

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the Flat Rock City Council convened at the Municipal Building, 25500 Gibraltar Road, Flat Rock, Michigan 48134, on the above date at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Mayor Dropiewski, Council Members: Martin, Bergeron, Little and Wrobel

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney David Grunow, Treasurer Brian Marciniak, Fire Chief Bill Vack, Deputy Clerk Sue Ashcraft, Recreation Director Rodney Wade, Building Director Larry Dishaw, Department of Public Service Director Matt Sype, Economic Development Director Liz Hendley and Police Chief John Leacher

Resolution 09-19-01

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, that Flat Rock City Council hereby excuses Council Members Tefend and Thomas as absent at the regular City Council meeting of September 19, 2016

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution 09-19-02

Motion by Bergeron
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of September 6, 2016 as presented

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Police Chief John Leacher, presented Life Saving Awards, to Officer Matthew Wilczynski and Officer Joseph Warner. For the heroic efforts on August 28, 2016, their quick action saved the life of a 72 year old man who had quit breathing.

Wayne County Treasurer, Eric Sabree spoke about Forclosures, Delinquent Property Taxes and the Step Forward Program in Wayne County. He said Flat Rock is not a Problem Community with foreclosures.

Sue Farrar, Thanked the residents who participated in the City Wide Garage Sale. She also presented Certificates of Appreciation, to St. Vincent DePaul Director, Larry Griffin, and National Honor Society Students, Bella Gory and McKenzie Karas for their participation this weekend. Thanks also went to, Terry Farrar and family for their help as well. She also discussed the upcoming Halloween Decorating Contest. Entree forms are available at the Community Center, Library and City Hall. Forms must be dropped off at City Hall. Judging will be October 24th.

Citizen Gerald Matthews voiced his concerns about the Flat Rock Atwater Park. Parking and the Boat Dock were his main issues. He also spoke about people parking where there are no parking signs, these ordinances need to be enforced. Mayor Dropiewski address these issues, saying the City is in the process of improving the park area and applying for grants to help with the Improvements and costs. Mayor Dropiewski also stated we now have an Ordinance Office to help enforce Ordinance issue including wrongful parking.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Chief John Leacher introduced the newest member of the Flat Rock Police Department Michael Swartz. Chief Leacher gave him his Oath of Office and had Officer Swartz's mother Pin on his Badge. Chief Leacher also spoke about school starting and to be careful for the children and to obey the law regarding the school bus's flashing red lights..

Fire Chief Bill Vack said Riverfest was a success and wanted to thank Firefighter Tim Webb and Family for their hard work, as well as the Fire Explorers from Huron Township. Chief Vack also stated that Family Farm and Home has passed their inspection for their sprinkler system. They are currently installing shelving.

Deputy Clerk Sue Ashcraft informed everyone that the absentee ballots for the November 8th Election should be coming in this week and they will be mailed out next week. If anyone need an Absentee Ballot to call the Clerk's Office.

City Attorney David Grunow, requested a Closed Session after the Council Meeting to discuss the Clerical Contract

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Bergeron, Congratulated both Police Officers for their Life Saving Efforts and also our new Officer Michael Swartz. Councilman Bergeron also said Great Job at Riverfest.

Councilman Martin said it was a Good Weekend at Riverfest. He also attended the CDBG meeting on Thursday, the advisory board which controls how fund goes out to all the different cities objected strongly to the County. The County continues to push forward with their plan, that will take money away from us. We will continue to fight, there is another meeting next month.

Councilman Wrobel wanted to give recognition to our Police Officers. He's happy to see the Positive recognition that's going on for our Police Officers.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski wanted to thank everyone who helped out at the Riverfest. It was very successful and there was a lot of positive feedback. Thanks to DPS, the park looked beautiful, also Thanks to the Police and Fire Departments. There was a lot of positive interactions, despite the weather.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

Item 9-A-Request permission to hold Annual Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 7, 2016

Resolution 09-19-03

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to Approve Annual Homecoming Parade on October 7, 2016

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Item 9-B-Approval of Neopost Proposal and Lease Contract

Resolution 09-19-04

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to Approve the Neopost Proposal and Lease Contract.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Item 9-C-Michigan Municipal Leagues Membership Renewal

Resolution 09-19-05

Motion by Martin
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to Renew Michigan Municipal Leagues Membership

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Item 9-D-Requesting Permission to Solicit Bid Proposals for Replacing Traffic Markings and Striping on Vreeland Rd.

Resolution 09-19-06

Motion by Bergeron
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, To give Permission to Solicit Bid Proposals for replacing Traffic Markings and Striping on Vreeland Rd.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Item 9-E-Paving City Hall Parking Lot

Resolution 09-19-07

Motion by Bergeron
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, To Accept the Change Order from Sole Building Company to pave City Hall Parking Lot

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Item 9-F-Requesting Permission to Solicit Bid Proposals for demolition of 29409 Red Cedar

Resolution 09-19-08

Motion by Martin
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to give permission to Solicit Bid Proposals for Demolition of 29409 Red Cedar.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

10. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (ADDITIONAL COMMENTS):

Judge Wanda Evans, introduced herself, she'll be running on the November 8, Ballot for the 3rd. Circuit Court Judge.

11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

Item 11-A-Recommendation to Appoint Ron Smith to Planning Commission

Resolution 09-19-09

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to Appoint Ron Smith to Planning Commission

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

CLOSED SESSION:

To discuss with Attorney, Clerical Labor Negotiations

Resolution 09-19-10

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to convene into closed session to discuss Clerical Labor Negotiations

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Resolution 09-19-11

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to reconvene into Open Session

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

ITEM A – Clerical Labor Negotiations

Resolution 09-19-12

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to sign the Clerical Negotiating Contract upon approval of the City Attorney with stipulations presented by City Attorney

Motion carried 4-1 Councilman Bergeron voting No

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution 09-19-13

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of September 19, 2016 at 8:29 PM

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously 5-0

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DATE: _____
Approved

SUE ASHCRAFT, DEPUTY CLERK