

## REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

### CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013

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, Fire Chief/Building Director Vack, Treasurer Rozga, Attorney Grunow and Clerk Armstrong

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Resolution 02-04-01**

Motion by Gagne  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of February 4, 2013

Motion carried unanimously

4. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

NONE

5. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Recreation Director Joann Pawlukiewicz spoke of the upcoming events in Flat Rock listed as follows:

- Enchanted Evening Daddy/Daughter Dance – February 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 PM and a less formal dance on February 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM
- The MRPA regrouped with Flat Rock Recreation to offer discount Detroit Red Wings tickets – available game dates are February 9<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup>
- The start of the Senior Arthritis Program will begin on February 18<sup>th</sup> and will occur 3 times a week. The program is no cost to seniors and will teach seniors with arthritis how to walk properly. They will also receive free pedometers.
- Easter party will take place on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM – 1 PM
- Bridal Show at the Recreation Center is February 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 PM – cost is \$10.00
- (Update) The Silver Sneakers Program is doing really well and has about 200 members
- Flat Rock Little League registration starts February 5<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center

Director Pawlukiewicz gave an update on membership records at the Community Center. She announced the staff will updating the records to make sure members still live in Flat Rock and emergency contact numbers are up to date. She noted members will be asked to see ID's to confirm residency with the program discounts.

Police Chief Neil Rossow thanked his staff for two incidents that happed this past week. One was a break at a business; on shift were Sergeant Cook, Sergeant Gamino, Officer Neilson and Officer Page. Officer Neilson and Page responded to the scene to find a lady that climbed into a smoke shop from an open door, attempting to shoplift a great deal of merchandise. She was arrested and the shift did a very nice job with the investigation. The other incident that occurred was the Bank of America was held up on Saturday morning; on shift was Sergeant Krody, Officer Sexsmith and Officer Wieneke with assistant of Brownstown, they captured the robber and most of the money was recovered.

**6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Councilman Gary Borden congratulated the girls' basketball team for the win against Huron. He asked Fire Chief Vack on an update of hiring of firefighters, Chief Vack responded, it should be about two weeks for testing.

Councilman Jim Martin asked if the City received the new plow trucks and noted he received resident complaints that the roads were not plowed with over 2 inches of snow. Bruce stated that the roads were salted. Councilman Martin noted the salt didn't do such a great job on the roads.

Councilman Paul Gagne announced he read an article in the paper that on February 20<sup>th</sup> between 5 – 9 PM Big Boy will help raise funds for the Flat Rock Public Library.

Councilwoman Felicia Moore commended the Police Department on a job well done this weekend. She announced on February 15<sup>th</sup> – March 17<sup>th</sup> the local chapter of Girl Scouts will have a cookie drive thru at the KMART plaza. Mayor Dropiewski asked the price of cookies, Councilwoman Moore state that after several years, the price of cookies increased by \$0.50 so the cost is now \$4.00 a box. She also later announced the retirement party for K9 Officer Rocco on March 1, 2013 between 7:00 – 10:30 PM at the Community Center.

**7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Jonathon Dropiewski didn't have any comments as he will be speaking more at the State of the City Address next meeting.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Item 8-A. Public Hearing: 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**

**Resolution 02-04-02**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Moore

Resolved, to open the public hearing

Motion carried unanimously

Public hearing is now open for public comment – Mayor Dropiewski asked if anyone wished to comment on block grant projects

- Mayor Dropiewski commented he received several suggestions from various residents through email, some of which are in planning or in thought stages but many of them don't qualify for the narrow definition that comes with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The CDBG program is restricted to three broad areas; senior program, low to moderate income and accessibility or handicap accessibility. He noted we are in tight constraints where the money can be used. The past few years we have put the money into Evergreen road pavement which was badly needed. Mayor Dropiewski suggested we could use the funds to work on Evergreen some more.
- DPS Director Bruce Hammond said this summer we will do the Evergreen intersection with 2011-2012 funds but the area in front of the elementary school will be left undone. The total cost to fix that area would be 68,750.00.
  - Mayor Dropiewski noted you will have to add the administration fee and Councilman Martin noted the senior alliance and transportation will also have to be added (around \$10,000.00).
- Councilman Paul Gagne commented George Mans was looking to brownfield to tear down the beauty school and suggested the money be used for that. Mayor Dropiewski said looks like something might be happening with the beauty school. Councilman Gagne would like to use the money for the library as they serve low to moderate income – Mayor Dropiewski noted George Mans looked into using the funds for that and asked Wayne Country but it wasn't allowed.

Mayor Dropiewski closed the public hearing

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item 9-A. Recommendation for final payment to G.V. Cement for pavement repairs at 2011 water main break sites**

**Resolution 02-04-03**

Motion by Borden  
Supported by Gagne

RESOLVED, to approve final payment to G.V. Cement for pavement repairs at 2011 water main break sites

Councilman Borden commented the agenda should read this is a retainer fee and not a final payment. Mayor Dropiewski noted it is still the final payment to the contractor

Motion carried unanimously

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Item A - Convene into closed session to discuss of police patrol negotiations.**

**Resolution 02-04-04**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to convene into closed session to discuss police patrol negotiations

Motion carried unanimously

**Resolution 02-04-05**

Motion by Gagne  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to reconvene into the regular City Council meeting

Motion carried unanimously

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**  
NONE

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Resolution 02-4-06**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of February 4, 2013 at 8:10 P.M.

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously.

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**JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Approved**

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**MEAGHAN K. ARMSTRONG, CITY CLERK**