver Community Conference and the City of Flat Rock in the amount of \$19,050.00 as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – Tax Foreclosed Properties in Wayne County for 2010.

No action necessary. The property #58-094-03-0238-000 located at 26114 Huron River will go to the city.

11. CORRESPONDENCE: None

Item A – Flat Rock Historical Commission Fund Balance transfer to the city.

The Historical Commission transferred \$113,000 from their fund balance to the city to help maintain basic services during these difficult times. The letter stated that “in giving the money to the city, we want Mayor and Council to be aware that we still have expenses that have to be met and the roof of the Langs-Wagar home is in need of repair. The commission wants council’s assurance that it can continue its projects and fulfill the obligation appointed to it by the voters.” Mayor Dropiewski thanked the Commission for their sacrifice at this time.

Lila Fedokovitz, Co-Chairperson of the Historical Commission, said they will have picture books from a national heritage series to sell at City Hall soon. The books will feature historic photographs from the community.

12-20-08 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to go into Closed Session to discuss Auto Alliance International, Inc. plant 2009 personal property appeals MTT Docket Numbers 0371082, 0383413, 0383414, 0383415, 0383416, -383417, 0383418, 0383419, 0383420, 2010 personal property appeals MTT Docket Numbers 394823, 394824, 0394825, 0394826, 0394827, 0394828, 0394829, 0394830, 0394831, and 2009/2010 real property appeal MTT Docket Number 035705201.

Roll call vote: Wrobel, Dropiewski, Gagne, Martin, Moore and Painter voting Yes. Tefend absent. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor called a five minutes recess at 8:05 p.m.

12-20-09 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to go into Open Session at 8:50 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

12-20-10 Motion by Painter supported by Wrobel to temporarily suspend the furlough days as of January 1, 2011.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

12-20-11 – Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne that Painter and Martin is on the negotiation team for the Fire Department’s new contract.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

12-20-12 – Motion by Painter supported by Wrobel to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:52 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

