

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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, Dropiewski, and Martin.

09-15-01 Motion by Painter supported by Dropiewski to excuse Council Members Tefend and Wrobel.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk Butski, Police Lt. Jeff Metz, Attorney David Grunow, Building Director John Russ, DPS Director Bruce Hammond, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz, Treasurer Debra Lambrix and George Mans, Economic Development Director.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

09-15-02 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the Regular Minutes of September 2, 2008 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Sue Farrar, Beautification Commission Chair Person, reported older students are destroying the playscape, breaking out lights in the walk way, destroying trees and putting graffiti all over. Lt./Detective Metz said he would review the tapes from the security cameras to see if anyone could be recognized and asked for help from citizens by contacting the Police Department when they see these things happening. Also, report the bad language the teenagers are reported using. All this destruction is deterring families with small children from coming to the playscape.

Gregory Faverio, Huron Woods Phase 1, was present and asked Council to reassess the schedule to fix the streets, especially Apple Grove Way.

Mayor Jones stated it is on the agenda to be discussed at the next budget session which will be in the next 30 days. In the meantime he will talk to Bruce Hammond, DPS Director.

Students Nate Bolduc of Rose Drive and Zach Kelly of Spring Street, were present and asked Mayor Jones about the skateboard park he had talked about a couple of years ago. Mayor Jones stated it would cost about \$75,000 and he will discuss it at the next budget session.

Discussion re: why they can't skateboard on the blacktop and in the park. They were told they can skate on the bike path but they have to share it with bikers and walkers. The ordinance forbids skateboarding in the park and the City Attorney will have a report at the next meeting concerning this subject.

5. REPORT FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

The City Clerk reported that October 6, 2008 is the last day to register to vote in the November Presidential Election and invited everyone to call the Clerk's Office if they are in doubt of being registered or want to know at which precinct they will vote.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Painter asked who takes care of street light outages and Lt./Det. Metz stated the Police Dept. reports them to DTE on Sunday night. Mr. Painter also asked the DPS Director if he would check the area between Belton and Croft from the fire hydrant to the first drain for a possible leak.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS: None.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A – Tabled Item: (1) Ordinance re: Inspection of rental units and (2) Fees for inspection of rental units.

09-15-03 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Painter to remove from the table.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

09-15-04 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to adopt the ordinance as presented and approve the fee schedule as presented.

Discussion of fees.

Motion failed 3-2 with Gagne and Jones voting no.

Item B – Vacant Kmart Structure, 27313 Telegraph Road.

The prospective buyers of the Kmart property were present requesting an extension on the time frame to sell the property. They are looking for a joint venture

partnership with the DDA. They plan to develop the property in phases and support the request from Allied Capital Corporation, the property owner, to extend the timeline for demolition which was August 30, 2008.

09-15-05 Motion by Jones supported by Gagne to defer the requirement to demolish to November 30, 2008.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Business personal property audit of AutoAlliance.

09-15-06 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the expenditure of \$48,000 to Tax Management Associates, Inc. to perform book reconciliation on AutoAlliance.

Discussion re: Treasurer to get prices from other audit firms for comparison.

Motion failed 3-2 with Painter and Dropiewski voting no.

Item D – Sidewalk replacement program: Request to bid.

09-15-07 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to authorize DPS Director to advertise for bids in two parts: (1) replace some and (2) lift and level some.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – DPS Director: Request to change trash collection day.

09-15-08 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to concur with DPS Director and change Friday pick-up to Tuesday for the houses east of Cahill Road.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – DPS Director: Request for road salt purchase.

09-15-09 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to concur with the DPS Director and purchase salt thru the State Bid Contract in the amount of \$3,997.80.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Police Chief: Temporary traffic order re: Arsenal Road.

09-15-10 Motion by Jones supported by Martin to concur with the Police Chief's request to temporarily close Arsenal Road at the railroad crossing just north of

W. Huron River Dr. from 9/15/08 until the construction is complete. Detour routes are noted.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Renewal of web site hosting and license agreement.

09-15-11 Motion by Jones supported by Painter to approve the invoice from Electronic Computer Services, Inc. in the amount of \$2,335.00 for period of 9/15/08 to 9/15/09.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – Flat Rock Kiwanis request use of Holt Street for Christmas tree sale.

09-15-12 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to approve Kiwanis's request as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F – Flat Rock Goodfellows request to hold newspaper sale.

09-15-13 Motion by Martin supported by Dropiewski to approve Goodfellows request to sell newspapers Friday, November 14, 2008 from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Zoning Board of Appeals minutes of August 11, 2008.

11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Flat Rock High School request for road closure – Homecoming Parade.

09-15-14 Motion by Martin supported by Dropiewski to approve the High School's request to hold its annual Homecoming parade on Friday, October 3, 2008 between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

09-15-15 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:13 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR

**LORENE BUTSKI, CMC,
CITY CLERK**

Date: _____
approved

