

**REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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, and Moore.

EXCUSED: Councilman Wrobel

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

**Resolution 09-17-01**

Motion by Martin

Supported by Wilkins

RESOLVED, That Flat Rock City Council hereby **EXCUSES** the absence of Council Member Wrobel at the regular City Council meeting of September 17, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Resolution 09-17-02**

Motion by Borden

Supported by Wilkins

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of September 4, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously

**4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Susan Farrar reported on the City Wide Garage Sale that was held on September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012. She reported 79 permits were issued, which totaled \$395.00. Sue thanked the Clerk's office, Treasurer, Jim & Sue Martin, Gary Borden St. Vincent DePaul, the residents of Flat Rock and her husband for helping with the City Wide Garage Sale.

Patrick VanBuren, Flat Rock resident thanked the City for a successful Riverfest.

**5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Police Chief Rossow announced the police department's participation in the Drug Take Back Program that will occur on September 29, 2012.

A police officer applicant was offered a position with Flat Rock and he is scheduled to be sworn in on October 1, 2012.

He announced the police department assigned officers to specific sections of town for ordinance enforcement.

Chief Rossow also announced he would like to bring back the neighborhood watch program.

**6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Paul Gagne reported how impressed he was with the fire department hover craft at the Riverfest. He expressed his concern about broken windows at the water building. Fire Chief Vack explained he is looking to block and seal the windows and extend an alarm system for the building.

Jim Martin thanked City employees, volunteers, Meaghan Armstrong and Sue Ashcraft for help with the Riverfest. He commented the Riverfest was a huge success this year.

Gary Borden thanked the City of Flat Rock for supporting the Riverfest. He also thanked the high school & middle school students, all volunteers, Karen Baker, the bus drivers, Flat Rock Community Center, Police Chief Rossow and staff, Fire Chief Vack and staff, Bruce Hammond and staff and Laura Zoochi from the News Herald. He expressed the Riverfest was a huge success and wouldn't be possible without all the volunteers.

Councilmember Borden asked if police patrol could enforce traffic at school for those parking in no parking zones.

He asked for an update on the hiring of a fire fighter. Chief Vack informed him the deadline was September 17, 2012 and he will be starting the next steps in the hiring process this week.

Deborah Wilkins thanked Chief Vack and fire department for assisting her mother. She addressed concerns regarding the ballot proposal of November 8, 2011 for police and fire services. She suggested the police department is understaffed and officers are working too much overtime. Mayor Dropiewski addressed her concern.

**7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Dropiewski commented that it was a great week in Flat Rock. He spoke about the Ford Plant Celebration that took place on September 10, 2012. At this event, the plant was renamed from Auto Alliance Plant to Flat Rock Assembly. The Mayor commented Ford is looking to add a 2<sup>nd</sup> shift that will create approximately 1,200 new jobs and this will be beneficial for the City of Flat Rock businesses and homeowners.

Mayor Dropiewski stated that Riverfest was a huge success. He congratulated and thanked Councilman Borden for all his efforts. He also thanked the community and all volunteers who helped, including City employees. He commented on how great the bands preformed. Mayor Dropiewski also thanked the City of Flat Rock DDA, Community Foundation, Wayne County Sheriff and the school district for all their help and support.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NONE**

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item 9-A – Michigan Municipal League (MML) annual membership renewal for November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013**

**Resolution 09-17-03**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to approve the annual MML membership renewal for November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-B - Yearly resolution electing medical benefit plan coverage**

**Resolution 09-17-04**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Gagne

RESOLVED, that the City Council for the City of Flat Rock hereby elects Section 4 of Public Act 152 of 2011, a medical benefit plan coverage, as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

**Item 9-C - Implementation of Act 152 of 2011 for union employees**

**Resolution 09-17-05**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Moore

RESOLVED, to approve the implementation of Act 152 of 2011 for union employees

Motion carried unanimously

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

**NONE**

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Resolution 9-17-06**

Motion by Gagne  
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of September 17, 2012.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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**JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR**

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

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**MEAGHAN K. ARMSTRONG, CITY CLERK**