

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2013

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 Martin, Borden, Wilkins, Wrobel and Gagne

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief/Building Director Vack, DPS Director Hammond, Treasurer Rozga, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz, Police Chief Rossow, Attorney Grunow and Clerk Armstrong

Resolution 08-05-01

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, That Flat Rock City Council hereby EXCUSES Council Member Moore, at the City Council meeting of August 5, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution 08-5-02

Motion by Gagne
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of July 15, 2013

Motion carried unanimously

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Jerry Stubleski of the Disabled American Veterans, Trenton Chapter announced their participation in the 2013 Riverfest and thanked Gary Borden for meeting with him and waiving the registration fee. Mr. Stubleski thanked Councilman Borden and the city for allowing the disabled veterans for parking spots at the Riverfest. He announced the group has approximately 170 members. They pass out information about veterans benefits at the Riverfest and have a flag raffle. They also accept donations and give out blue flowers for donations; the blue forget me not flowers have been passed out since 1926. Councilman Borden thanked Mr. Stubleski for meeting with him and participating. Mayor Dropiewski thanked Mr. Stubleski and noted he looks forward to seeing him at Riverfest.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Fire Chief Bill Vack announced the hiring of a full time firefighter April Eicholtz that started work on August 1, 2013. She has firefighter II status and paramedic training.

DPS Director Bruce Hammond updated the council on the Evergreen Street replacement project that will start this week and end before school starts. Bruce also updated the council on the bike trail and noted it is moving along. Most of the trail is out and stone base is put down for paving. Process is a bit slower at Will Carleton and South Huron River Drive because of a drain issue that needs to be fixed. A paving meeting between the contractors should start in a couple weeks and the railroad crossing area will also meet. The estimated date of completion is October 1, 2013

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilwoman Debbie Wilkins asked where the police and fire millage is spent and where is it going. Mayor Dropiewski responded it is a line item in their budgets and it is under the revenue section. She asked Bruce Hammond who is responsible for mowing alleys. She noted since 1954 Cook Street takes care of the whole ally and Wesley takes care of the front and they (the residents) have split it in half. She asked the responsibility of who is to take care of it. Each owner is responsible for their property.

Councilman Gary Borden gave his condolences to Sue and Terry Farrar for the loss of her brother. Councilman Borden asked Chief Vack the procedure of a business license and certificate of occupancy. Vack responded that he will be meeting with the Clerk and staff to develop a procedure on issuing business license and certificate of occupancy permits. Gary also asked the about the procedure on notifying the DDA of a new business. Clerk Armstrong and Mayor Dropiewski responded and explained the procedure. Mr. Borden asked Bruce Hammond his last day of employment with the city which is August 14, 2013 and is concerned about his replacement and when will we hire. Mayor Dropiewski noted the deadline for applications is August 7, 2013 and we will be conducting interviews the week following the application deadline. Councilman Borden asked Bruce Hammond if he would extend his last day until a new director is hired. Mayor Dropiewski responded he will be discussing options with Bruce and noted the DPS department has a very strong deputy director. Gary asked when the council will know of the new candidate for the position. Mayor Dropiewski hopes he will be able to present the candidate by the next council meeting or the first meeting in September. Councilman Borden announced the 2013 Riverfest on September 20, 21 and 22 and asked everyone to come and enjoy themselves and support the festival. He noted a few entertainers that will be performing at the Riverfest. He noted there is still room to be a sponsor in the program book.

Councilman Jim Martin expressed his condolences to Sue Farrar and her husband in regards to the passing of her brother. Councilman Martin asked Chief Vack about the burned down structures most noted on Van Riper. Chief Vack responded the property owner record is going to contest the demo order and they plan on remodeling the building. He noted the property has severe structural damage.

Councilman Paul Gagne asked if the council could get reports from police and fire on incidents that happen in the city. He noted they received those reports years ago. He noted other downriver communities report their crimes in the News Herald and hopes Flat Rock can announce things as well. Mayor Dropiewski noted no news can be good news. Councilman Gagne noted it can consist of good police news not just crime.

7. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Dropiewski noted council will not meet again until after DPS Director Bruce Hammond retires. The Mayor noted Matt Sype, Assistant Director agreed to act as the interim director until a replacement has been found. Mayor Dropiewski made the following resolution:

Resolution 08-05-03

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, name Matt Sype the temporary Director of the DPS effective upon Bruce Hammond's retirement

Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Dropiewski announced the ribbon cutting at Flat Rock Aesthetics on Wednesday, August 7, 2013 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM. He announced Tim Horton's had a soft opening and the grand opening is August 23, 2013.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Item 8-A Intergovernmental agreement between the City of Flat Rock and Wayne County to receive grant for potential splash pad at Community Park

Resolution 08-05-04

Motion by Gagne
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the intergovernmental agreement between the City of Flat Rock and Wayne County to receive grant for potential splash pad at Community Park

Mayor Dropiewski noted the city isn't obligated to take the grant if we approve this agreement. He is meeting with potential vendors to hear ideas about the construction and fountain. We have 2 years to expend the funds on this grant. Councilman Martin asked we challenge the contractors to come up with idea to fit our problem for the solution. Councilman Borden asked what will happen if we don't spend the money in 2 years and Mayor Dropiewski noted he would think we would have to reapply.

Motion carried unanimously

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

Item 9-A- Annual invoice from Schneider Electric for the emergency weather alert system

Resolution 08-05-05

Motion by Martin
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the annual invoice from Schneider Electric for the emergency weather alert system

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-B- License agreement between Marathon Pipe Line LLC and the City of Flat Rock for the bike path that crosses the easement held by Marathon Pipe Line LLC

Resolution 08-05-06

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the license agreement between Marathon Pipe Line LLC and the City of Flat Rock for the bike path that crosses the easement held by Marathon Pipe Line LLC

Motion carried 5-1 with Wilkins voting no

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution 08-05-07

Motion by Martin
Supported by Gagne

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of August 5, 2013 at 7:57 P.M.

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DATE: _____
Approved

MEAGHAN K. ARMSTRONG, CITY CLERK