

**REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN**

**MONDAY, JULY 18, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Flat Rock City Council convened at the Municipal Building, 25500 Gibraltar Road, Flat Rock, Michigan 48134, 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, and Wrobel

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney David Grunow, Acting City Clerk Sue Ashcraft , Fire Chief Bill Vack, Police Chief John Leacher, Treasurer Brian Marciniak, Economic Development Director Liz Hendley, Building Director Larry Dishaw and Department of Public Service Director Matt Sype.

**Resolution 07-18-01**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, that Flat Rock City Council hereby excuses Council Members Tefend and Thomas as absent at the regular City Council meeting of July 18, 2016

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Resolution 07-18-02**

Motion by Bergeron  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of July 5, 2016 as presented

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Sue Farrar of the Beautification Commission spoke of the Fall City Wide Garage Sale. It will be held September 10 – 11, 2016, 9am-4 pm. St. Vincent truck will be at City Hall. She brought up that former Mayor Richard Jones had died a year ago and if anything was going to be done in his honor. The Beautification Commission has brought up planting a tree. Mayor Dropiewski said they are actively talking about it and also doing some research. She wanted to know when the “No Parking Signs” were going to be placed in Huron Woods II, Matt Sype said the Traffic Control Order have been issued, and now it’s just scheduling to install. She also asked about

Aspen Blvd-Huron Wood reconstruction and E. Huron River Drive sidewalks that were put out to bid in January 2015. Mayor Dropiewski said it was an alternative part of the bid and it would not be done because it was not cost-prohibited.

**5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Police Chief John Leacher- Stated that Council had a memo that he drafted, he is requesting to look into a governmental agreement with the City of Rockwood about jointly funding a cement pad to be able to weigh potentially overweight semi-trucks. The scales that they use now are in place where the roads are still in good shape, but the state has changed the regulations to certify those. Rockwood has asked if we would be interested in the possibility of jointly funding this project. He asked if the council would support them, at least just looking into the possibility. Chief Leacher also states that he has spoken to the Police Chief of Rockwood and they do not have a predetermined site either. He just wants to help with the truck traffic issue. Mayor Dropiewski instructed the City Attorney, to draft an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Rockwood. Mayor Dropiewski also said he thinks it would be well worth the time and effort and a little bit of money to have those certified skills. We're looking for a location, possibly in the Manheim parking lot, we own a piece of that lot as well as other possible site. Chief Leacher also said they already have two trained motor carrier officers.

**Resolution 07-18-03**

Motion by Martin

Support by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to draft an intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Rockwood for joint funding for a cement pad to be able to weigh potentially overweight semi-trucks

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Chief Leacher also wanted to publicly thank the community for the outpouring support that they have received as a police department, and that the support also goes out to all of the first responders. Chief Leacher attended a ceremony for the Dallas police officer who unfortunately died, and who was originally from Michigan., that is why Chief Leacher was in dress uniform. Chief Leacher truly appreciates the support from the community.

Community Center Director Rodney Wade- mentioned that the temperatures are supposed to be rising this week, and that the splash pad is open from 10a.m. – 8p.m. There is a sensor in the tower to turn the water on; you just have to place your hand over it. He also reminds everyone to please be safe, especially when the splash pad is crowded. Mayor Dropiewski stated that the splash is open, and the yellow caution tape is for the landscaping around the splash pad.

Building Director Larry Dishaw- Stated that the tablets are in service as of last week, and he appreciates the commitment that it took to get the tablets in service. The tablets are going to save a lot of time and also give Larry more data. He thanked everyone.

Fire Chief Bill Vack- Stated that the fire department also received 3 tablets (one for each ambulance), he said that they are substantially faster in operation. They are also going to be switching to the new ESO reporting system, which allows to give more detail in reports, they are also going to be bringing one up from the station for truck checks, and other things around the station. He thanked them for providing them with the tablets.

Acting City Clerk Sue Ashcraft- Reminded every one of the election coming up August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and that you can still get an absentee ballot at the clerk's office, or by calling in. Mayor Dropiewski asks if they will be open the Saturday before, Sue said yes they will from 8-2.

**6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Council Member Wally Little- Received a letter from a concerned citizen, and wanted to let DPS director Matt Sype know about it. The citizen wants to know about the curbs between Arsenal and West Huron River Drive, and between Telegraph, Arsenal, and West Huron Drive, the sidewalk by the maintenance building and West Huron River Drive, and trees growing on the bike path east of St. Roch's.

Council Member John Bergeron- Asked DPS Director Matt Sype about the bike path in front of BP gas station and the bumps on it. He also wanted to send his condolences to the families of the officers who got shot, for him it's a tragedy and an outrage and he really feels for those officers. He told Chief Leacher that he really appreciates and supports our officers and all they do.

Council Member Jim Martin- Would like to reiterate about the police and fire departments, with everything that has happened in the last month, to have them keep doing their jobs is very appreciated. He also mentioned a new safe haven in Dallas, where if you support the police then there is a blue marker you put on your curb, he believes this is a great idea.

Council Member Ken Wrobel- Asked about the status of getting a turn arrow at Arsenal and Telegraph.

**7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Big Boy had a small fire over the weekend and Big Boy will be closed for an unsure amount of time. If he hears of a reopening he will let everyone know

Our parks close at dusk. Mayor Dropiewski has a concern for the people in the parks after dusk trying to catch Pokémon. During the day there is no problem as long as they stay in the public areas (not the fire department or behind the historical buildings) Please respect park hours

City Wide Garage Sale is coming up, that means that Riverfest is also coming up. Riverfest is the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> of September. Friday night fireworks at 10:00 pm, also Mega 80's night. Full schedule will be coming out. Saturday night the group War Machine (family friendly KISS tribute band) will perform. Prior to that there will be a laser light show. They will close out Sunday afternoon with a group called Crush (tribute band to Bon Jovi).

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 9-A- Approval of TIFA Board 2016-17 Budget**

**Resolution 07-18-04**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approval of TIFA Board 2016-17 Budget

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**Item 9-B-First Right of Refusal to Purchase Tax Foreclosed Property in Wayne County**

No Action from Council, Possible Proposal to be Presented at next Council Meeting

**Item 9-C- Payment #5-Cleaning, Televising, Inspecting Sewers under the SAW Grant-Advanced Underground Inspection LLC**

**Resolution 07-18-05**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to Approve Payment #5 Cleaning, Televising, Inspecting Sewers under the SAW Grant-Advanced Underground Inspection LLC

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**Item 9-D- Request to Contract Linden Industries and Kennedy Industries to Replace Pump Motor at Olmstead Lift Station**

**Resolution 07-18-06**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to Contract Linden Industries and Kennedy Industries to Replace Pump Motor at Olmstead Lift Station and waive the bidding process.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**Item 9-E- Request to have the City Engineer, Charles Raines prepare documents for bid to demolish 29409 Red Cedar**

**Resolution 07-18-07**

Motion by Martin

Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the request to have the City Engineer, Charles Raines prepare documents for bid to demolish 29409 Red Cedar

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**Item 9-F-The Senior Alliance is requesting Resolution approving the “2017-19 Multi-Year Plan”**

**Resolution 07-18-08**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve The Senior Alliance Resolution approving the “2017-19 Multi-Year Plan”

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**Item 9-G-Resolution Electing Medical Benefit Plan Coverage**

**Resolution 07-18-09**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve Resolution Electing Medical Benefit Plan Coverage

Motion carried unanimously 4-1 “Councilman Wrobel voting No”

**Item 9-H-Permission to have a Block Party on Blue Heron / with the road blocked off from Rose to Mc Beth Ct. 10am.-10pm. August 6, 2016**

**Resolution 07-18-10**

Motion by Bergeron  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to grant permission to have a Block Party on Blue Heron / with the road blocked off from Rose to Mc Beth Ct. 110am.-10pm. August 6, 2016

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**10. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (ADDITIONAL COMMENTS):**

None

11. **LATE CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Resolution 07-18-11**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of July 18, 2016 at 7:59 PM

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously 5-0

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**JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR**

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

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**MEAGHAN K. BACHMAN, CITY CLERK**