

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, MARCH 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, and Gagne

EXCUSED AS ABSENT: Councilman Wrobel and Councilwoman Moore

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief/Building Director Vack, DPS Director Hammond, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz, Police Chief Rossow, Attorney Grunow and Clerk Armstrong

Resolution 03-04-01

Motion by Martin
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, That Flat Rock City Council hereby Excuses Councilman Wrobel and Councilwoman Moore, as absent at the regular City Council meeting of March 3, 2013

Motion carried unanimously

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Resolution 03-04-02

Motion by Gagne
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of February 19, 2013

Motion carried unanimously

4. **CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE:**

Police Chief Rossow presented a plaque to Officer Jerry Page and K9 Officer Rocco that will remain in the Flat Rock Police Department and a plaque that will stay with Officer Page and Rocco. He spoke of the commitment that a dog handler must take on and requires hard work and training. He noted Officer Page is also a trainer for K9 Officers.

Mayor Dropiewski presented a plaque to Officer Jerry Page and K9 Officer Rocco, for 9 ½ years of service Rocco gave to the City of Flat Rock. He thanked them for their service and congratulated Jerry.

Office Jerry Page thanked his family, his mentor/dog trainer and all the brave men and women he is able to stand with at training. He also thanked Joann and Chris from the Community

Center for the wonderful retirement party at the center. He thanked former Police Chief Tallman and current Chief Rossow along with the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Dropiewski presented a plaque to Lorene Butski for 31 years of service to the City of Flat Rock. He noted Lorene retired and came back to the City to help in a time of need. He spoke of his appreciation towards Lorene and her hard work.

Lorene Butski thanked all the election workers and family who came to show their support along with the Mayor, Council and department heads. She said it has been a blessing to come back to work.

5. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Joe Pagano, Chairman of the DDA, announced the 2013 business forum at Salutes on March 14, 2013 at 8:00 am. He noted it is a forum to bring all the businesses together and discuss the DDA services and the Mayor to discuss the State of the City Address. He noted to call or email the City Clerk to RSVP.

Eric Morrison, 26597 Boulder Drive asked questions regarding the proposed building of Meijer. He asked if a site plan is available prior to the meeting, Chief Vack noted it will be available soon. He has concerns such as the proposed store will be 90 feet away from his property line. The Mayor noted Meijer has plans to install a berm or a wall behind the store. Councilman Gagne and Martin also responded to some of Mr. Morrison's concerns.

Sue Farrar noted we need a grocery store in Flat Rock and suggested we put this out to a vote for the residents to decide. Mayor said it isn't the normal procedure for this type of thing.

The organization, Chained Inc. presented what their organization does for chained dogs. They work with homeowners so dogs are not chained 24 hours a day. She noted they provide vaccinations and fenced areas for free to residents. She asked the City adopt a resolution prohibiting dogs to be chained up 24 hours a day.

6. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Chief Neil Rossow reminded residents that a snow emergency is declared after 2" of accumulated snow and vehicles must be moved off street. Chief Rossow responded to Councilman Wrobel's question from the last meeting regarding the no right turn sign at Vreeland and Telegraph, the City controls this sign so he will be discussing it with the DPS director. Chief Rossow thanked Joann, Shelly and Chris from the Community Center for hosting the fundraiser for K9 Officer Rocco.

City Clerk Meaghan Armstrong congratulated Lorene Butski on her retirement ceremony.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Paul Gagne announced the library received a credit of \$9,000.00 for reduced cost in technology services. He spoke of the fundraiser at Big Boys and said they raised \$300.00. He noted people were concerned about the library so they donated extra money for the free books they were able to give out. Councilman Gagne noted that Flat Rock Metal donated \$500.00 and thanked them for that. Councilman Gagne said he is working to reduce the budget and is having some trouble having the library board understand that cuts need to be made. He said he may call an emergency meeting of the library board within a week or two so they can figure out how to reduce the deficit. He said complaints are being received from people on Huron River Drive from the

trucks. He asked if something could be done about it. The Mayor said they are working on a proposed truck route.

Councilman Jim Martin thanked Lorene for everything she has done for him and the community. He noted she will be missed.

Councilman Gary Borden thanked Lore ne for all she has done and made his job easier by supporting him. He said she is much appreciated. He thanked everyone who came out to the Big Boy fundraiser to support the library. He congratulated the Rams, girl basketball team on doing a great job. He thanked Jerry Page and family for everything they did around the City. He also thanked Joann for the fundraiser for Rocco at the Community Center. He also thanked Chained Inc. and looking forward to working with them.

Councilwoman Wilkins thanked Lorene for all her help and noted she is going to miss her. She also thanked Rocco and Jerry and said it was a great time working with them and said what an excellent dog and handler they are and did a great job for the community. Councilwoman Wilkins noted she supports Chained Inc. but would like to speak with them after the meeting.

8. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski noted the value of public service and how it makes a difference in a City. He thanked Officer Jerry Page and K9 Officer Rocco for their service. He also thanked Lorene for the last 31 years she served Flat Rock and wished her and her family the best. The Mayor congratulated the girls' basketball team on defeating Huron. He also congratulated the girls bowling team who placed 3rd in the state this year. He wished Ray Burdick a speedy recovery on his recent illness. He extended his sympathy to his brother and sister in-law on the loss of his brother in-laws father so suddenly. He congratulated Joann and Rodney on great events over the weekend. Rocco's retirement party was on Friday and swim with the mermaid on Saturday. The youth championship games for basketball program and Mayor Dropiewski was honored to award the medals.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item 9-A Crest Ford Storm Water Management System

Resolution 03-04-03

Motion by Martin
Supported by Borden

Resolved, to approve the Crest Ford Storm Water Management System Agreement

Motion carried unanimously

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 10-A Request from the Rockwood Area Lions Club to solicit donations in Flat Rock on April 26th and 27th during Michigan White Cane Week

Resolution 03-04-04

Motion by Martin
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to approve the Request from the Rockwood Area Lions Club to solicit donations in Flat Rock on April 26th and 27th during Michigan White Cane Week

Motion carried unanimously

11. CORRESPONDENCE:
NONE

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution 03-04-05

Motion by Martin
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of March 4, 2013 at 8:52 P.M.

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DATE: _____
Approved

MEAGHAN K. ARMSTRONG, CITY CLERK