

## **REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

### **CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN**

**MONDAY, APRIL 7, 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 Pro Tem Wrobel, Councilmembers: Beller, 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 04-07 -01**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, That Flat Rock City Council hereby **EXCUSES** Mayor Dropiewski as absent at the regular City Council meeting of April 7, 2014

Motion carried unanimously

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Resolution 04-07-02**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 17, 2014 as presented

Motion carried unanimously

**4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Resident Sue Farrar spoke of late Councilman Gary Borden. She noted what a wonderful man he was and how much he did for the community and her family. She gave her condolences to his family. She read a written letter with her fond memories of Councilman Borden that will be included with the minutes of April 7, 2014.

Resident Arlen Fadley asked about the HR policy for Flat Rock and where it stands. He noted the City Charter is out of date and should be revised. He also asked what is needed for the charter to be on the ballot. Mr. Fadley asked if you must be a resident to serve on the TIFA board.

Resident Paula Bondie gave her condolences to the family of late Councilmember Gary Borden. She noted the roads at Pebble Brook Sub are in bad condition and presented the council with pictures.

Resident Yvonne of Apple Grove Way had a complaint about the roads on her street. She would like them replaced. She gave her condolences to the family of late Councilman Gary Borden.

**5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Attorney David Grunow asked council for a member to serve on the union grievance committee to replace Councilman Gary Borden. Councilman Beller volunteered; the committee members are Councilman Bergeron and Councilman Beller.

**6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Councilman Jim Martin gave his condolences to late Councilman Gary Borden's family. He noted Gary was part of the Riverfest revival and made it happen. He said how much Gary would be missed and things won't be the same without him.

Councilman John Bergeron gave his condolences to late Councilman Gary Borden's family and will be missed greatly in Flat Rock.

Councilwoman Dawn Thomas gave her condolences to late Councilman Gary Borden's family. She said Gary was one of a kind and a great friend. She noted he was not scared to speak up with concerns and what was on his mind. She said he will be greatly missed.

Councilman Steve Beller gave his condolences to late Councilman Gary Borden's family. Beller noted he spoke with the American Legion and it was suggested for residents to check out their website for scholarships.

Mayor Pro Tem Wrobel gave his condolences to late Councilman Gary Borden's family. He noted Gary was a unique individual and he didn't take no for an answer. He noted Gary will be greatly missed.

**7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Dropiewski was unable to attend the Council Meeting but the following letter was read by David Grunow, City Attorney on Mayor Dropiewski behalf:

Good Evening Members of City Council and the Flat Rock Community.

I truly wish I could be there this evening. Unfortunately I have a long scheduled work commitment that I was unable to change.

There really are no words to adequately express the shock in the loss of our friend and colleague, Gary. In just a few short years, Gary made an indelible mark on our Community. I was honored to be asked by his family to speak at the funeral service and express what he meant to Flat Rock. I wanted to share some of those thoughts tonight as well. For those of you who watch our City Council meetings, you know how we liked to give Gary a hard time about the length of some of his comments so I am sure he is saying right now that I need to keep it short.

Gary worked very hard to help make Flat Rock a better community. He spent countless hours helping to plan Riverfest, started Country Blast, and even brought Elvis to the Senior Tower. He always wanted to make sure there was something for everybody and was not afraid to try new things. And while he also wanted to make sure everybody else was having a good time, I am pretty sure he was having fun too.

We of course will continue to move forward. Over the next couple of weeks we will regroup and move ahead with Country Blast and Riverfest. I think that is the best way to honor his work. We are also hoping to have an evening here in Flat Rock to come together to celebrate his life. I want to make very clear that tonight is about honoring Gary and his contributions to Flat Rock. To those that have asked about the future of his seat on City Council, other than saying that there really hasn't been much thought put into it yet, it will be eventually filled via Council appointment as provided by the Charter. At the appropriate time we will also determine the best way to honor his memory and contributions to the City.

It has been a hard week in Flat Rock. Whenever there is a sudden loss, we seek comfort in each other and in the memories that we have. Gary helped a lot of people in Flat Rock have many of those special memories and family moments. I am proud to have called Gary my friend and I and the entire Flat Rock Community will miss him greatly.

My deepest sympathy to his wife Sarita, his children and the entire Borden family. Thank you for sharing Gary with us. We are a better City because of him.

Jonathan

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Item 8-A - 2nd reading of pawn shop ordinance**

**Resolution 04-07-03**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Bergeron

Discussion

RESOLVED, to suspend the 2nd reading of pawn shop ordinance

Motion carried unanimously

**Resolution 04-07-04**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Beller

Discussion

RESOLVED, to adopt the pawn shop ordinance

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 8-B -1<sup>st</sup> reading of zoning ordinance regarding pawn shops and regulations**

**Resolution 04-07-05**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Bergeron

Discussion

RESOLVED, to suspend the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of zoning ordinance regarding pawn shops and regulations; Tier 1 and Tier 2 ordinance is suspended for reading purposes

Motion carried unanimously

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 9-A - Request from Miller-Strawn VFW Post 9363 to sell poppies on May 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2014**

**Resolution 04-07-06**

Motion by Martin  
Supported Bergeron

Discussion

RESOLVED, to approve the request from Miller-Strawn VFW Post 9363 to sell poppies on May 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2014

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-B- Request from American Legion Post 337 to hold the annual Memorial Day parade on May 26, 2014 and sell poppies May 15th, 16th and 17th, 2014**

**Resolution 04-07-07**

Motion by Martin  
Supported Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the request from American Legion Post 337 to hold the annual Memorial Day parade on May 26, 2014 and sell poppies May 15th, 16th and 17th, 2014

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-C- Request from Flat Rock Little League to hold their annual opening day parade on May 3, 2014**

**Resolution 04-07-08**

Motion by Martin  
Supported Beller

RESOLVED, to approve the request from Flat Rock Little League to hold their annual opening day parade on May 3, 2014

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-D- Approval of Grant Agreement between the Michigan Department of State and City of Flat Rock for the Qualified Voter File Computer Equipment – this grant is paid for with funds from the Help America Vote Act**

**Resolution 04-07-09**

Motion by Martin  
Supported Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the grant agreement between the Michigan Department of State and City of Flat Rock for the Qualified Voter File Computer Equipment – this grant is paid for with funds from the Help America Vote Act

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-E- Renewal of maintenance agreement with RW MEAD and Sons**

**Resolution 04-07-10**

Motion by Beller  
Supported Martin

Discussion

RESOLVED, to approve the renewal of maintenance agreement with RW MEAD and Sons and to waive the bid process

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-F- Renewal of maintenance agreement with OTIS Elevator Company**

**Resolution 04-07-11**

Motion by Martin  
Supported Beller

Discussion

RESOLVED, to approve the renewal of maintenance agreement with OTIS Elevator Company and to waive the bid process

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-G- Rescind the bid recommendation from December 16, 2013 for Langs-Wager House drywall installation**

**Resolution 04-07-12**

Motion by Martin  
Supported Beller

RESOLVED, to rescind the bid recommendation from December 16, 2013 for Langs-Wager House drywall installation; contractor that was awarded the bid said he couldn't do the service for the price of the bid

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-H- Bid recommendation for drywall installation at the Langs-Wagar House**

**Resolution 04-07-13**

Motion by Martin  
Supported Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the bid recommendation for drywall installation at the Langs-Wagar House to Perfection Plus Painting and Decorating of Brownstown in the amount of \$8,500

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-I- Permission to seek bids for replacement of Aspen Blvd. from Gibraltar Road to High School Blvd.**

**Resolution 04-07-14**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Beller

Discussion

RESOLVED, to approve to permission to seek bids for replacement of Aspen Blvd. from Gibraltar Road to High School Blvd

Motion carried unanimously

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Resolution 04-07-15**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of April 7, 2014 at 8:17 PM

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously.

Note: No video or audio is available for this meeting; audio wasn't working during taping of council meeting

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**JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Approved**

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**MEAGHAN K. BACHMAN, CITY CLERK**