

## REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

### CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2012

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 Gagne, Borden, Wilkins, Martin, Moore and Wrobel.

**ALSO PRESENT:** DPS Director Hammond, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz, Police Chief Rossow, Economic Development Director Mans, Fire Chief/Building Director Vack, City Attorney Grunow and Clerk Butski

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**08-20-01** Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 6, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Susan Farrar reminded the audience of the City Wide Garage Sale September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> rain or shine. St Vincent DePaul trucks will be in city hall parking lot for donations for anything except mattresses. She said volunteers are needed to help load the trucks.

5. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Chief Rossow said he has three budget positions open for officers and would like to hire one officer because the shortage is taking a toll on his department. He asked if he might bring retired Lt. Hale back for two weeks to finish the background check on applicants.

Mayor Dropiewski suggested that he be a contract employee temporary for two weeks and asked the Chief to bring back a formal proposal for council consideration.

Chief Rossow addressed the city's cell phone policy as it relates to the police department. The policy prohibits any use of a cell phone while driving a city vehicle. Chief said he understands the intent of the policy but it is difficult to enforce.

Discussion continued regarding hands-free devices, etc. Chief Rossow was asked to bring back suggestions for council consideration.

George Mans updated council on the Tim Horton coffee shop to be constructed at the Flat Rock Plaza. He said their site plan will be going to the Planning Commission next Monday. He thanked Bill and Bruce for their help meeting with the DEQ.

Joan Pawlukiewicz announced the Community Center Newsletter is going to print Sept. 21; also, there is a box for email addresses at city hall and at the community center for a drawing to be held later.

Fire Chief Vack announced two promotions in the Fire Department, Sgt. Rose and Sgt. Rich. Also, Lt. Besson is leaving to be Fire Chief for Van Buren Township. Vack asked if he could piggyback with the police department to do a background check on fire department applicants.

Bruce Hammond reported the new 12" water line is in place from Vreeland Road to the City limits paid for by the DDA. He also reported water breaks at W. Huron & Inkster Roads and in the football field. These lines were installed in the 1920s.

**6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Gary Borden thanked Bill Vack, Bruce Hammond & Joan Pawlukiewicz for their help. He also presented a certificate of appreciation to Ken Alice from the Senior Citizen Towers on Telegraph Road for his work cleaning the sidewalks and grounds around the towers.

**7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor reminded everyone to get a permit for the City-Wide Garage Sale so their address will be on the list that will be available at city hall parking lot Saturday and Sunday September 8 & 9.

He announced banners for the Flat Rock Riverfest are up around town and volunteers are needed to help on either Saturday or Sunday September 15 & 16 at Huroc Park.

Mayor said the next meeting will be after Labor Day and school will be in so drive carefully.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Item A – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Proposed Ordinance re: single-family dwelling exception to nonconforming use restrictions.**

**08-20-02** Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to suspend the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**08-20-03** Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve Ordinance #128-401-A as presented. Motion carried 6-1 with Wrobel voting no.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item A – Amendment to the Administrative Officers Employment Policy.**

**08-20-04** Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to approve the amendment as presented. Motion carried 6-1 with Wrobel voting no.

**Item B – Mayoral appointments for Clerk and Treasurer.**

**08-20-05** Motion by Wilkins supported by Gagne to concur with the Mayor's recommendation and hire Lani Rozga as Treasurer.

Discussion. Borden stated he is concerned with the pay rate and extra week vacation.

Motion carried 5-1 with Wrobel voting no and Mayor Dropiewski abstained due to interested party.

**08-20-06** Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to make the Clerk's position a full time position.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**08-20-07** Motion by Wilkins supported by Gagne to hire Meaghan Armstrong as a full time City Clerk.

Motion carried by 6 yes votes with Mayor Dropiewski abstaining due to interested party.

**Item C – Request from Flat Rock High School to hold its annual Homecoming Parade September 28, 2012.**

**08-20-08** Motion by Gagne supported by Moore to grant the high school permission to hold its annual homecoming parade as requested.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item D – Request to advertise for bid 2012 Water Main Pavement Repairs.**

**08-20-09** Motion by martin supported by Borden to advertise for bids as requested.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item E – Renewal of web site license agreement.**

**08-20-10** Motion by Martin supported by Wrobel to pay the invoice to Electronic Computer Services in the amount of \$2,000.00.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Item A – Zoning Board of Appeals minutes June 11, 2012.**

**08-20-11** Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to go into Closed Session at 8:30 pm to discuss (A) Auto Alliance Int'l vs. City of Flat Rock & Michigan Dept. of Treasury (B) Labor Negotiations.

Roll Call Vote: Dropiewski, Gagne, Martin, Moore, Wrobel, Borden & Wilkins voting yes. No votes – none. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor called a 5 minutes recess at 8:30

**08-20-12** Motion by Wrobel supported by Borden to return to Open Session at 9:40 pm.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**08-20-13** Motion by Martin supported by Borden to give Building Inspector, Bernard Ciupak a \$2.00 an hour raise.

Discussion. Mr. Ciupak has been with the city six years and has not had a raise.  
All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**08-20-14** Motion by Martin supported by Borden to authorize Mayor Dropiewski to sign the settlement with Auto Alliance Int'l, Inc. for real property.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

**08-20-15** Motion by Moore supported by Martin to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:44 pm.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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**JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR**

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

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**LORENE BUTSKI, CITY CLERK CMC**