

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 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, Building Director Bernie Ciupak, Recreation Director Joann Pawlukiewicz, Attorney David Grunow and Clerk Meaghan Bachman

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution 03-17 -01

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 3, 2014 as presented

Motion carried unanimously

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

None

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Building Director Bernie Ciupak gave an update on permits pulled, potential new businesses, demolition and code enforcement. Bernie

Police Chief Rossow noted the contract with Rockwood Police Department agreement for prisoners is finalized. Chief Rossow announced a new anonymous tip line 734.789.2301. He reminded drivers to watch out for kids crossing streets. Councilman Borden congratulated the Chief for being a key note speaker at the FBI National Conference and noted what a great job he does.

Recreation Director Joann Pawlukiewicz updated on the senior coordinator position. She noted Shelley Pluchino will take on some of the duties and noted she has done it before in the past. She spoke of the 2013/2014 Wayne County Grant for \$15,000 to be used to maintain the bike path. Councilman Bergeron asked if we will be fixing some of the areas on the bike path (yes, we are). Councilman Borden asked if the senior coordinator situation temporary (no).

Director Pawlukiewicz asked for support to update the computers at the community center. She noted the computers are 10 years old and received a quote from Electronic Computer Service.

She also noted Microsoft won't be supporting Windows XP after April 2014. Tim Huddleston from Electronic Computer Service spoke regarding the new computers. The following motion was made:

Resolution 03-17 -02

Motion by Martin
Supported by Beller

Discussion

RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of 11 computers, program accessories and installation from Electronic Computer Services, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the quote will be accepted and bid process waived

Motion carried unanimously

City Attorney David Grunow informed the Mayor and Council two Council volunteers are needed to serve on a committee due to the clerical employee discipline grievance. The following motion was made:

Resolution 03-17 -03

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, Councilman Bergeron and Councilman Borden volunteered to serve on the committee for the clerical employee discipline grievance

Motion carried unanimously

City Attorney David Grunow asked permission for the City Clerk to sign the resolution authorizing the application for a Tavern License with Outdoor Service and Entertainment Permits, to be issued to the City of Flat Rock, Recreation Department, for use at the Flat Rock Community Fields located at 28341 Evergreen, Flat Rock, MI 48134. The following motion was made:

Resolution 03-17 -04

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to allow the City Clerk to sign the resolution authorizing the application for a Tavern License with Outdoor Service and Entertainment Permits, to be issued to the City of Flat Rock, Recreation Department, for use at the Flat Rock Community Fields located at 28341 Evergreen, Flat Rock, MI 48134

Motion carried unanimously

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilwoman Dawn Thomas wished all a Happy St. Patrick's Day. She asked Matt Sype what all the digging in the city was from. Councilwoman Thomas noted Rizzo, the new rubbish company is very courteous but is concerned about the recycling bins availability; Matt Sype responded.

Councilman John Bergeron thanked DPS for patching the pot holes on Aspen.

Councilman Ken Wrobel noted the city needs a plan to replace roads. He suggested a millage or bond. The Mayor noted the findings from the Taser study will be presented soon by the City Engineer. Discussion was made between the Mayor and Councilmembers. Councilman Wrobel asked if the Fire Department has the explorer program for partnership with other communities and part-time firefighters; Chief Vack noted it was looked into in the past and takes a lot of time but will look into it again. Councilman Wrobel asked the status on hiring of part-time firefighters; Chief Vack responded two are hired and waiting on two more. Wrobel noted the hiring will cut down on overtime. Councilman Wrobel asked if we looked into having a pool of part-time firefighters to use from surrounding communities.

Councilman Gary Borden asked Chief Vack if the website is up and running and hoped that he felt better from his cold. Councilman Borden wished all a Happy St. Patrick's Day. Borden congratulated Simpson Middle School Girls' Basketball team and noted they did very well and is very proud of them. Councilman Borden asked Matt Sype about the potholes on Aspen and noted only a few were filled. Councilman Borden congratulated Big Boy for the show car they built. Councilman Borden asked if the Rabies Clinic was an official resolution approved by Council. Attorney Grunow noted the Rabies Clinic should be approved by council. Councilman Borden also asked how much it cost in overtime to host the Rabies Clinic. Councilman Borden also asked why Flat Rock vet offices are not hosting the event. Councilman Borden asked Bernie how the rental program is doing. The following motion was made:

Resolution 03-17 -05

Motion by Borden
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the request from Debbie Wilkins to host the Rabies Clinic on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at the Fire Department Bay from 9 am - noon

Motion carried unanimously

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski presented updates on the Treasurer and Economic Development Director positions. The Mayor congratulated Joann and Rodney and the rest of the staff for the last round of basketball; he noted they did a great job.

Mayor Dropiewski asked Council to reject all bids that were received for the press box at the ball fields. He noted the bids are too high in price compared to the City Engineers estimate. The following motion was made:

Resolution 03-17 -06

Motion by Borden
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to reject all bids that were received for the press box at the ball fields

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 03-17 -07

Motion by Borden
Supported by Thomas

Discussion

RESOLVED, to rebid the press box at the ball fields and keep bidding open for 10 days

Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Dropiewski spoke of the Personal Property Tax bills that are in place and gave an update on the current situation. He reminded residents to lock their car doors to prevent break-ins. Mayor Dropiewski noted he had the pleasure to read for the 4th and 5th grade students at Barnes Elementary and thanked the staff for inviting him.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 8-A - 2nd reading of ordinance to amend the zoning code to permit outdoor dining in all commercial zoning districts and to regulate drive-in/through restaurants and businesses

Resolution 03-17 -08

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Bergeron

Discussion

RESOLVED, to suspend the 2nd reading of ordinance to amend the zoning code to permit outdoor dining in all commercial zoning districts and to regulate drive-in/through restaurants and businesses

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 03-17 -09

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Bergeron

Discussion

RESOLVED, to approve the 2nd reading of ordinance to amend the zoning code to permit outdoor dining in all commercial zoning districts and to regulate drive-in/through restaurants and businesses

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to refer this ordinance back to the planning commission for clarification on section QF7 page 17 of ordinance

Motion carried unanimously

9. NEW BUSINESS

Item 9-A - Extension of catering contract through December 2014

Resolution 03-17-10

Motion by Martin
Supported Bergeron

Discussion

RESOLVED, to approve the Extension of catering contract with Park Place catering through December 2014

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-B- Approval of Wayne County Annual Maintenance Permit

Resolution 03-17-11

Motion by Borden
Supported Thomas

RESOLVED, to approve the Wayne County Annual Maintenance Permit

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-C- Approval of Wayne County Annual Pavement Restoration Permit

Resolution 03-17-12

Motion by Borden
Supported Thomas

RESOLVED, to approve the Wayne County Annual Pavement Restoration Permit

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-D- Michigan Twp. Participation Plan US Specialty Insurance renewal

Resolution 03-17-13

Motion by Wrobel
Supported Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the Michigan Twp. Participation Plan US Specialty Insurance renewal

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-E- Approval of Jammin on the River event on August 2, 2014 sponsored by the “The Giving Foundation”

Resolution 03-17-14

Motion by Martin
Supported Wrobel

Discussion

RESOLVED, to approve Jammin on the River event on August 2, 2014 sponsored by the “The Giving Foundation” (pending approval of insurance requirements)

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-F- Approval of Cruzin Huroc Park event on August 23rd and 24th, 2014 sponsored by the Flat Rock DDA and the Flat Rock Community Foundation

Resolution 03-17-15

Motion by Borden
Supported Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve Cruzin Huroc Park event on August 23rd and 24th, 2014 sponsored by the Flat Rock DDA and the Flat Rock Community Foundation

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-G- Approval of Flat Rock Riverfest event on September 19th, 20th and 21st, 2014 sponsored by the Flat Rock Community Foundation

Resolution 03-17-16

Motion by Martin
Supported Bergeron

RESOLVED, to Approve Flat Rock Riverfest event on September 19th, 20th and 21st, 2014 sponsored by the Flat Rock Community Foundation

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-H- Request from the Rockwood Area Lions Club to solicit donations in Flat Rock on April 25th and 26th during Michigan White Cane Week

Resolution 03-17-17

Motion by Martin
Supported Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the request from the Rockwood Area Lions Club to solicit donations in Flat Rock on April 25th and 26th during Michigan White Cane Week

Motion carried unanimously

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

None

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution 03-17-18

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of March 17, 2014 at 9:20 PM

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DATE: _____
Approved

MEAGHAN K. BACHMAN, CITY CLERK