

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 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 and Thomas

EXCUSED AS ABSENT: Councilmembers Tefend 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

Resolution 06-16-01

Motion by Martin
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, That Flat Rock City Council hereby **EXCUSES** Councilmembers Tefend and Wrobel as absent at the regular City Council meeting of June 16, 2014

Motion carried unanimously

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Resolution 06-16-02

Motion by Bergeron
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of June 2, 2014 as presented

Motion carried unanimously

4. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Resident Robert Pettit presented a petition with 115 signatures for street replacement in Pebble Brook Subdivision (Meadows Avenue). He also presented his findings and data on traffic counts within the area. He noted the streets need replacement on Meadows from Olmstead to Windsor and Windsor from Whitby to Meadows.

Residents at 23429 Kenmore noted issues with a large tree between lot 78 & 79. The homeowners noted the tree and roots caused issues such as lifting their fence, roots going through

pool etc. They asked if the city can help remove the tree or assist them in some way. The Mayor asked Building Director to facilitate a meeting between the contractor and property owner.

Resident Arlen Fadely spoke regarding the tree issue the previous resident spoke of. He noted a councilmember insisted that particular tree remain but all others in that area were to be cut down. Mr. Fadely asked the Mayor about the Human Resource policy and where it stands. Mr. Fadely noted he's waited several months for the policy. The Mayor noted the newly hired city treasurer will be working on the policy. Mr. Fadely noted a few concerns with the policies and the time it is taking to complete them. Mr. Fadely noted the city needs a city administrator/manager to operate daily activities.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Interim Police Chief Jeff Metz thanked the Wayne County Sherriff Reserves Program for helping with Country Blast in the Park. Chief Metz announced on Thursday, June 26, 2014 a fundraiser for the animal shelter will be hosted by an eagle scout at Flat Rock Big Boy from 4-8 pm. This fundraiser will help improve the dog run and signs. He also noted a pop can drive at the end of June. Chief Metz announced the animal shelter information phone number, 734-789-2307. He noted animal shelter volunteers must be 18 years of age or older. The smart trailer (speed enforcement trailer) is up and running and will be placed around the community.

Bernie Cuipak, Building Director asked for a motion to approve soil boring testing at Huron Woods Lots 111, 112 and 113. He noted 2 RFP's presented to council and recommended G2 Consulting Group. It was noted the lots were historically borrow areas and were filled in 1997 with engineer fill. Concerns are the lots were not backfilled properly and are not suitable for support of foundations and floor slabs for conventional residential structures - 2 Soil borings per lot will be conducted. The testing will help market the lots for sale. Councilmember Bergeron asked is the city will recoup the cost when the lots sell. David Grunow noted the city foreclosed on the lots. Councilmember Bergeron asked if the builder will buy all 3 lots. Bernie noted the builder and other builders are showing interest in the lots. The following motion was made:

Resolution 06-16-03

Motion by Martin
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to approve G2 Consulting Group to conduct soil boring test at Huron Woods Lots 111, 112 and 113, two soil test will be done per lot. The proposed cost for the testing is \$3,495.00

Motion carried unanimously

Recreation Director Joanne Pawlukiewicz announced upcoming events at the Community Center. She noted the summer programs started. She reminded residents of the senior lunch on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 12:00-1:30 PM, cost of lunch is \$5.00

Brian J. Marciniak, Treasurer noted the settlement of the 2013 taxes will be settled with Wayne County tomorrow. He noted tax bills will go out July 1st.

Fire Chief Bill Vack noted the annual relicense of ambulance service with the State. The annual State ambulance inspection (1 of the 2 ambulances) was conducted and the department passed the inspection. Chief Vack spoke of the gas station on Ypsilanti and Telegraph and noted one of the two tanks has a leak and one tank is removed and replaced. The construction is monitored by the State and an Environmental consultant firm.

City Clerk Meaghan Bachman reminded residents absentee voter applications are available and ballots will be available next week. She spoke of various election related information.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilwoman Dawn Thomas wished all a happy father's day. She hoped residents were able to attend past weekend events in Flat Rock. She reminded all that is was the last day for Flat Rock Schools and asked residents to slow down and take their time driving. Councilwoman Thomas asked the Mayor and Attorney the procedure on hiring employees because when she asked to hire Sue Ashcraft and Sue Farrar full time it was noted council doesn't conduct the hiring of employees. She further noted the Mayor asked for council approval to allow the Building Director to hire a full time employee. The City Attorney responded that hiring and firing is done through the department head and further noted council put a freeze on hiring during budgetary constraints.

Councilman John Bergeron wished all a happy father's day and thanked all the mothers and wives. He noted the Country Blast was a lot of fun and noted what a great job the committee and volunteers did putting the event together.

Councilman Jim Martin wished all a happy father's day. He noted how well the Country Blast ran and congratulated the committee. He asked the building inspector about the sidewalk grading on Meadows into Bradbury. Bernie noted is hasn't been graded yet and Councilman Martin noted it needs to be graded because it is a safety concern.

Councilman Steve Beller wished all a happy father's day and noted Country Blast was a great event. Councilman Beller spoke of a concern at the Flat Rock Senior Towers and noted their cable is basic service and asked the city help upgrade the cable for the seniors. The Attorney noted that it would be illegal to spend the city money to upgrade their cable. Councilman Martin suggested they contact AT&T to see if any specials are available. The Mayor noted he will speak with

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski congratulated the recreation center on a successful Kids Fest. He also congratulated the Relay for Life for a successful event. Mayor Dropiewski thanked the Country Blast team for all their hard work. He noted how successful and fun the Country Blast was and noted how great the fireworks show was. The Mayor also reminded residents that Riverfest is September 19th, 20th and 21st at Huroc Park and if anyone is interested in serving on the committee or volunteering, to contact him.

Mayor Dropiewski reminded residents Flat Rock is home to the Lake Erie Monarchs. They play a home game tomorrow night and noted it is a fun family event and to come out and enjoy the baseball game.

Mayor Dropiewski noted the city engineer is close to completing a road repair/replacement plan and will be separate from the budget due to other financing solutions

Mayor Dropiewski wished his son Nicholas a very happy birthday.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 8-A- Public hearing for the 2014-2015 proposed budget

Resolution 06-16-04

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to open the public hearing for the 2014-2015 proposed budget
Motion carried unanimously

Public hearing was opened for public comment – Mayor Dropiewski asked if anyone wished to comment

- No public comments were made
- Mayor Dropiewski noted this is a working budget and adjustments will be made throughout the year. He noted per the general fund highlights as presented, this will be a good year and the city will be able to operate properly.
- Councilwoman Thomas asked is the council has a say in the TIFA and DDA buget.
 - It was noted the council approves their budgets but the TIFA and DDA compose their own budget. It was further discussed if they council disapproved, the TIFA and DDA boards would have to make adjustments
- Councilman Martin noted he was surprised to see a balance of \$300,000 in local streets due to the poor condition of the streets. He also noted the small increase in wages
 - Mayor Dropiewski noted some money is set aside for emergencies and unknown weather conditions during the winter season
- Mayor Dropiewski noted the increase in health insurance cost (estimate)
- Mayor Dropiewski noted the budget includes request from department heads such as DPS equipment and ambulance for fire department. Councilman Martin noted he would like to see the department heads budget request.
- Mayor Dropiewski noted some building improvements are not included in the budget as they might be financed.
- Mayor Dropiewski noted the end of year projections, will end up close to even which is good and the same goes for next year
- Councilwoman Thomas asked if TIFA approved their budget
 - The Treasurer noted the TIFA budget was approved

Resolution 06-16-05

Motion by Martin
Supported Thomas

RESOLVED, to close the public hearing for the 2014-2015 proposed budget

Mayor Dropiewski noted a small increase in the water rates (first increase in 3 years); this increase is a reflection of the Detroit Water and Sewer Department rates. Councilwoman Thomas asked why Brownstown Twp. is in the water department fund; the DPS Director noted when Hawthorne Ridge

was built a meter was installed on Inkster Road and the city gets water from a part of Brownstown's watermain

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 06-16-06

Motion by Martin
Supported Beller

RESOLVED, to accept the 2014-2015 fiscal year budget for the City of Flat Rock with millage rates set at:

- 16 mills for general
- .25 mills for historical
- 1.75 mills for police and fire
- 1.4997 mills for library

Motion carried unanimously

Item 8-B-Downtown Development Authority 2014-2015 budget

Resolution 06-16-07

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported Bergeron

RESOLVED, to accept the 2014-2015 fiscal year budget for the Downtown Development Authority

Attorney Grunow noted the budget was approved by the Downtown Development Authority Board at their last meeting

Motion carried 4-1 with Thomas voting no

9. NEW BUSINESS

Item 9-A- Mayoral commission re-appointments

Resolution 06-16-08

Motion by Martin
Supported by Thomas

RESOLVED, to re-appoint the following commission members to the various commissions:

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| • DDA | Joe Pagano | 6.13.2018 |
| • DDA | Alisa Maul | 6.13.2018 |
| • DDA | Wendy Smith | 6.13.2018 |
| • DDA | Shayla Hopper | 6.13.2018 |
| • DDA | James Martin | 6.13.2018 |
| • TIFA | John Fiorelli | 6.11.2017 |

- TIFA Louis Stoney 6.11.2017
- TIFA Brian Marciniak 6.11.2017
- TIFA Larry Dishaw 6.11.2017

- Historic Lila Fedokvitz 2.7.2017
- Historic James Martin 2.7.2017

Councilwoman Thomas asked if any commissions had vacant seats. The Mayor responded the TIFA (1), Planning, Historical and Election Commissions

Motion carried unanimously

10. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (ADDITIONAL COMMENTS):

NONE

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

CLOSED SESSION

Item A - Convene into closed session to discuss labor negotiations

Resolution 06-18-09

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to convene into closed session to discuss labor negotiations

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 06-18-10

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to reconvene into the regular City Council meeting

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 06-18-11

Motion by Martin
Supported by Thomas

RESOLVED, to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the final Police Patrol contract as presented

Motion carried unanimously

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution 06-18-12

Motion by Martin
Supported by Thomas

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of June 16, 2014 at 9:02 PM

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DATE: _____
Approved

MEAGHAN K. BACHMAN, CITY CLERK