

**REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN**

**MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015**

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, Council Members: Bergeron, Martin, Tefend, Thomas, and Wrobel

ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk Meaghan Bachman, Fire Chief Bill Vack, Police Chief John Leacher, Recreation Director Rodney Wade, Treasurer Brian Marciniak, Economic Development Director Liz Hendley, Building and Safety Director Larry Dishaw and City Attorney David Grunow

**Resolution 07-20-01**

Motion by Wrobel  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, That Flat Rock City Council hereby excuses Council Member Beller as absent at the regular City Council meeting of July 20, 2015

Motion carried unanimously

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Resolution 07-20-02**

Motion by Thomas  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of July 6, 2015 as presented

Motion carried unanimously

**4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Resident Terry Farrar voiced concern regarding the concrete work in Huron Woods. He noted a crack in the cement leading to a drain and asked the concern is inspected.

Resident Sue Farrar expressed her condolences to the family of former mayor Richard Jones. She spoke of Mayor Jones and his dedicated to the city and history of Flat Rock.

**5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Police Chief John Leacher spoke of the Guns and Hoses Softball Tournament. He noted the tournament was held to raise money for the police and fire benevolent fund which will provide scholarships for seniors at Flat Rock High School. Chief Leacher announced the Flat Rock Police

Department won the tournament and took home the trophy. He thanked Fire Fighter Tim Webb and Rodney Wade for putting the event together.

Fire Chief Bill Vack also spoke of the Guns and Hoses Softball Tournament and noted the Flat Rock Fire Department took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the tournament.

Economic Development Director Liz Hendley announced the City of Flat Rock has been selected to participate in the Detroit Institute of Art's Inside/Out program. Liz informed all of the history of the program and the DIA. She noted on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 three pieces of art will be installed in Flat Rock and remain on display until October. Two installations will take place at Huroc Park and the third will be outside Simpler Times General Store on Huron River Drive. She noted the art that will be displayed is as follows, Dancers in the Green Room by Edgar Degas, which will be at the entrance to Huroc Park; View of the Tiber in Rome with the Castel Sant'Angelo by Bernardo Bellotto which will near the bridge that goes to the Oakwood Metropark; and The Merrymakers by Carlus-Duran which will be outside Simpler Times and special event will follow.

Recreation Director Rodney Wade spoke of the Guns and Hoses Softball Tournament. He thanked all local area police and fire departments for participating in the event. He recognized Lauren Gibson for her help with the event and Fire Fighter Tim Webb. Director Wade presented Mr. Webb with a certificate of appreciation.

Building Director Larry Dishaw noted he was appointed by the State of Michigan to be the Director, Plan Reviewer and Building Inspector contingent on final approval in October 2015. Director Dishaw spoke of the lighting project on the agenda and noted he would like the bid process waived because of the time restrictions for DTE rebates.

## **6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Council Member Ken Wrobel expressed his condolences to the Jones family on the passing of former Mayor Richard Jones.

Council Member Jim Martin expressed his condolences to the family of former Mayor Richard Jones. He noted Richard was a friend and always thought about the betterment of the city. Mayor Jones brought the ballfields, community center, financed Aspen Road through a commercial lender for the first time, and many other things for the community and noted he will be missed. Council Member Martin noted he attended a ceremony for recognizing Huron River as the 17<sup>th</sup> National Water Trail. The City was presented with a plaque/logo that can be placed in the kiosk from the 'River Up' Program. He noted it is an honor to be recognized as a Water Trail Town.

Council Member John Bergeron expressed his condolences to the Jones family and thanked Mayor Jones for his service to Flat Rock.

Council Member Dawn Thomas thanked Flat Rock Police for assisting her family at her home. She noted they did an amazing job. She thanked Katt Stock of the Animal Shelter for volunteering for the Animal Shelter and noted she went above and beyond to assist her family. Council Member Thomas wished her daughter a happy 15<sup>th</sup> birthday.

7. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Dropiewski expressed his condolences to the family of former Mayor Richard Jones. He noted the sacrifice he gave to serve the community. He noted how much he loved his grandchildren and children. The Mayor noted the impact he made on the community and noted it will last a very long time. Mayor Dropiewski noted the chip sealing on Woodruff should start the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week in August. He also noted ground work at the Burger King site has begun and O'Rileys will start construction in August. He also noted Meijer construction has begun.

Mayor Dropiewski congratulated City Clerk Meaghan Bachman for obtaining the CMMC (Certified Michigan Municipal Clerk) certification.

Mayor Dropiewski gave an updated on the Splash Pad project. He is hopeful to have a display of the design shortly.

Mayor Dropiewski wished his son Alexander a happy 8<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Mayor Dropiewski noted bond revenue funds can be used for road repair on Meadows. He asked Council for permission to bid Meadows from Olmstead to Windsor. He also noted sidewalk projects on the south side of Gibraltar connecting Cambridge to Hall, which would allow bike path access, east or west; the Mayor noted Wayne County has been contacted about upgrade to the traffic light (which is in the TIFA District). He also noted a sidewalk on the south side of Seneca is needed so children can walk to school on a sidewalk and not a dirt road. The following motions were made:

**Resolution 07-20-03**

Motion by Wrobel  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to solicit bids for road repair on Meadows from Olmstead to Windsor

Motion carried unanimously

**Resolution 07-20-04**

Motion by Wrobel  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to solicit bids for a sidewalk on the south side of Gibraltar connecting Cambridge to Hall, which would allow bike path access, east or west; also to solicit bids for a sidewalk on the south side of Seneca; the projects will be presented as two separate line items in the bid specs

Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Dropiewski noted the city wasn't successful in obtaining a grant for an electronic sign. He noted the project is a worthwhile project for the community and asked to solicit bids for the sign.

**Resolution 07-20-05**

Motion by Thomas  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to solicit bids for an electronic LED sign for the city

Motion carried unanimously

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 9-A- Mayoral Recommendation for Commission Appointment**

**Resolution 07-20-06**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to appoint Mr. Tom Zimmerman to the Planning Commission, term will expire on December 31, 2017

Motion carried unanimously

***TABLED - Item 9-B-Progress Payment No: 1 – Aspen Blvd. Road Re-Construction – Hard Rock Concrete, Inc.***

**Resolution 07-20-07**

*Motion by Tefend  
Supported by Bergeron*

*RESOLVED, to TABLE progress payment No: 1 in the amount of \$214,785.97 to Hard Rock Concrete for the Aspen Blvd. Road Re-Construction Project; the item was tabled because the pavement placed on the northbound side of Aspen is unacceptable; It exhibits a bumpy ride ability beyond acceptable tolerance; the issue will be directed to the City Engineer for resolution with the contractor*

*Motion carried unanimously to table the agenda item*

***TABLED - Item 9-C-Progress Payment No: 2 – Huron Woods Road Re-Construction – G.V. Cement Contracting Co., Inc.***

**Resolution 07-20-08**

*Motion by Tefend  
Supported by Thomas*

*RESOLVED, to TABLE Progress Payment No: 2 in the amount of \$350,720.57 for the Huron Woods Road Re-Construction to G.V. Cement Contracting Co., Inc.; the item was tabled due to a crack around a catch basin, transverse crack on Apple Grove Way, and the oil on the road; the issues will be directed to the City Engineer for resolution with the contractor*

*Motion carried unanimously to table the agenda item*

**Item 9-D-Progress Payment No: 2 – Division Street Sanitary Sewer & Re-Construction – Lake Michigan Site Development**

**Resolution 07-20-09**

Motion by Wrobel  
Supported by Thomas

RESOLVED, to approve Progress Payment No: 2 in the amount of \$148,781.93 for the Division Street Sanitary Sewer & Re-Construction to Lake Michigan Site Development

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-E-Progress Payment No: 2 – Water Main & Pavement Repairs 2014 – RVP Construction**

**Resolution 07-20-10**

Motion by Thomas  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve Progress Payment No: 2 in the amount of \$91,503.32 Water Main & Pavement Repairs 2014 to RVP Construction

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-F-Bid Recommendation – 2015 Joint and Crack Sealing Program for Local Roads**

**Resolution 07-20-11**

Motion by Thomas  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, earlier this year, the City of Riverview developed plans and specifications for joint and crack sealing program for their local roads. The City of Flat Rock along with the City of Gibraltar and the Township of Grosse Ile agreed to participate by adding their quantities of crack and joint sealing to Riverview's; The City of Riverview received and opened bids on May 7, 2015, and on June 15, 2015 the Riverview City Council awarded the project to the low bidder, Carr's Outdoor Services, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the bid will be awarded to Carr's Outdoor Services for performing crack and joint sealing on local roads within the City of Flat Rock. The budget for the joint and crack sealing is \$50,000.00, and Carr's Outdoor Services' bid is \$34,230.00; the contractor is also authorized to perform additional crack and joint sealing up to the budgeted amount of \$50,000.00

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-G-Bid Recommendation – Police Dept. Women’s Locker Room Project – Building Technology Services**

**Resolution 07-20-12**

Motion by Thomas  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to award the Police Department Women’s Locker Room Project bid to Building Technology Services in the amount of \$69,700.00 with an alternate bid of \$3,000.00

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-H-Project Recommendation – City Hall LED Retrofit – Geal Electric Company**

**Resolution 07-20-13**

Motion by Wrobel  
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to waive the bid process and award the City Hall LED Retrofit project to Geal Electric Company, from Monroe, Michigan, not to exceed \$9,000.00

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-I-Request from the Historic Preservation Commission to purchase a Central Air Condition System for the Langs-Wagar House**

**Resolution 07-20-14**

Motion by Thomas  
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to approve the request from the Historic Preservation Commission to purchase a Central Air Condition System for the Langs-Wagar House, a Rheem RA13 Classic Series, in the amount of \$3,550.00 from Superior Comfort Heating & Cooling in Flat Rock, Michigan; This will included installation and a 10 year warranty

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-J- Request to purchase helmets for all Fire Department Personnel – 95% of funding will be provided from AFG Federal Grant Funds**

**Resolution 07-20-15**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of helmets for all Fire Department Personnel – 95% of funding will be provided from AFG Federal Grant Fund Grant Funding totaling \$4,750.00 and the cost to the city will be \$342.25

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-K-Request to purchase a John Deere Gator XUV Utility Vehicle**

**Resolution 07-20-16**

Motion by Wrobel  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of a John Deere Gator XUV Utility Vehicle to replace the current Gator that is used for ball field preparation; the current machine was purchased in 2002 and has been used extensively for field preparation and maintenance and is losing reliability. This machine is a key component in the operation of the ball field complex and mechanical problems make field preparation extremely difficult and time consuming; the cost of the new unit, thru MiDeal contract, is \$11,166.78 and the purchase would be made directly from Deere and Company

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this will require the purchase of a mounting kit from Broyhill Inc. to mount the existing ball field finisher onto the new machine; this cost is approximately \$700.00 or less and is approved for purchase

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-L-Request to purchase two (2) Badger Compound Meters for Meijer**

**Resolution 07-20-17**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of one (1) - 2" Badger compound water meter for \$2,069.00 and one (1) - 4" Badger compound water meter for \$3,782.00, to be installed at the new Meijer location in Flat Rock; the cost of these meters has been calculated into the water tap fee for Meijer, which has already been collected.

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-M- Wayne County Delinquent Parcels – First Right of Refusal**

**Resolution 07-20-18**

Motion by Thomas  
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of the Wayne County Delinquent Parcels, First Right of Refusal in the total amount of \$21,663.67, as follows:

- 1) 27009 Inkster Road - \$10,582.68 - For future use to mitigate development and flood issues. Can still be rent as a farm to offset any lost tax revenue; consistent with master plan uses.
- 2) Vacant Hall Road \$9, 57.91 -For storm water retention for future development in the TIFA District.
- 3) Vacant Cahill Road - \$ 2,893.91-For storm water retention for future development
- 4) Vacant Woodruff - \$6,359.49 – For controlling interest in residential future developments
- 5) Vacant Huron River Drive - \$869.68 – For future park use along the Huron River and wetland mitigation; consistent with master plan uses

Motion carried unanimously

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

NONE

**11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:**

NONE

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Item-A- Labor Negotiations, Clerical Unit**

**Resolution 07-20-19**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Thomas

RESOLVED, to convene into closed session at to discuss Labor Negotiations, Clerical Unit

Motion carried unanimously

**Resolution 07-20-20**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Thomas

RESOLVED, to reconvene into open session

Motion carried unanimously

**Resolution 07-20-21**

Motion by Wrobel  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a new Collective Bargaining Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding (as presented) incorporating the terms and conditions of the tentative agreements for the Clerical Unit.

Motion carried unanimously

12. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Resolution 07-20-22**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of July 20, 2015 at 8:59 PM

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously

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**JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR**

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

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**MEAGHAN K. BACHMAN  
CITY CLERK**