

## **REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

### **CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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, Gagne and Moore

**ALSO PRESENT:** Fire Chief/Building Director Vack, Interim DPS Director Sype, Treasurer Rozga, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz, Lieutenant Jeff Metz, Attorney Grunow and Clerk Armstrong

**Resolution 09-16-01**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Moore

RESOLVED, That Flat Rock City Council hereby EXCUSES Council Member Wrobel, at the City Council meeting of September 16, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Resolution 09-16-02**

Motion by Borden  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of September 3, 2013as presented

Motion carried unanimously

**4. PRESENTATION:**

Sue Farrar of the Beautification Commission presented certificates of appreciation to the volunteer of the City Wide Garage Sale on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. She announced 122 homes participated in the sale and thanked all the volunteers for their help along with the residents who participated in the sale and donated items to help with various organizations.

**5. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Corey Beckwith of The Guidance Center presented and update on the SUDS Collation and their mission. He reminded residents of the prescription drop box located in the Flat Rock Police Department. He also noted they will be participating in Riverfest on Saturday. Gary Borden thanked them for their help.

Alex Hassel of Eagle Scout Troop 1795 of Southgate asked if he could help with any city volunteer services within the city for his eagle project. Mayor Dropiewski asked him to meet with him next week to find a project and noted the city has benefited from their services. Councilman Borden suggested he could help with Riverfest.

**6. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Interim DPS Director Matt Sype gave an update on the bike path. He said the paving is complete but not yet open for biking. He said the Brown Street project is complete but needs marking. Vreeland Road construction will start in a week.

Fire Chief Bill Vack gave an update on the Van Riper house that caught fire. He is meeting with owner to see what will take place and if they can refurbish the home.

City Clerk Meaghan Bachman reminded residents October 7, 2013 is the last day to register to vote. She noted permanent absentee applications will be mailed out this week and applications are available to residents.

Police Chief Neal Rossow thanked the Flat Rock Police Officers for their dedication and services to the community. Staff was reduced from 26 to 17 and noted they are working long hours and often volunteer to come in to work the extended hours.

City Attorney David Grunow explained a resolution is needed regarding the purchase of the John Deere 301K EP Backhoe that was approved at the September 3, 2013 Council Meeting, with financing from Monroe Bank and Trust with an interest rate of 3.35%. This will include five annual payments. The resolution is to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the documents required from Monroe Bank and Trust.

**Resolution 09-16-03**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Dropiewski

RESOLVED, to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the necessary documents from Monroe Bank and Trust for the purchase of a John Deere 301K EP Backhoe in the amount of \$69,832.00 with an interest rate of 3.35% for five annual payments

Motion carried unanimously

**7. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Councilman Gary Borden gave a job well done on the bike path project. Councilman Borden expressed his concerns on teens at Huroc Park smoking Hookahs and acknowledged that it isn't illegal but asked if anything can be done to prevent them from smoking it at the park. It was decided that Attorney Grunow would look into it and draft a memo to council on what is found. Councilman Borden reminded residents of the Riverfest this weekend and invited the public to come out and enjoy.

Councilman Martin reminded residents of Riverfest and welcomed them to come out and enjoy it.

Councilwoman Moore commended the police officers for a job well done. She noted if police officers can keep an eye out for underage smokers and smoke shops.

**8. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Dropiewski thanked Chief Vack for the update on the Van Riper house fire status. The Mayor spoke about the recent tree dedication ceremony for Tom and Betty Law. He noted his conversation with Mr. Law who is 93 years old. Mr. Law sat on the Brownstown Township Board in the early to mid-1960 and spoke of the early days of the city. Mayor Dropiewski noted how good it was to hear some history of Flat Rock from Mr. Law.

Mayor Dropiewski announced the city's partnership with the Downriver Career Technical Consortium (DCTC). The city will provide opportunity for students to participate in a school to career mentoring program for a hands on approach with police, fire, DPS and the clerical office staff. Within the first year he anticipates the DPS and City Hall to participate.

Mayor Dropiewski noted the speeding on Tamarack and asked the Police Chief to look into it.

The Mayor congratulated Joann Pawlukiewicz on the basketball registration program. Mayor Dropiewski noted over 400 kids registered for the program and it was a success.

The city's Engineering Company, Charles E. Raines is doing a rating of all the roads in Flat Rock. He noted it will take some time to complete but will be a good assessment of the road conditions. The Mayor spoke of a street paving project on Maple View Lane in the Huron Woods Subdivision that would consist of approximately 285 feet. The estimated cost of repair is \$60,000 and would have to seek bids for this project and would like it done this season. The road conditions in this particular area are extremely poor. The following resolution was made:

**Resolution 09-16-04**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Moore

RESOLVED, to request sealed bids for the pavement repairs in Huron Woods Subdivision – Maple View Lane until Wednesday, October 2, 2013, and shall be publicly opened and read aloud at that time. The project would consist of approximately 285 feet of pavement and cost approximately \$60,000.

Motion carried unanimously

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NONE**

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 10-A- Flat Rock Community High School's Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 27, 2013 at 5:00 PM**

**Resolution 09-16-05**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to approve Flat Rock Community High School's Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 27, 2013 at 5:00 PM

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 10-B- PROTEC annual membership renewal in the amount of \$1,234.75**

**Resolution 09-16-06**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Gagne

RESOLVED, to approve the PROTEC annual membership renewal in the amount of \$1,234.75  
BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, the current 2001 backhoe will be used as trade in the amount of \$17,000.00

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 10-C- Michigan Municipal League annual membership renewal in the amount of \$4,483.00**

**Resolution 09-16-07**

Motion by Gagne  
Supported by martin

RESOLVED, to approve payment to Michigan Municipal League annual membership renewal in the amount of \$4,483.00

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 10- D Subrecipient agreement for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program - Contract term from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018**

**Resolution 09-16-08**

Motion by Borden  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the subrecipient agreement between the County of Wayne and the City of Flat Rock for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program - Contract term from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 10-E The Senior Alliance (TSA) Fiscal Year 2014-2016 contract**

**Resolution 09-16-09**

Motion by Gagne  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve The Senior Alliance (TSA) Fiscal Year 2014-2016 contract

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 10-F- Increase in donation rate for the senior bus transportation from \$2.00 to \$3.00**

**Resolution 09-16-10**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to approve the suggested donation rate increase for the senior bus transportation from \$2.00 to \$3.00

Motion carried unanimously

**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Resolution 09-16-11**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of September 16, 2013 at 8:17 P.M.

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously.

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**JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR**

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

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**MEAGHAN K. ARMSTRONG, CITY CLERK**