

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 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, Wrobel, Tefend and Martin.

09-02-01 Motion by Painter supported by Tefend to excuse Council Member Dropiewski.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk Butski, Police Chief Rossow, Attorney David Grunow, Building Director John Russ, DPS Director Bruce Hammond, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz and George Mans, Economic Development Director.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

09-02-02 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the Regular Minutes of August 18, 2008 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Chris Wooley, 25976 Rockridge Ct., questioned the status of Meijer.

George Mans stated Meijer still wants to come to Flat Rock. The store will be downsized to 156,000 square feet and they may come back to the city within the next 30 days to go before the Planning Commission.

Arlen Fadely, W. Huron River Drive, asked if the hole in the street will be repaired and Mr. Hammond told him it is on the agenda for approval.

5. REPORT FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Building Director, John Russ, passed out the revised 2008 Sidewalk Repair schedule as requested by Council at the last meeting. The linear feet were reduced from 8,119 to 7,017 and the square footage reduced from 40,595 to 35,070 square feet.

Council Member Martin asked if any of those on the list could be filled to lift them and asked Mr. Russ if he would check with different companies on the cost and report back at the next meeting.

George Mans, Director, addressed his letter to Royal Arc Welding and thanked John Russ for his help in resolving some of the issues outstanding with that company. Mr. Mans said Royal Arc is expanding – they plan to purchase the building on the corner of Vreeland and Hall and possibly purchasing the building on the Cahill Road and looking at building a new building next to their existing building. They bought the J.G. Morris building a year ago and continue to expand operation in Ohio and Indiana but plan to keep their corporate headquarters here in Flat Rock. He said they will expand our light industrial base. He also said they would like to come to council and introduce themselves and Mayor Jones said that would be fine.

6. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:** None.

7. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** None.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Item A – 2nd Reading: Ordinance re: Inspection of Residential Housing upon upon transfer.

09-02-03 Motion by Martin supported by Painter to suspend the 2nd reading.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

09-02-04 Motion by Martin supported by Painter to adopt the ordinance as presented.

Motion failed 3-3 with Mayor Jones, Council Members Gagne and Tefend voting no.

Item B – 2nd Reading: Ordinance re: Inspection of Rental Units.

09-02-05 Motion by Wrobel supported by Martin to suspend 2nd reading.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

09-02-06 Motion by Painter supported by Wrobel to adopt the ordinance as presented.

Discussion. Motion withdrawn.

09-02-07 Motion by Jones supported by Gagne to table until the next meeting.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Huron Wood Subdivision Phase 1 existing concrete pavement Deterioration.

09-02-08 Motion by Jones supported by Gagne to table until the next budget session.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – John Hancock Deferred Compensation 457 Plan.

09-02-09 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to approve the Treasurer's request and offer John Hancock as a deferred compensation provider to the employees.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B- Wayne County Permit Fee Deposit.

09-02-10 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check for \$10,305.00 to obtain the permit from Wayne County. (\$7,500.00 bond is included and will be refunded after the work is complete).

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Infrastructure Repair and Maintenance proposal. (Discussion only).

09-02-11 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to table until the next budget session.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting Notice and appointment of City Official to attend the annual meeting Thursday, October 2nd.

09-02-12 Motion by Jones supported by Gagne not to send anyone.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – Beautification Commission re: Christmas Lawn Decorations.

09-02-13 Motion by Jones supported by Gagne to transfer \$1,000 from Beautification Commission budget to the DPS so the Christmas decorations may be put up this Christmas.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F - Knights of Columbus funds solicitation request.

09-02-14 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the request to solicit October 10, 11 and 12, 2008 in Flat Rock.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G – Resolution re: CWW-DCC Center for Regional Excellence Grant application.

09-02-15 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the resolution.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Planning Commission minutes of July 28, 2008.

11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Letter to Mayor Jones from Wayne County Assessment & Equalization Division stating W.C. will not assist F.R. with the cost to audit the personal property statements of Auto Alliance International.

09-02-16 Motion by Gagne supported by Jones to go into closed session.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jones called a 5 minute recess at 8:01 p.m.

09-02-17 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to go into open session at 8:08 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

09-02-18 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:09 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CMC, CITY CLERK

APPROVED: 9-15-08
date