

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014

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, Councilmembers: Beller, Bergeron, Borden, Martin, Thomas and Wrobel

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Bill Vack, Police Chief Neal Rossow, DPS Director Matt Sype, Recreation Director Joann Pawlukiewicz, Building Director Bernie Ciupak, Attorney David Grunow and Clerk Meaghan Bachman

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution 2-03 -01

Motion by Martin
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of January 21, 2014 as presented

Motion carried unanimously

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Virginia Wegienka spoke in regards to the Silica Sand proposal. Ms. Wegienka noted she is opposed to the operation of the trucks and facilities. The following motion was made:

Resolution 2-03-02

Motion by Borden
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve a traffic study on Gibraltar Road and Telegraph to determine truck studies

Discussion

Motion carried unanimously

Yvonne Vogt spoke of an incident regarding her stolen car. It was noted the truck was found in Detroit and the Flat Rock Police Department didn't notify her that car was found right away. She noted she had to purchase a new car and felt the City of Flat Rock should pay her loan for the new car she had to buy. Police Chief Rossow noted the police department did miss the first message from Detroit Police Department but Detroit Police didn't follow the proper follow up procedure. He also noted the Flat Rock Police Department paid her storage fees. The following motion was made:

Resolution 2-03-03

Motion by Borden
Supported by

RESOLVED, to reimburse Ms. Vogt in the amount of \$300 to cover the cost of what she sold her stolen car for

Motion FAILED due to lack of support

A resident spoke in support of Fire Chief Bill Vack and noted he is a dedicated employee who loves his career. She noted he is doing a wonderful job and feels safe that he is the Fire Chief of Flat Rock

Joe Pagano, Chairman of Flat Rock DDA explained what the DDA does for the community and business in Flat Rock. Various activities include, sidewalk repair and cleaning, facade grant program for businesses, electrical work at Huroc Park, street banners, he noted the DDA is a member of the Michigan Main Street Program, work with blight removal. He noted the DDA sponsors the Riverfest, Country Blast and the Farmers Market. He announced upcoming events at Huroc Park; the first is Peddle and Peddle Program which is a Kayak/Walk to Oakwood Park on June 7, 2014. Second event is a long distance run and kayak on July 25, 2014. Last is Crusin at Huroc Park on August 23 & 24, 2014. He asked permission for the use of Huroc Park and the following motion was made:

Resolution 2-03-04

Motion by Borden
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the DDA to use Huroc Park for the following dates (special use permits will be present and approved once more information is received):

- June 7, 2014 – Peddle and Peddle Program
- June 25, 2014 – Long distance run and kayaking
- August 22, 23, 24, 2014 – Crusin at Huroc Park

Motion carried unanimously

A resident spoke opposing the proposed Silica Sand facility in Ash Township. He spoke of the dangers of the process and the trucks that will travel through Flat Rock.

Jordan Brodehl of the American Cancer Society, she is the new staff partner for Flat Rock and is working for the Relay for Life program. She noted the relay kickoff party is Tuesday, March 4th at 6:00 PM at the Flat Rock High School. The Relay for Life celebration is June 7-8, 2014 from 10:00 am – 10:00 am 24 hour event at the Flat Rock High School. She handed out flyers for the event.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Building Director Bernie Cuipak announced the part-time ordinance officer/inspector is working out well and he noted an update on the O'Riley Auto Parts business.

Recreation Director Joann Pawlukiewicz announced the Wayne County Recreation Grant for the year 2013-2014 is the amount of \$15,000. She noted upcoming events at the Community Center. She noted the senior lunch is back on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, a chicken dinner

will be served every month for the price of \$5.00. Councilman Borden noted groups such as the Recreation Center, DDA, etc. can get together and discuss upcoming events with each other. He noted in the past a community calendar was proposed for events and asked if we can start for next year.

DPS Director Matt Sype noted a salt shortage within Wayne County and noted this is the reason for current road conditions. He announced the Rizzo Recycling Rewards program has begun and explained the process of the program. He also announced residents will receive a 67 gallon recycling bin at no charge to the residents and noted the residents can call Rizzo to request a bin. Mayor Dropiewski noted a packet of information will be sent to each resident. Councilman Borden asked questions on recycling bins and the program, he also asked about potholes in the city.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilwoman Dawn Thomas announced the Meals on Wheels program at St. Roch's Church. She noted a lunch is served Monday – Friday at noon and is offered to residents 60 years of age or older; a \$2 donation is asked but not required. The number to contact for more information is 734-727-7357.

Councilman Jim Martin announced the upcoming fundraiser on February 17, 2014 “be the match for bone marrow registry” at Texas Roadhouse and they will donate 10% of your bill to the fundraiser.

Councilman Ken Wrobel asked about the process of the administrative employee policy and noted some things are done outside of what the policy states. The Mayor noted the policy should be updated and set by Council. Councilman Wrobel stated things should be done how the policy states and we should follow it. He noted Ford Motor Company made 8.6 billion on profits from favorable tax laws. Councilman Wrobel spoke of a potential candidate for Fire Chief; he noted this isn't anything personal against Chief Vack. He made the following motion:

Resolution 2-03-05

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Thomas

RESOLVED, to appoint Mark Hammond as the Fire Chief for Flat Rock

Motion FAILED 3-4 with Dropiewski, Beller, Bergeron and Martin voting no

Councilman Gary Borden noted the passing of his aunt and uncle. He noted he ran for council to make a better change in the community and noted the progress that has been made in the last 4 years. He noted he took an oath of office to better the community and not an individual's image and thanked the community for their support. Councilman Borden noted the challenges that occur with the position but is up for the challenge. He noted his dislike when debates happen regarding things that will better the community. He noted the workers, department heads, residents should be supported by council. He noted the council has no reports on department heads evaluations throughout the year and asked how they are supposed to vote for or against the department heads with no reports. The Mayor noted the ways department heads are presented to council and noted the recent goals and objectives reports that he had department heads report to council. Councilman Wrobel noted he would like to know when new staff is working or when they quit. Councilman Borden noted the council should be aware of what happens in the city and shouldn't find out from outside sources. He noted the city can do better with communications and would like to see a better Human Resource system. He asked if a councilmember will be appointed to the clerical union. Councilman Borden congratulated Councilman Steven Beller on his seat on council. Councilman Borden spoke of an upcoming event at Huroc Park, a music, beer, made in

Michigan event on August 2, 2014. He noted a variety of Michigan products will be there, music, job opportunities. He noted it will be privately sponsored. The following motion was made:

Resolution 2-03-06

Motion by Borden
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve use of Huroc Park on August 1 and 2, 2014 for the Michigan Beer Fest; the event will take place on August 2, 2014; a special use permit will be presented once more information is presented

Discussion

Motion carried unanimously

Councilman Steven Beller thanked everyone and noted he will do his best over the next 4 years.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski noted we need a volunteer to serve on the clerical negotiations; Councilwoman Thomas volunteered and the following motion was made:

Resolution 2-03-07

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to appoint Councilwoman Dawn Thomas to clerical negotiations

Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Dropiewski announced he is looking for a member to serve on the Board of Review and described the duties.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 8-A- Appointment of Fire Chief

Resolution 2-03-08

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported Martin

Discussion

RESOLVED, to reappoint William Vack, as Fire Chief as recommended by the Mayor

Motion carried 5-2 with Thomas and Wrobel voting no

9. NEW BUSINESS

Item 9-A-Community Center Membership Guidelines

Resolution 2-03-09

Motion by Wrobel
Supported Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the changes to the Community Center membership guidelines to reflect, all non-residents to purchase a month pass, six-month or yearly membership

Discussion

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-B-Appointments to Various Commissions

Resolution 2-03-10

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported Martin

RESOLVED, to appoint Felicia Moore to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Alisa Maul to the Downtown Development Authority as recommended by the Mayor

Discussion

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-C-Renewal of the Agreement for the use of the Taylor Gun Range

Resolution 2-03-11

Motion by Martin
Supported Borden

RESOLVED, to approve the renewal of the agreement for use of the Taylor Gun Range for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014

Discussion

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-C-Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant funds for Program Year 2014

Resolution 2-03-12

Motion by Martin
Supported Borden

RESOLVED, to approve the public hearing for Community Development Block Grant funds, Program Year 2014 on February 18, 2014 at 7:30 PM

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-D-1st Reading of Amendment of the Zoning Ordinance regarding pawn shops and regulations for pawn shop ordinance

Resolution 2-03-13

Motion by Martin
Supported Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the 1st reading of Amendment of the Zoning Ordinance regarding pawn shops and regulations for pawn shop ordinance

Discussion

Motion carried unanimously

10. CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution 2-03-14

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of February 3, 2014

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DATE: _____
Approved

MEAGHAN K. BACHMAN, CITY CLERK