

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 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: Bergeron, Martin and Thomas

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 04-21-01

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, That Flat Rock City Council hereby **EXCUSES** Councilmembers Wrobel and Beller as absent at the regular City Council meeting of April 21, 2014

Motion carried unanimously

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution 04-21-02

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of April 7, 2014 as presented

Motion carried unanimously

4. PRESENTATION:

Police Officer Life Saving Award:

Police Chief Neal Rossow presented the Police Officer Life Saving Award to Officers Wieneke and Vamos. Chief Rossow presented the award that read, Officers Vamos and Wieneke were dispatched on a call reference a suicidal subject attempting to jump into the Huron River off the Telegraph Road Bridge. Officer Vamos arrived and found the subject with his body hanging totally over the guardrail on the river side. Officer Vamos grabbed the subject and started to pull him back over the guardrail to safety. Officer Wieneke arrived and helped Officer Vamos pull the subject over the guardrail and onto the roadway. Because of the weight of the subject, it took both officers to pull him to safety. The suicidal person was transported to the hospital for treatment. Without the actions of the two officers, the subject may have been able to jump over the side of the

bridge causing serious injury or death. Officer Vamos's and Officer Wieneke's quick actions are a credit to their profession and a testament to their training and dedication as members of the Flat Rock Police Department.

Honoring Police Chief Neal Rossow for his years of service to the City of Flat Rock:

Mayor Dropiewski presented Chief Rossow an award for serving the City of Flat Rock for the past 6 years. Mayor Dropiewski thanked him for his service. Police Chief Rossow thanked the Mayor and Council and noted it has been a privilege serving as Police Chief of Flat Rock. He spoke of what a great town Flat Rock is and the wonderful events the town holds. He spoke of regrets such as, lay-offs of civilian employees, an officer that left due to health issues, and that he wasn't able to hire more officers before he left.

City Engineer's PASER Road Report:

Mayor Dropiewski spoke of the road conditions and explained the PASER study is an analysis of the roads in Flat Rock and welcomed Bruce Hammond of C.E. Raines Company (City Engineering Company), to present the PASER Road Report. Mr. Hammond explained the process of the study and presented several slides along with pictures of the roads. He explained how the roads are rated and different types of deterioration of roads. The full study is available in the clerk's office.

5. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Resident Patrick Sexton of 30165 Apple Grove Way spoke of the poor road condition on his street and asked the road get replaced.

Resident Sue Farrar reminded resident of the City Wide Garage Sale (CWGS) on May 18th and 18th. She noted a permit must be obtained from the clerk's office and donations PODS will be available. She announced the partnership with Shelter to Home Animal Rescue, Shoe Box Recycling program; shoes will be collected and for every 40 lbs. collected, Shelter to Home will receive \$20.00.

6. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Recreation Director Joanne Pawlukiewicz announced upcoming events at the Recreation Center.

DPS Director Matt Sype announced upcoming Wayne County road repair on Gibraltar Road between I-75 to Fort Street in May 2014. He announced water flow may change during the construction period due to water line relocation.

Clerk Meaghan Bachman congratulated Police Chief Rossow on his retirement.

Brian J. Marciniak, Treasurer introduced himself and noted he is excited to start employment with the city.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilwoman Dawn Thomas congratulated Police Chief Rossow on his retirement. She wished all a Happy Easter. Councilwoman Thomas wished her daughter a Happy Birthday. Councilwoman Thomas noted the Council and citizens enjoy when the department heads give reports at the council meetings and noted the department head meetings discuss several items. She noted some employees are harassed for speaking with councilmembers and asked if there is a policy, or a department head, that prohibits employees from speaking with councilmembers. She

asked to have Huroc Park renamed and David Grunow noted the park was a gift from Ford Motor Company and believes there are no restrictions on the name of the park. Councilwoman Thomas made the following motion:

Resolution 04-21-03

Motion by Thomas
Supported by

RESOLVED, to rename Huroc Park in honor of late Councilman Gary Borden

Motion failed due to lack of support

Councilwoman Thomas spoke with Matthew Daddario (candidate for council in November 2013 election) and noted he is interested in the vacant council seat. Thomas asked several questions to Police Chief Rossow, then to Fire Chief Vack, regarding policy, procedures and issues within their departments. Similar questions were asked to each chief (training, policy, procedures, programs) she asked Chief Rossow if he is aware of the Elephant Ear Vendor over the weekend. She asked Chief Vack about a donation given by late Councilman Borden's wife to the fire department and asked what will be done with the donation (Vack noted a donation wasn't received). She asked Vack if the mandatory training scheduled on the Miles for Miracles event and Country Blast in the Park event can be changed to a different date so firefighters can participate in the events. She asked Vack about the fire department website and process on hiring.

Councilman John Bergeron welcomed the new Treasurer, Brian. He thanked Police Chief Rossow for his great service to the community. Councilman Bergeron congratulated Officers Wieneke and Vamos on their Life Saving Award.

Councilman Jim Martin thanked Police Chief Rossow for his service and wished him a nice retirement. He noted Chief Rossow made changes the city needed.

8. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski congratulated Officers Wieneke and Vamos on their Life Saving Award. He welcomed Brian, newly appointed Treasurer and noted he will be working on the budget. Mayor Dropiewski spoke of the PASER road report and that it gives the city a basis to conduct business plans and will start working on funding during our budget discussions. He noted rising cost in the budget and the difficulties of the finances.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 9-A - 2nd reading of zoning ordinance regarding pawn shops and regulations

Resolution 04-21-04

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to suspend the 2nd reading of zoning ordinance regarding pawn shops and regulations (Tier 1 and Tier 2)

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 04-21-05

Motion by Thomas
Supported by

RESOLVED, to adopt Tier 1 of the zoning ordinance regarding pawn shops and regulations (Tier 1 and Tier 2 were presented)

Motion failed due to lack of support

Resolution 04-21-06

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to adopt Tier 2 of the zoning ordinance regarding pawn shops and regulations (Tier 1 and Tier 2 were presented)

Discussion: Councilwoman Thomas questioned if Tier 2 is passed, will pawn shops still be allowed in Flat Rock; Councilman Martin noted the pawn shops will be allowed in but with more restrictions where they can locate.

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 04-21-07

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, the license fee shall be as set from time to time by the city council by resolution pursuant to the provisions of the Pawnbrokers Act and section 22-171 of Flat Rock ordinance number 426, but shall not be less than \$50 or more than \$500;

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, Mayor Dropiewski motioned to adopt the license fee in the amount of \$500

Motion failed 3-1 with Thomas voting no

Resolution 04-21-08

Motion by Martin
Supported by Thomas

RESOLVED, the license fee shall be as set from time to time by the city council by resolution pursuant to the provisions of the Pawnbrokers Act and section 22-171 of Flat Rock ordinance number 426, but shall not be less than \$50 or more than \$500; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, Councilman Martin motioned to adopt the license fee in the amount of \$250

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-B - Splash Pad Grant/Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan

Resolution 04-21-09

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan awarded the City of Flat Rock a grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the construction of a splash pad; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the grant agreement is to be signed by the Mayor, and the agreement requires the expenditure of the sum of \$10,000 for the splash pad by March 24, 2015. The agreement also provides for the submission of a final report on or about April 20, 2015, set forth in the Final Report Guidelines attached to the agreement

Motion carried unanimously

10. NEW BUSINESS

Item 10-A - Proclamation honoring Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church on May 4, 2014, celebrating their 125th Anniversary

Resolution 04-21-10

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the proclamation honoring Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church on May 4, 2014, celebrating their 125th Anniversary

Motion carried unanimously

Item 10-B- Permission to use the Library parking lot and Warming Center on Saturday, May 17, 2014, honoring Paul Blosser for a memorial ride

Resolution 04-21-11

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported Bergeron

Discussion

RESOLVED, to approve the request to use the Library parking lot and Warming Center on Saturday, May 17, 2014, honoring Paul Blosser for a memorial ride pending permission from the Library to use their parking lot

Motion carried unanimously

Item 10-C- Request from Police Chief Rossow to keep his chief's cap badge

Resolution 04-21-12

Motion by Martin
Supported Thomas

RESOLVED, to approve the request from Police Chief Rossow to keep his chief's cap badge at a purchase price of \$1.00

Motion carried unanimously

Item 10-D- Service agreement expenditure for Badger Software

Resolution 04-21-13

Motion by Martin
Supported Thomas

RESOLVED, to approve the service agreement expenditure for Badger Software in the amount of \$3,615.00

Motion carried unanimously

Item 10-E- Approval of 33rd Judicial District Court Annual Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2013

Resolution 04-21-14

Motion by Martin
Supported Bergeron

RESOLVED, Approval of 33rd Judicial District Court Annual Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2013

Motion carried unanimously

Item 10-F- 1st reading of outdoor vending machine ordinance

Resolution 04-21-15

Motion by Martin
Supported Thomas

Discussion

RESOLVED, to suspend the 1st reading of outdoor vending machine ordinance

Motion carried unanimously

Item 10-G- 1st reading of donation bins ordinance

Resolution 04-21-16

Motion by Martin
Supported Bergeron

RESOLVED, to suspend the 1st reading of the donation bins ordinance

Motion carried unanimously

Item 10-H- Arsenal Road Sanitary Sewer Award Recommendation

Resolution 04-21-17

Motion by Bergeron
Supported Thomas

RESOLVED, to approve the bid recommendation for Arsenal Road Sanitary Sewer Award to Lake Michigan Site Development in the amount of \$192,845.25

Motion carried unanimously

Item 10-I-Permission to have Charles Raines Company conduct design and survey for sanitary sewer project on Division Street by old high school

Resolution 04-21-18

Motion by Martin
Supported by Thomas

Discussion

RESOLVED, to approve Charles Raines Company conduct design and survey for sanitary sewer project on Division Street by old high school

Motion carried unanimously

Item 10-J- Annual contribution to the Guidance Center in the amount of \$2,500

Resolution 04-21-19

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

Discussion

RESOLVED, to approve the annual contribution to the Guidance Center in the amount of \$2,500

Motion carried unanimously

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

None

Executive Session

Resolution 04-21-20

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to convene into executive session or the discussion of Police Patrol Labor Negotiations

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 04-21-21

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to reconvene into the regular council meeting

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 04-21-22

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to appoint Councilmember John Bergeron to the Police Patrol negotiations to replace late Councilmember Gary Borden

Motion carried unanimously

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution 04-21-23

Motion by Martin
Supported by Thomas

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of April 21, 2014 at 9:35 PM

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DATE: _____
Approved

MEAGHAN K. BACHMAN, CITY CLERK