

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2008

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. PRESENT ON ROLL CALL: Mayor Jones, Council Members Painter, Gagne, Wrobel, Dropiewski, Tefend and Martin.

ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk Butski, Police Chief Rossow, Attorney David Grunow, Fire Chief Vack, Building Director John Russ, DPS Director Bruce Hammond, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz and George Mans, Economic Development Director.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

08-18-01 Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to approve the Regular Minutes of August 4, 2008 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Gregory Faverio of Huron Woods Subdivision Phase 1 presented Mayor and Council with a petition to replace all the streets in Phase one which are Apple Grove Way, Willow Springs and Maple View streets. The petition stated the streets are 13 years old and in very hazardous condition.

DPS Director, Bruce Hammond, will have a report at the next meeting.

Debbie Wilkins, the ex-Ordinance Officer, wanted to know what had been decided about her sick time. Attorney Grunow referred to his previous letter stating it is illegal to give gifts over and above the contract. He also referred to Dispatcher Black who is receiving retirement benefits although he only had seven years with Flat Rock. Mr. Grunow said he had several years with another city which had the same retirement as Flat Rock and those years counted his toward retirement.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

George Mans reminded everyone of the “Bikayboca” Fest taking place at Huroc Park Saturday, August 23rd. He said our sister city of Gibraltar is also involved. Flat Rock Train Club will be open. AutoAlliance will be involved with a Mustang car show at Huroc Park along with our local car clubs. Biking, boating/kayaking, vintage boats/cars, etc. promises a good time to be had by all.

Joan Pawlukiewicz, Recreation Director, stated Tuesday, August 19th is clean up date at the Playscape beginning at 9:00 am. Everyone is invited to come and lend a hand.

Fire Chief Vack reported the fire hydrants are being painted solid red. Later the caps will be color coded to match the size of the water main.

Police Chief Rossow presented three (3) of the last four (4) Auxiliary Police officers with plaques of appreciation for their years of service. The three were Gerald Matthews, Assistant Chief with 25 years of service; Jeffery Daugherty, Captain with 19 years of service and Glen Smith, Sergeant with 20 years of service. Tim Huddleston, Chief, will receive his when he is available.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Wrobel asked if work would be done on Evergreen Street this year and Mr. Hammond told him it was too late in the season.

Council Member Martin asked Mr. Hammond if he had contacted Wayne County regarding Huron River Drive and Mr. Hammond said he had tried a couple of times but without success; however, he will try again.

Council Member Painter reported a resident has been cleaning up a commercial property and leaving it for the city to pick up. Building Director John Russ said he talked to the resident and told him he could not do that and the city would not pick up the debris.

7. MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

Item B – Meijer.

Mayor stated Meijer is not a dead issue. Meijer has taken a look at and rejected other sites. They still want the original site. We will know sometime this week whether we got approved or rejected. If Meijer decides to come here they will probably be in front of the Planning Commission in September. He invited everyone to attend meetings and read the news paper to keep abreast of the situation.

Item A – South Huron Valley Authority.

Mayor said he made a proposal to Dick Hinshon, Environmental Consultant, regarding the repair of the 8,000 feet of the north arm. Mayor proposed to go with the

lawsuit “if you don’t use it you don’t pay for it” and if the other communities want to make a side agreement on splitting the cost they can do that.

Item C – E-2 (cost of living benefit on the pension).

In 1997-98 retirees didn’t have cost of living benefit. Council voted to give retired employees E-1 in 1997. In 2000 department heads were granted E-2. When Brenda and Steve Tallman retired and asked for E-2 council voted yes but it was only a confirmation because department heads already had it. Each year council votes to give retirees who were not department heads cost of living for that year.

City Attorney asked for volunteers to hear Step 2 of TPOAM grievance. Council Members Painter and Wrobel volunteered.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A – Catering Contract – Stone Creek Banquet Hall.

Jan Stahr said the only change in the contract was a clarification of the 75-25% split when someone cancels within 10 days of an event.

08-18-02 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to approve the contract as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Sewer backup compensation (Gibraltar Road).

Mayor Jones stated the claim from the resident is \$27,000 and the insurance company has rejected it. He said since the city is responsible he feels we should compensate them something and recommended \$20,000. Council Member Painter asked if we could appeal to the insurance company and Council Member Martin said he agrees with the insurance company. After some discussion, no motion was made.

Item C – Sidewalk repair estimate – Building Director.

Building Director, John Russ, addressed his estimated cost to repair all the streets east of Red Cedar (approximately 40,595 square feet) which, at the 2006 cost, would be \$124,000.

08-18-03 Motion by Jones supported by Gagne to direct the Building Director to come back at the next meeting with a total for the most severe uplifts and hazardous sidewalks so it can be put out for bid.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – 1st reading: Ordinance re: Inspection of residential housing upon transfer.

08-18-04 Motion by Martin supported by Dropiewski to suspend the first reading.

All voting yes except Tefend voting no. Motion carried 6-1.

Item B – 1st reading: Ordinance re: Inspection of rental units.

08-18-05 Motion by Martin supported by Dropiewski to suspend the first reading.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously

Item C – Increase in Building Department fines.

08-18-06 Motion by Painter supported by Dropiewski to concur with the Building Director to increase the fines as presented.

All voting yes except Gagne voting no. Motion carried 6-1.

Item D – Purchase order approval – Fall Newsletter.

08-18-07 Motion by Painter supported by Tefend to approve the purchase order to Country Printing in the amount of \$2,899.00.

Discussion re: quotes from other printers in town. Recreation Director will comply.

All voting yes except Wrobel voting no. Motion carried 6-1.

Item E – Request to move Precinct #2.

08-18-08 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to move Precinct #2 from Simpson Intermediate School to the Flat Rock Community Center effective with the November 4, 2008 election.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F – 2008 Community Development Sub recipient agreements.

08-18-09 Motion by Gagne supported by Dropiewski to approve the agreements as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G – Resolution re: Participate in Governor’s Centers of Regional Excellence (DPS Director).

08-18-10 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to approve the resolution as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item H – Invoice re: Emergency repair water main break at Gibraltar and I75.

08-18-11 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the invoice in the amount of \$4,410.00.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item I – Request to bid: Rear Yard Drainage improvement (Croft).

08-18-12 Motion by Jones supported by Gagne to go out for bid with bids due September 24, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item J – SDM Liquor License/Community Center.

08-18-13 Motion by Gagne supported by Dropiewski to approve application as requested.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Letter from Aimee Conn re: Stone Creek Banquet Center.

Item B – Letter from City Assessor re: AutoAlliance Int’l., Inc.

11. ADJOURNMENT

08-18-14 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:40 p.m.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CMC CLERK

DATE: _____
approved