

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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, Wrobel 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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Resolution 09-03-01

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of August 19, 2013 as amended to correct the spelling of Councilman Wrobel's name under approval of minutes

Motion carried unanimously

4. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Sue Farrar of the Beautification Commission announced the City Wide Garage Sale on September 7th and 8th, 2013 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. The city will advertise for the sale and maps will be available for pickup at city hall parking lot. A St. Vincent de Paul truck will be available for clean useable items.

Dave McGee asked for permission to run approximately 300 feet of water service in Huroc Park from the drinking fountain/meter pit, to use for Riverfest.

Resolution 09-03-02

Motion by Borden
Supported by Wrobel

Discussion: Mayor Dropiewski suggested he approach the DDA for funding
Councilwoman Moore asked if it was permanent; yes it would be. David Grunow asked who was doing the work; an insured contractor. Councilman Wrobel noted it should follow bid requirements with the DDA. Councilman Martin noted it will have to meet the bid requirements if over \$5000; McGee noted it shouldn't be over \$200. Moore asked for a detailed explanation of scope of work; McGee said run a hose from the water pit and run it down for vendors to hook into, including the beer booth; Moore asked if we needed to move the vendors could we; yes we could.

RESOLVED, to approve the installation of a water service line at Huroc Park

Motion carried unanimously

Resident from Hickory Ridge reported the police and Matt Sype came to his home and gave him notice to cut his grass. He said the property they are referring to is used for children events such as hayrides and maze throughout the fall season. He asked if an appeal is allowed so he doesn't have to cut it. Dave Grunow responded he can propose an amendment to the ordinance that would be approved by council. Discussion and questions were asked by the Mayor and Councilmembers and the following motion was made:

Resolution 09-03-03

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, have the city attorney look at neighboring communities to see what type of ordinance they have for tall grass and if any appeals or exceptions are allowed

Motion carried 5-2 with Borden and Wilkins voting NO

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Recreation Director Joann Pawlukiewicz announced the Silver Sneaker re-orientation of their program on September 10, 2013. Any senior over 60 can attend. The program is doing well but a few seniors are signing up and not attending. She asked for approval of the dinner theater event on January 25, 2014. Contact cost to us is \$3000 but ticket sales should cover the cost of the event.

Resolution 09-03-04

Motion by Martin
Supported by Borden

Discussion: Mayor Dropiewski noted it sounds like fun. Councilman Borden commended her for the efforts she made at the Community Center. Joann noted ladies night will take place in the fall and tickets are available. She also noted the dinner theater will do the advertising. Councilwoman Moore asked if childcare will be available at the dinner theater event; Joann said she would check into it and get it arranged.

RESOLVED, to approve the contract for a dinner theater at the Community Center on January 25, 2014

Motion carried unanimously

Fire Chief Bill Vack announced the Coleman Building demolition meeting with the low bidder of the project. They will be presenting to the DDA for approval. Mayor Dropiewski noted we need Council approval for the demolition. Councilman Gagne asked about the planning commission meeting and their concerns with the bid results. Mayor Dropiewski noted the concerns were discussed in the meeting with the low bidder.

Resolution 09-03-05

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the demolition of the Coleman Building

Motion carried unanimously

Interim DPS Director Matt Sype announced Evergreen Street paving project is almost finished. He noted a water service change took place at the Coleman Building and tomorrow it will be disconnected from the supply. Councilman Gagne asked if patching of streets is being done. Matt suggested perhaps it is cold patch work. Gagne noted the library lot is in bad shape and asked if it could be repaired.

Lieutenant Metz noted school is in session and drive carefully. He noted for kids and parents to follow and listen to the crossing guard and don't block the intersections so kids can cross. He reminded residents to keep their car doors locked to prevent break-ins. He announced the Flat Rock Police Department now has a facebook page. He thanked Council and Chief Rossow for allowing him to attend the FBI National Training Academy. He noted it was 10 week training and 274 law enforcement officers were accepted.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilwoman Wilkins extended her condolences to the family of Carol Gibbons. She reminded residents to be careful driving now that school is in session. She asked the status of the ordinance officer position. She noted 3 years passed since the last ordinance officer was employed. Mayor Dropiewski responded next council meeting he should have a plan to prevent to council.

Councilman Gary Borden wished everyone a happy Labor Day. He gave his condolences to Jo Beard and her family on the passing of Carol Gibbons. He noted his concerns about the ordinance officer position and the building department position. Mayor Dropiewski noted a plan for both positions will be presented at the next council meeting. Councilman Borden reminded residents of the Riverfest and noted Miss Downriver and Miss Michigan will be attending and there will be lots of new activities this year. He told Lieutenant Metz it is good to see him back and he was proud of him for acceptance at the FBI Academy. He told Matt Sype what an outstanding job he is doing as interim DPS Director.

Councilman Martin gave his condolences to Carol Gibbons and family. He said she was assistant treasurer at the city and met a lot of people and was liked by many. He gave his compliments to Joann for the Community Center newsletter cover and said how nice it looks.

Councilman Wrobel gave his condolences to the Gibbons family and has known Carol since 1984 when she worked for the city. He also thanked Sue Farrar for all she did for Carol and the family.

Councilman Gagne gave his condolences to the Gibbons family.

Councilwoman Moore commends Joann and her staff at the Recreation Center for a job well done.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski gave his condolences to the family of Carol Gibbons. He noted Carol was a remarkable woman. He said she was assistant treasurer and a member of the Board of Review, which will be a hard position to fill. He reminded residents that school is back in session and asked that people slow down when driving. Mayor Dropiewski updated the process with the rubbish contract. He said the commercial accounts are not included in the bid specs but the city does need prices on those accounts so the city will be adding the commercial specs and asking the two lowest bidders to submit a bid. He asked we make a motion to reject the current bids as is and

change the specs to add commercial accounts and allow the two lowest bidders to bid on this addendum.

Resolution 09-03-06

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported by Gagne

RESOLVED, to reject the current bids as is and change the specs to add commercial accounts and allow the two lowest bidders to bid on this addendum.

Motion carried unanimously

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS

Item 9-A- Purchase of 40 tons of sports clay for the baseball complex

Resolution 09-03-07

Motion by Martin
Supported by Gagne

RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of 40 tons of sports clay from Phoenix Stone, Mt. Clemens, MI at \$100.00 per ton, for a total of \$4000.00

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-B- Purchase of new backhoe

Resolution 09-03-08

Motion by Martin
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of a new John Deere 301K EP Backhoe at theMiDeal State contract pricing of 69,832.00

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, the current 2001 backhoe will be used as trade in the amount of \$17,000.00

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-C- Flat Rock Community Center discounted membership rate of 10% for Riverfest patrons

Resolution 09-03-09

Motion by Martin
Supported by Gagne

RESOLVED, to approve Flat Rock Community Center discounted membership rate of 10% for Riverfest patrons

Motion carried unanimously

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you card from Flat Rock Towers to the Community Center for their help, support and services

CLOSED SESSION

Item A - Convene into closed session to discuss police patrol labor negotiations at 9:50 P.M.

Resolution 09-03-10

Motion by Martin
Supported by Borden

RESOLVED, Convene into closed session to discuss police patrol labor negotiations

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 09-03-11

Motion by Borden
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to reconvene into the regular City Council meeting

Motion carried unanimously

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution 09-03-12

Motion by Martin
Supported by Moore

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of September 3, 2013 at 8:48 P.M.

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DATE: _____

Approved

MEAGHAN K. ARMSTRONG, CITY CLERK