

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016

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: Bergeron, Little, Martin, Tefend, Thomas, and Wrobel

ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk Meaghan Bachman, Fire Chief Bill Vack, Police Chief John Leacher, Department of Public Service Director Matt Sype, Recreation Director Rodney Wade, Treasurer Brian Marciniak, Economic Development Director Liz Hendley, Building Director Larry Dishaw, and City Attorney David Grunow

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution 02-01-01

Motion by Thomas
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of January 19, 2016 as presented

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

None

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Building Director Larry Dishaw announced the police department women's bathroom project is complete. He also noted the boiler certificates were received and the project is complete.

Fire Chief Bill Vack commented on the Hometown Heroes Award Ceremony, honoring police officers and firefighters for service and dedication to the community. Chief Vack thanked the Community Service Organization for hosting the event and also the sponsors and contributors that made the event possible with no city funds being used to host the ceremony. Chief Vack mentioned a special thank you to Judge Jennifer Coleman Hesson for the key note address given. He also thanked Mayor Dropiewski for his comments and Council Members Thomas and Little for attending and showing their support. He noted it was a very special event.

City Clerk Meaghan Bachman spoke of the upcoming Presidential Primary on March 8, 2016. She noted the last day to register to vote or change your address is February 8, 2016.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Little thanked the Police Chief and Fire Chief for hosting the awards ceremony and noted he would like to do more for the other employees of the city. He noted it was a great event. Council Member Little was happy to hear the 1 hour parking signs will be placed on Huron River Drive for restricting parking for special event times. He noted he would like see what department heads need for their departments and what will make it easier to run the departments. Mayor Dropiewski noted usually that happens around the budget preparation time.

Council Member Martin noted street lights are going up along Telegraph Road, north of the viaduct. He noted it will really brighten up the area. Mayor Dropiewski noted lights are going up in Bradbury as well. Council Member Thomas asked if streetlights are on both sides of the street in Bradbury Park.

Council Member Thomas congratulated the firefighters and police officers who received awards at the ceremony.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski congratulated the award winners of the police and fire departments at the award ceremony. He gave a special congratulations to Tim Webb on his community service award, Officer Vespremi for his award on highest number of arrests, and Officer Page who was named Flat Rock Police Officer of the Year. He noted awards and certificates were given along with challenge coins to firefighters. He noted it was a very special event.

The Mayor reminded Council the Downriver Community Conference open house is on Thursday and encouraged the members to attend.

Mayor Dropiewski noted his State of the City Address will take place at the next meeting.

The Mayor asked that City Hall be closed on Presidents Day due to the clerical union being off and the following motion was made:

Resolution 02-01-02

Motion by Thomas
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to close City Hall on Presidents Day due to the clerical union having the day off

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

Item 9-A-Public Hearing No. 1 for Wayne County Health, Veteran & Community Wellness Community Development and Block Grant (CDBG) Program Funds – Program Year 2016

Resolution 02-01-03

Motion by Martin
Supported by Thomas

RESOLVED, to open the Public Hearing for Wayne County Health, Veteran & Community Wellness Community Development and Block Grant (CDBG) Program Funds – Program Year 2016 in the estimated amount of \$ 80,072.00

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

Public Hearing was opened for public comment – Mayor Dropiewski asked if anyone wished to comment on projects

- No one from the public wished to comment.
- Mayor Dropiewski mentioned some 2015 funds may be reprogramed to purchase a van for the recreation department.
- Mayor Dropiewski noted an idea for 2016 which was ADA compliant shaded picnic tables. Council Member Martin asked about ADA equipment for the splash pad.
- Council Member Martin noted he received an email from the Brownstown Township Area Little League asking if Flat Rock could put money into the Arsenal Road Field. He noted it isn't in our area and not covered under Block Grant. Council Member Martin noted he liked the idea of money going to The Guidance Center. He also noted using funds for Alders paving. The Mayor noted the sidewalks can be looked at on Alders.
- Council Member Martin asked if we can install a sidewalk from Olmstead to the Community Center; it was noted this isn't in the LMI area. Also noted was bike path repair.
- Mayor Dropiewski asked if anyone else would like to comment. No further comments were made.

Motion to close the Public Hearing for Wayne County Health, Veteran & Community Wellness Community Development and Block Grant (CDBG) Program Funds – Program Year 2016

Resolution 02-01-04

Motion by Martin
Supported Bergeron

RESOLVED, to close the Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant Funds – Program Year 2016

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

Item 9-B-Mayoral Commission Reappointments

Resolution 02-01-05

Motion by Tefend
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to appoint the following individuals to the Planning Commission: Robert Smedley term expiring 2/15/2018, Lisa Bruce term expiring 2/15/2019, and Rod Hopper term expiring 2/15/2019

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

Item 9-C-Payment No. 2 – City Hall Front Porch Renovation – Sole’ Construction

Resolution 02-01-06

Motion by Thomas
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve Payment No. 2 for the City Hall Front Porch Renovation to Sole’ Construction in the amount of \$82,710.00

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

10. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (ADDITIONAL COMMENTS):

Sue Farrar suggested work on the microphones in the Council Chambers to improve the sound. Mayor Dropiewski noted this was a discussion in the Department Head meeting to see if we could have the cost covered by Block Grant funds.

11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution 02-01-07

Motion by Martin
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of February 1, 2016 at 7:49 PM

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DATE: _____
Approved

MEAGHAN K. BACHMAN, CITY CLERK