

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012

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. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Mayor Dropiewski, Council members Martin, Borden, Wilkins, Wrobel, Gagne and Moore

ALSO PRESENT: DPS Director Hammond, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz, Police Chief Rossow, Economic Development Director Mans, Treasurer Rozga, City Attorney Grunow and Clerk Armstrong

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution 12-03-01

Motion by Gagne
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of November 19, 2012

Motion carried unanimously

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Richard Elswick and Edna Wriston spoke about Team USA performing at Riverfest, they gave a copy of the DVD and shirt competition to the Mayor and Councilman Borden. They thanked the Mayor, Council, George Mans and Gary Borden for help with Riverfest information and owning a business in Flat Rock.

Flat Rock resident spoke about Arsenal Road and the amount of speeders and steel haulers, he asked for more police force on the road. He also inquired about a rumored waste water plant in Flat Rock. Chief Bill Vack spoke about this and informed him this isn't going to be a waste water plant and explained the State of Michigan owns the property and what the State plans for the site.

Sue Farrar thanked everyone who came to see Santa and the Angel Bell Choir. She said 165 kids visited Santa and Santa was in Flat Rock for 1 hour and 45 minutes. Sue reminded everyone of Santa's mailbox at the library; it will be available until December 15th at noon. Mrs. Farrar reminded residents and business owners of the Christmas decorating contest on December 13th from 6-11 pm. The winner will be announced at the December 17th Council meeting. Cash prizes (compliments of DTE) will be awarded for residents and framed certificates for business. Sue acknowledged the students at Simpson school for making 200 plus decorations for the tree.

Sean from Support Local spoke of the winter wonderland festival and asked for approval for a tent that will be at the event on December 9, 15 and 16 from 12-8 pm.

A resident asked about the progress of the bike path. The project will go out to bid shortly.

6. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Chief Rossow asked to approve an agreement with the Trenton firearms range.

Recreation Director Joann Pawlukiewicz gave an update on breakfast with Santa. The event hosted 210 participants; 91 kids and 119 adults. She reminded resident of the senior Christmas party. Joann announced on December 13th, the City bus will be touring throughout town to look at the Christmas lights. She announced an article on the Flat Rock Community Center was published in MRP.

Fire Chief Bill Vack announced a fire truck is down and the gear box needs replacement. He requested approval from Council for repairs. A resolution was made and follows within the minutes.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Gary Borden gave his condolences to the Williams family. He inquired about the horse drawn carriage ordinance and the fees associated with it. He announced the fire department lost a part time firefighter and the department is down to 18 firefighters.

Councilman Jim Martin asked the status of three buildings that had fires. He asked why Flat Rock has so many problems with DTE and power outages.

Councilman Paul Gagne stated that the library has 704 delinquent customers. He stated the library board will take action to collect the fines and it totals over \$14,000. The library will be sending out notices to those who owe fines. He also announced the library director will be leaving around the 1st of the year. The library may have to raise revenues. He reminded everyone the library is a good place for students. People come in and use the resources the library provides such as the internet, books, email, etc.

8. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Jonathon Dropiewski thanked the Beautification Commission for bringing Santa to Flat Rock, the tree lighting ceremony and Angel Bell Choir. He noted how many kids showed up to see Santa and the line was all the way down City Hall and back. Mayor Dropiewski thanked Councilman Martin for filming Santa's visit and airing it on TV. He thanked Joann Pawlukiewicz for breakfast with Santa and noted the magic show was a huge success.

Mayor Dropiewski spoke of concerns with Silica mining project. He said it has not been voted on by Berlin and Ash Township and might be delayed for some time. The Mayor is meeting with Silica to suggest an alternate route that wouldn't impact Huron River Drive. Fire Chief Vack also spoke of the mining project.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Item 9-A. - Wayne County annual permit resolution – Authorized signers

Resolution 12-03-02

Motion by Martin
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the Wayne County annual permit resolution and authorized signers.

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-B - Resolution accepting long term maintenance of storm water management system – St. Roch Catholic Church

Resolution 12-03-03

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Gagne

RESOLVED, to approve the resolution accepting long term maintenance of storm water management system at St. Roch Catholic Church

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-C - Ordinance – 1st Reading – Establishing the Flat Rock Community Center as a separate department of the City

Resolution 12-03-04

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to suspend the 1st reading of ordinance to establish the Flat Rock Community Center as a separate department of the City

Motion carried 6-1
With Wilkins voting no

10. LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Item 10-A – Request from Support Local and the Train Depot to approve the permit for a tent at the winter wonderland event on December 9th, 15th and 16th, 2012

Resolution 12-03-05

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the tent permit from Support Local and the Train Depot at the winter wonderland event on December 9th, 15th and 16th from 12-8 PM, pending building department approval

Motion carried unanimously

Item 10-B – Agreement for interlocal license for gun range use with the City of Trenton

Resolution 12-03-06

Motion by Martin
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the agreement for interlocal license for gun range use with the City of Trenton Police Department

Motion carried unanimously

Item 10-C – Approval for fire truck repair

Resolution 12-03-07

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the necessary repairs to the fire truck

Motion carried unanimously

Item 10-D – Proposal to change retirees age 65 and older supplemental insurance

Resolution 12-03-08

Motion by Martin
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to approve changes to retirees age 65 and older, supplemental insurance for an annual saving of \$74,003.00

Motion carried unanimously

Convene into executive session regarding Zoo Millage/DIA Millage

Resolution 12-03-09

Motion by Martin
Supported by Moore

RESOLVED, to convene into executive session regarding the Zoo and DIA Millage

Motion carried unanimously

Reconvene into the regular Council meeting of December 3, 2012

Resolution 12-03-10

Motion by Martin
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to reconvene into the regular Council meeting of December 3, 2012

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 12-03-11

Motion by Martin
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign agreement to join litigation with the City of Dearborn Heights to capture taxes from the DIA/ZOO Millage

Motion carried 6-1
With Gagne voting no

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution 12-03-12

Motion by Gagne
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of December 3, 2012

All voting yes; Motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DATE: _____

Approved

MEAGHAN K. ARMSTRONG, CITY CLERK