

**REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 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.

**[12-21-01]** Motion by Painter supported by Dropiewski to excuse the absent member.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**[12-21-02]** Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to approve the regular minutes of December 7, 2009 as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. PRESENTATION TO MAYOR RICHARD C. JONES**

Ryan Werder, representative from Congressman John Dingell's Office, read a letter from Mr. Dingell congratulating and commending Mayor Jones for his tenure and accomplishments as Mayor for the last twenty three years.

Deb Kennedy, State Representative of the Twenty-Third District, read a Special Tribute to Mayor Jones in recognition of his service to the people of Flat Rock.

Mayor Pro-Tem Martin presented Mayor Jones with a plaque from the City in appreciation of his service and noting he is the longest running Mayor in the history of Flat Rock.

**5. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Leon Simeck, Flat Rock Train Depot, questioned why the City Attorney is requiring two million per person insurance. Mayor-Elect Dropiewski, Mr. Simeck and the City Attorney are to get together with the insurance agent to work out an agreement.

**6. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Joan Pawlukiewicz, Recreation Director, reported the senior dinner was a success with 235 attending. She thanked the sponsors Ford Motor Company, Wysouth

and volunteers. Breakfast with Santa was a success. The newsletters are out and can be found online. She said the gift certificates for membership are selling well.

**7. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Council Member Gagne stated he will miss Mayor Jones.

Council Member Dropiewski stated the ice rink is open and thanked Joan for the Senior Dinner and Breakfast with Santa. He thanked Mayor Jones for his service to the City and stated he had big shoes to fill. He mentioned the letter he signed resigning from the post of Mayor Pro-Tem and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council Member Martin thanked Mayor Jones and wished everyone Merry Christmas.

Council Member Painter wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**8. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Jones said he would suggest that we work hard to maintain what we have built.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Item A - Linc Mechanical Energy & Facilities Improvement Plan.

12-21-03 Motion by Painter supported by Dropiewski to authorize the City Attorney to draft a contract with Linc Attorneys.

Council Member Wrobel suggested the Building Director get a cost for replacing the boiler ourselves.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – City of Flat Rock Audit period ending June 30, 2009.

Michael Georges, CPA with Hungerford & Co., presented the audit and went over some highlights. He said the audit will be on line December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Item C – Public Hearing: to allow comment on a resolution authorizing the City to apply for money from MDOT to construct a Greenway Connector.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing at 8:37 p.m. Hearing no comments he closed the public hearing.

12-21-04 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the City to apply for the grant funds as requested.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Payment #1 to G.V. Cement for street improvement project (Apple Grove Way & Red Cedar).

12-21-05 Motion by Painter supported by Dropiewski to pay the invoice in the amount of \$114,615.12 as recommended by the City Engineer.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – Payment #2 to Al's Asphalt for tennis court project - \$21,060.00.

12-21-06 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to pay the invoice in the amount of \$21,060.00 as recommended by the City Engineer. (Paid for by Wayne County)

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F – Fire Chief's bid recommendation for turnout gear.

12-21-07 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to approve the Fire Chief's recommendation and award the bid to Time Emergency in the amount of \$55,097.10. The Federal AFG Grant is \$55,097.10 and the City's share is \$4,819.80.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

Item A – Public Hearing: for comments or suggestions regarding 2010 CDBG funds in the approximate amount of \$86,000.00.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing at 8:40 p.m.

Council Member Gagne suggested demolition of the Coleman Building on E. Huron River Drive but it doesn't qualify due to being owned by an individual. Council Member Martin suggested continuing the repaving of Evergreen Street. Council Member Dropiewski suggested allocating some to administrative costs.

Hearing no comments from the general public Mayor Jones closed the public hearing at 8:42 p.m.

Item B – Request from RESA for the City to collect Wayne RESA 2010 taxes.

12-21-08 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to collect the Wayne RESA taxes 2010.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Request from the Historical Preservation Commission to approve the first phase of restoration of the Wagar House.

12-21-09 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to approve the first phase in the amount of \$3,800.00.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Mayor’s recommendation for appointment to the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

12-21-10 Motion by Painter supported by Wrobel to table the item until the next meeting.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – Attorney’s request for appointment of two council members to hear Step 3 of Clerical grievance #07-462.

12-21-11 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to appoint Painter and Wrobel to hear the grievance.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

Item A – Thank you to Joan, Laurie and Shelly at the Community Center for the Senior Citizens dinner.

**12. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:**

Item A – Letter from Citizens for a Better Flat Rock signed by Gordon Chevalier thanking Mayor Jones for twenty four years of faithful public service.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

12-21-12 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:45 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR**

**LORENE BUTSKI, CMC, CITY CLERK**

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