

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 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, Thomas, and Wrobel

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney David Grunow, 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, and Building Director Larry Dishaw

Resolution 03-07-01

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, That Flat Rock City Council hereby excuses Council Member Tefend as absent at the regular City Council meeting of March 7, 2016

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution 03-07-02

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of February 16, 2016 as presented

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Sue Farrar of the Beautification Commission announced the upcoming City Wide Garage Sale.

Katt Stock of the Flat Rock Animal Shelter introduced Zola, a dog that needs adoption.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Recreation Director Rodney Wade announced the Senior Lunch on Wednesday.

Economic Development Director Liz Hendley announced the Master Plan Survey.

Police Chief John Leacher announced Random Acts of Kindness week and noted the police department's participation and thanked McDonalds for partnering with them. He spoke of the district girls' basketball game victory and congratulated them.

Fire Chief Bill Vack noted agility testing is Thursday to obtain more paid on call firefighters.

Mayor Dropiewski spoke on behalf of the City Clerk urging citizens to vote on Tuesday and spoke of the Election.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Dawn Thomas spoke of Captain Nemo's opening.

Council Member Little congratulated Liz Hendley on the Business Expo.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski spoke of sports achievements such as, the girls' basketball victory, two Flat Rock wrestlers are at states, cheerleaders won district champs, and Kayla Jackson winning the bowling state championship.

The Mayor noted the 2016 intern applications are on the city website.

Mayor Dropiewski congratulated Liz Hendley and the Main Street Flat Rock our Home Town Group on the Business Expo and the businesses that were presented with an award including Crest Ford for the Community Partner of the Year award.

The Mayor expressed his deepest condolences to Dean Cousino of the Monroe News on his wife's passing.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS 2015

Mayor Dropiewski delivered his annual State of the City Address to the residents of Flat Rock. Mayor Dropiewski spoke of the following highlights of 2015:

- Around 3-4 million spent on infrastructure and road projects
- SAW Grant program is continuing and progressing
- New businesses opening in Flat Rock
- New street lights on Telegraph Road
- Removal of eyesore buildings with hope to market the properties for sale
- Settled union contracts while recognizing good employee service but controlling legacy costs
- Progress in the Building Department
- Amped up Ordinance Enforcement

- City Hall front steps project is ongoing
- Police Department women’s locker room project is complete

Mayor Dropiewski also spoke of the following highlights of 2016:

- Opening of Meijer around August of 2016 – Meijer hasn’t publicly announced a date of opening
- Calder Dairy is still coming to Flat Rock and added additional land to their property – they are moving forward
- O’Reilly Auto Parts still coming to Flat Rock and spent time working through DEQ issues
- Captain Nemo’s opened in Flat Rock
- Biggby Coffee should be open by the end of March 2016, Build Your Own Burrito is progressing, and Wimpy Burger making progress to open in Flat Rock
- The old KMART building has a potential lessee utilizing 50,000 sq. ft. of property
- Telegraph Road Viaduct improvements will take place and a grant has been secured for redesign of the area
- Splash Pad construction will start within the next several weeks
- Clean up of Community Park area
- A new digital city sign will be placed around City Hall property
- Revamp of summer recreation program
- Summer Blast is June 10th – 12th and Riverfest is September 16th – 18th, 2016
- Animal Shelter and Animal Control
 - Hire a part-time Animal Shelter Manager – a volunteer has been running the shelter for a few years
- Cautiously optimistic about financial future, including Personal Property Tax Reform

The Mayor closed the State of the City Address

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

Item 9-A-Invoice from The Senior Alliance – Annual Local Match for 2016

Resolution 03-07-03

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the invoice from The Senior Alliance – Annual Local Match for 2016 in the amount of \$679.00

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Item 9-B-Invoice from Electronic Computer Services, Inc. – Anti-Virus Licensing

Resolution 03-07-04

Motion by Thomas
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the invoice from Electronic Computer Services, Inc. for Anti-Virus Licensing for City of Flat Rock computers in the amount of \$2,877.12

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Item 9-C-Fire Department Vehicle Purchase

Resolution 03-07-05

Motion by Thomas
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of a new 2016 Ford Explorer for the Fire Department; this vehicle is to replace the 2003 Crown Victoria that has been taken out of service by the City Mechanic due to safety and mechanical reasons.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, the 2016 Ford Explorer is part of the MIDEAL program and will be purchased from Crest Ford in Flat Rock for a cost of \$29,347.18

Discussion: Council Member Little inquired about leasing the vehicle. Council Member Martin asked if the money was in the budget

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Item 9-D-2016 Taylor Gun Range Agreement

Resolution 03-07-06

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the 2016 Gun Range Agreement with the City of Taylor Police Department and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Item 9-E- Wayne County DPS Annual Pavement Restoration Permit A-16165

Resolution 03-07-07

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the Wayne County DPS Annual Pavement Restoration Permit A-16165

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Item 9-F- Wayne County DPS Annual Maintenance Permit A-16077

Resolution 03-07-08

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the Wayne County DPS Annual Maintenance Permit A-16077

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

10. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (ADDITIONAL COMMENTS):

NONE

11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

• **CLOSED SESSION**

- **ITEM A - Cicotte v. Stone Creek Banquet Hall**
- **ITEM B - DPS Negotiations**
- **ITEM C – Command Discussion**

Resolution 03-07-09

Motion by Bergeron
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to convene into closed session to discuss, Cicotte v. Stone Creek Banquet Hall, DPS Negotiations, and Command Discussion

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 03-07-10

Motion by Bergeron
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to reconvene into open session

Motion carried unanimously

VOTE ON ITEM A - CICOTTE V. STONE CREEK BANQUET HALL

Resolution 03-07-11

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney with a \$7000.00 settlement for Cicotte v. Stone Creek Banquet Hall

Motion carried unanimously

VOTE ON ITEM B – DPS NEGOTIATIONS

Resolution 03-07-12

Motion by Little
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to sign the Department of Public Service (DPS) contract upon approval of the City Attorney with stipulations presented by City Attorney

Motion carried unanimously

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution 03-07-13

Motion by Thomas
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of March 7, 2016 at 9:12 PM

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DATE: _____
Approved

BRIAN MARCINIAK, CITY TREASURER