

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, MAY 19, 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, Martin, Thomas and Wrobel

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Bill Vack, Interim Police Chief Jeff Metz, Building Director Bernie Ciupak, Recreation Director Joann Pawlukiewicz, Treasurer Brian Marciniak, Attorney David Grunow and Clerk Meaghan Bachman

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution 05-19-01

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 5, 2014 as presented

Motion carried unanimously

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Resident at 30136 Apple Grove Way voiced concerns about the roads in the Huron Woods Subdivision. He noted the poor conditions of the concrete.

Resident at 30120 Apple Grove Way voiced concerns about the roads in the Huron Woods Subdivision. It was noted the concrete should be replaced.

Resident Manny Peraza noted the roads in the Huron Woods Subdivision were not properly constructed and that is why the roads are in poor condition. The Mayor noted a change in the County Road Standards for concrete, which is the reason the roads are in poor shape; Mayor noted the contractor complied with the appropriate standards.

Sue, a Relay for Life volunteer announced the event on June 7th and 8th, 2014 at the Flat Rock High School. She invited the Mayor to speak at the event.

Resident Arlen Fadley suggested assessing residents in specific areas to fix the roads; this would help with the road funding issues. He noted it was done in the past.

Sue Farrar of the Beautification Commission reported the success of the 5th City Wide Garage Sale (CWGS) on May 17th and 18th. She noted three POD units were filled with donations for St. Vincent de Paul, 359 lbs. of shoes for Shelter to Home and 165 permits pulled. She thanked all the volunteers and awarded certificates of appreciation to Larry Griffin, Director of St. Vincent

de Paul, Shelter to Home Volunteers, Dawn and Randy Thomas, Sgt. Chris Cook, Interim Police Chief Jeff Metz, Heather Farrar and Terry Farrar.

Resident Matthew Daddario of 25905 Matilda noted his concern for the appointment of Rick Tefend to Gary Borden's open seat on council. He noted he was a candidate for council in the November 2013 election and received 352 votes and noted he should have been considered for the open seat.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Interim Police Chief Jeff Metz reminded residents to watch out for deer sightings and to stay away from the fawns. He reminded residents of the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26, 2014 at 10:00 am. He noted the anonymous tip line phone number (734.789.2301) and reminded residents to lock car and house doors and to leave lights on.

Recreation Director Joanne Pawlukiewicz announced the newsletter went out to residents and she will have some copies at City Hall and the Community Center. Kid Fest will take place on June 7th and is free. She announced The Senior Alliance will host a few classes for seniors at the Community Center, she noted you must register for the classes.

Brian J. Marciniak, Treasurer noted the 2013 tax roll was sent to Wayne County. He noted the budget process is in progress. He noted the EVIP open items are complete and received approval.

Fire Chief Bill Vack noted training with Downriver Mutual Aid Foam Trailer took place on May 10, 2014. He spoke of the CN rail yard training. He announced a recall on dehumidifiers sold between the year 2005 through August of 2013 and the list can be found at cpsc.gov. Vack announced a previous employed fire fighter returned from military leave and is working with the Flat Rock Fire Department again. Councilman Martin asked if Police can watch for the tankers in the city. Councilman Wrobel voiced concerns with the construction equipment on the roads using metal cleats.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilwoman Dawn Thomas noted how well the Miles for Miracles event and the City Wide Garage Sale went. She noted she served as a crossing guard at the Miles for Miracles event and drivers should look out for pedestrians and slow down. Thomas noted a license fee needs to be set for the vending and donation bins per the ordinance. Thomas announced an annual Gary Borden Volunteer Award that will be presented to the winner at Riverfest. She noted the deadline to nominate a volunteer is August 31, 2014; nominations will be accepted in the clerk's office and will be placed on the website. Councilwoman Thomas noted some residents were surprised that the Mayor and Council didn't want to name the park after Gary Borden; Thomas made the following motion:

Resolution 05-19-02

Motion by Thomas
Supported by

RESOLVED, to name the gazebo at Huroc Park after late Councilman Gary Borden

Motion failed due to lack of support

Councilman Jim Martin gave his condolences to Jeff and Denise Reeves for the loss of their son suddenly.

Councilman Ken Wrobel gave his condolences to the Reeves family for the loss of their son. Wrobel asked that we can add an additional time for citizens to be heard at the end of the meeting as well as the beginning. It was noted the 2nd citizens to be heard will be placed before condolences.

Councilman Steve Beller noted a dog park would be nice in one of the city parks. He asked for feedback from the community on this idea and noted we might be able to obtain a grant for it. Beller reminded residents to watch out for pedestrians on the bike path especially around the High School at Gibraltar and Aspen. He reminded drivers to stop before the bike path starts.

7. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Dropiewski gave his condolences to the Reeves family and noted he was a popular teacher at Woodhaven High School. The Mayor congratulated the Progeria Research Foundation with their recent event. The Mayor thanked the JV and Varsity JV Softball team for their participation with special education students; they played a few games of ball and had a lot of fun. He noted all the Flat Rock hair salons in town hosted a haircut event at the Elks for Children with Hair loss. The Mayor noted some playscape equipment is getting sanded, painted and sealed by a young man for his Eagle Scout project. Mayor Dropiewski reminded residents of County Blast in the Park on June 13th and 14th, 2014; fireworks will take place on Friday night, June 13th. The Mayor announced an event to recognize Gary Borden's life in Flat Rock. It will take place at Salutes Special Events on May 30, 2014 from 6-8 PM and RSVPs can be made by contacting Councilwoman Dawn Thomas. Mayor Dropiewski update the council and residents on the budget process and noted a draft will be available soon.

The Mayor made the following resolution:

Resolution 05-19-03

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to appoint Lieutenant Jeff Metz to the position of interim police chief while the city conducts the search process for a Police Chief

Motion carried 5-1 with Wrobel voting no

Resolution 05-19-04

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, Interim Police Chief Metz will receive the previous police chief's salary while serving as interim

Motion carried unanimously

8. NEW BUSINESS

Item 8-A- Request from Moslem Shriners' to solicit at intersections and businesses on Thursday, June 12th through Saturday, June 14th, 2014 for the annual Hospital Fund Drive for Children

Resolution 05-19-05

Motion by Martin
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to approve the request from Moslem Shriners' to solicit at intersections and businesses on Thursday, June 12th through Saturday, June 14th, 2014 for the annual Hospital Fund Drive for Children

Motion carried unanimously

Item 8-B-Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan adoption

Resolution 05-19-06

Motion by Martin
Supported by Thomas

RESOLVED, to approve the Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan adoption

Motion carried unanimously

Item 8-C- Accept and file library budget for fiscal year 2014-2015

Resolution 05-19-07

Motion by Martin
Supported by Thomas

RESOLVED, to accept and file library budget for fiscal year 2014-2015

Motion failed 3-3 with Dropiewski, Beller and Wrobel voting no – Note: this resolution is to accept and file budget only

Item 8-D- Appointment of Economic Development Director

Resolution 05-19-08

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported by Thomas

Discussion: Councilmembers Bergeron, Martin and Wrobel raised concerns such as, if a full time employee is need for this position, the salary is high, the city needs an Administrator full time as opposed to an Economic Development Director full time, the funds could be used for other things such as roads

RESOLVED, to appoint Elizabeth Hendley, AICP, as the Economic Development Director with a full time annual salary at \$60000 and 8 days of vacation for the remainder of 2014 based on the time remaining in the year and 3 weeks of vacation starting January 1, 2015

Motion failed 3-3 with Bergeron, Martin and Wrobel voting no

Item 8-E-Appointment of councilmember to fill remaining term of open seat

Resolution 05-19-09

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Bergeron

Discussion

RESOLVED, to appoint Rick Tefend to the open councilmember seat to serve remaining term of late Councilman Gary Borden, with term ending December 31, 2015

Motion carried unanimously

Item 8-F- Appointment of two councilmembers to serve on the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters negotiating team

Resolution 05-19-10

Motion by Martin
Supported by Thomas

RESOLVED, to appoint Councilmembers Bergeron and Wrobel to serve on the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters negotiating team

Motion carried unanimously

Item 8-G- First amendment to preferred catering contract at the Flat Rock Community Center (Stone Creek Banquet Hall)

Resolution 05-19-11

Motion by Thomas
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the First amendment to preferred catering contract at the Flat Rock Community Center (Stone Creek Banquet Hall)

Motion carried unanimously

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

CLOSED SESSION

Item A - Convene into closed session for police patrol contracts

Resolution 05-19-12

Motion by Martin
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to convene into closed session for police patrol contracts

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 05-19-13

Motion by Martin
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to reconvene into the regular City Council meeting

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 05-19-14

Motion by Martin
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the police patrol tentative agreement as received by bargaining team

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 05-19-15

Motion by Martin
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to appoint City Treasurer, Brian J. Marciniak to serve on the TIFA Board

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 05-19-16

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to appoint Mayor Dropiewski and Councilman Bergeron to serve on the police command negotiating team

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 05-19-17

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to change the administration policy for department heads allowing vacation time to be prorated from start date until end of current calendar year; On January 1st, vacation time will begin at fifteen (15) days, unless specified otherwise by council; this shall apply to all current and future department heads including Bernie Ciupak, Building Director

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 05-19-18

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to grant an additional five (5) vacation days to City Clerk, Meaghan Bachman for a total of fifteen (15) days annually

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 05-19-19

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to allow the council along with department heads to revisit, add, make changes to the administrative policy

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 05-19-20

Motion by Martin
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to allow Interim Police Chief Metz to establish a hiring list for patrol officers

Motion carried unanimously

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution 05-19-21

Motion by Beller
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of May 19, 2014 at 9:40 PM

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DATE: _____
 Approved

MEAGHAN K. BACHMAN, CITY CLERK