

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, MARCH 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 and Thomas

Absent: Councilman 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

Resolution 03-03 -01

Motion by Martin
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, That Flat Rock City Council hereby **EXCUSES** Councilman Wrobel as absent at the regular City Council meeting of March 3, 2014

Motion carried unanimously

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution 03-03 -02

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of February 18, 2014 as presented

Motion carried unanimously

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Sue Farrar of the Beautification Commission announced the City Wide Garage Sale on May 17th and 18th, 2014 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. She noted a permit is required from the City Clerk's Office and the cost is \$5.00. She also noted St. Vincent DePaul will provide the city with PODS for donation items. Councilman Borden asked if Sue is looking for volunteers, she responded yes, they can call the Clerk's office.

Former Councilwoman Debbie Wilkins thanked the residents for allowing her to service for two years on City Council. She apologized she isn't able to serve the remaining two years.

Ms. Wilkins announced the Rabies Clinic on May 3, 2014 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the fire station bays. She noted Doctor Oliver will be providing the services and noted the cost of vaccines. Councilman Borden asked about the proceeds of this event.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

No reports

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Borden asked Bill Vack if he looked into grant for smoke detectors. Vack noted he is looking at two different grant opportunities. Borden asked if one is with the CDBG program and noted the City of Allen Park received a grant from them. Clerk Bachman noted this is the grant program Flat Rock used to purchase the senior bus and the smoke alarms grant can be used in future program years. Mayor Dropiewski and Chief Vack reminded residents to change the batteries in smoke alarms with the time change. Councilman Borden asked how the city's salt supply, Matt Sype noted it is good. Borden asked if we can patch more potholes, especially on Aspen. Matt noted the DPS has a lot of potholes and are patching them when they can. Mayor Dropiewski noted to call DPS if you find a really bad pothole and noted the County roads should be reported to Wayne County. Councilman Borden congratulated John Dingell on his retirement and thanked him for all he has done for the community. He thanked Chief Rossow, Chief Vack and Matt Sype for the hard work of them and their staff. He asked the Mayor if any more applications for the Treasurer position were received.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski noted the city received approximately five applications for the Treasurer position and conducted first round interviews and hopes to have candidates presented to council soon. He also noted the search for Economic Development Director and noted several applications were received. He noted many of the applicants are very qualified.

The Mayor noted a press conference in Lansing for the personal property tax reform. He noted some changes have been made since the initial proposal. He spoke of how this bill can impact communities including the City of Flat Rock. Mayor Dropiewski noted he is working hard on this issue and is in contact with our legislators. Councilman Borden asked about the process.

Mayor Dropiewski reminded residents to change their clock and spring forward. The Mayor thanked DPS for a good job with clearing the weekend snow storm. Councilman Martin reminded residents to move their cars off the street. Councilman Borden asked about grant funds to help fill potholes. The Mayor noted it isn't finalized yet and in proposal stage.

Mayor Dropiewski announced the Coleman Building has been demolished and will be seeded in the spring. He also announced the demolition of the burned down house on Van Riper.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

Item 9-A - Request from the Michigan Chapter of the Progeria Research Foundation (Little Lindsay) to hold the annual “Miles for Miracles” on Saturday, May 10th, starting at 9:30 AM

Resolution 03-03-03

Motion by Borden
Supported Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the request from the Michigan Chapter of the Progeria Research Foundation (Little Lindsay) to hold the annual “Miles for Miracles” on Saturday, May 10th, starting at 9:30 AM and to place sign on playscape a week before the event

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-B- 1st 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 03-03-04

Motion by Martin
Supported Borden

RESOLVED, to suspend the 1st 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

Discussion

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-C- Permission to bid for sanitary sewer replacement in alley between Arsenal Road and Telegraph Road

Resolution 03-03-05

Motion by Martin
Supported Borden

RESOLVED, to approve the request to bid for sanitary sewer replacement in alley between Arsenal Road and Telegraph Road

Motion carried unanimously

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution 03-03-06

Motion by Martin
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of March 3, 2014 at 8:56 PM

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DATE: _____
Approved

MEAGHAN K. BACHMAN, CITY CLERK