

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

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: Beller, Bergeron, Martin, Tefend, Thomas and Wrobel

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Bill Vack, Interim Police Chief Jeff Metz, DPS Director Matt Sype, Recreation Director Joann Pawlukiewicz, Treasurer Brian Marciniak, Economic Development Director Liz Hendley, Attorney David Grunow and City Clerk Meaghan Bachman

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution 09-02-01

Motion by Thomas
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of August 18, 2014 as presented

Motion carried unanimously

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Mayor Dropiewski opened the citizen comments, referencing a letter sent to Huron Woods Subdivision residents. The letter noted the roads within the subdivision would be repaved with black top. Mayor Dropiewski that is not correct and the letter is based on false information. He noted bonds will be discussed as potential payment to remove and replace concrete and drainage. The Mayor noted residents will be informed by the City when this occurs.

Resident Pat Sexton of Huron Woods announced he sent out the flyer to the residents of Huron Woods Subdivision. He apologized to the Mayor, Council and Huron Woods residents for the false information.

Sue Farrar of the Beautification spoke of the fall city wide garage sale on September 6th and 7th, 2014 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. She announced the 1st Annual Beautification Halloween Home Decorating Contest and noted residents must fill out an entry form, available in the Clerk's Office.

Resident Arlen Fadely noted Councilman Martin said Lecklers was losing their John Deer license and Fadely noted Lecklers isn't losing their license. Councilman Martin apologized. Mr. Fadely asked the Mayor about the Human Resource Policy, when the city will have one in place. The Mayor and Councilmembers responded and asked questions about the policy.

Joe Pagano, DDA Chairman spoke of the Curzin Huroc Park Car Show. He noted it was a success and will host another show next year. He thanked several people and a special thanks to Carl Crook Agency for the sponsorship He announced he winners of the car show, Tom Wilkins 1971 Cougar XR7 was the “Best of Show” Winner for the 2014 Cruzin’ Show. Other winners were, for Truck’s-Don and Dorothy Raupp’s -1953 Ford F-150. Chairman Pagano spoke of the photo shoot class and announced three photo contest winners, 1st Michelle Toombs, 2nd Stacey Reynolds and 3rd Kim Balowski. Mr. Pagano announced upcoming events.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Treasurer Brian Marciniak attended the Tea at the Towers (Flat Rock Senior Towers) he noted it was a very nice event and thanked the Towers for the welcome. Treasurer Marciniak announced the end of tax season and if bills are paid late, a fee will be added. He thanked his staff, Fran, Joanne and Wendy for their hard work.

Interim Police Chief Jeff Metz announced the 1st day of school and reminded all the watch their speed and traffic signals. He noted not to stop in crosswalks and look out for crossing guards and the school bus. Chief Metz the Smart Trailer will be placed in areas of concern the show drivers their speed. He noted a citizen concern to put a traffic light at Walnut and Hickory so children can cross Gibraltar (no sidewalks are in this area).

DPS Director Matt Sype followed up with a request for parking meter cost at Huroc Park. He noted the approximate cost is \$15,000 for five (5) centralized meters. Questions and concerns were raised by Council.

Fire Chief Bill Vack noted the upcoming agility testing on September 11, 2014. He noted the new ambulance specs should be available by next meeting.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilwoman Dawn Thomas noted Interim Police Chief Jeff Metz is doing a good job. She asked resident to look out for High School Students as they walk to school around 7:25 AM and it is still dark outside. Councilwoman Thomas commended Flat Rock JV & Varsity Football Team and coaches on improving their performance and noted the upcoming game on Thursday.

Councilman Jim Martin hoped all had a good Labor Day weekend and reminded residents of Riverfest

Councilman Ken Wrobel thanked all who volunteer at the Animal Shelter and noted what an impressive job they are doing. Animal Shelter Volunteer Katt spoke of available animals and information on the shelter. Councilman Wrobel asked for the detailed cost of Riverfest. He would like to see the overtime hours for Police, Fire, DPS and Recreation.

Councilman Beller wished his wife a happy 20th anniversary.

7. MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski reminded everyone school is back in session and asked drivers to watch out for children and the crossing guards.

Mayor Dropiewski noted areas of the city need sidewalks and most of the dirt roads do not have sidewalks.

Mayor Dropiewski asked council approval to bid out crack and joint sealing. The Paser Study will be used to determine areas in need. The amount approved will be approximately \$50,000

Resolution 09-02-02

Motion by Bergeron
Supported by Dropiewski

Discussion

RESOLVED, to approve the DPS Director and City Engineer to go out to bid for crack and joint sealing; the amount approved will be approximately \$50,000

Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Dropiewski announced Riverfest weekend on September 19th, 20th, and 21st, 2014. The Mayor announced the musical entertainment and other entertainment that will take place at the festival. He noted the fireworks will be Friday night around 10:00 PM

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

Item 9-A- Request from the Knight of Columbus # 5446 to conduct their 40th year tootsie roll drive on October 10th, 11th and 12th, 2014, from 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Resolution 09-02-03

Motion by Martin
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the request from the Knight of Columbus # 5446 to conduct their 40th year tootsie roll drive on October 10th, 11th and 12th, 2014 from 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-B-Yeo & Yeo audit agreement

Resolution 09-02-04

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Thomas

RESOLVED, to approve the audit agreement with Yeo & Yeo (note: the city isn't switching auditors, Hungerford was acquired by Yeo & Yeo)

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-C- Resolution approving 2014 General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds

Resolution 09-02-05

Motion by Thomas
Supported by Beller

RESOLVED, to approve the resolution approving 2014 General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds

Discussion: Mayor Dropiewski noted this will start the process to issue bonds for capital improvement such as road paving, a boiler for City Hall,

Motion carried unanimously

Item 9-D- Permission to purchase one (1) International Dump Truck

Resolution 09-02-06

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Thomas

RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of one (1) International Dump Truck

Discussion: Councilwoman Thomas asked why it will take four (4) months to receive the truck and Councilman Beller asked if the city looked anywhere else but MIDeal.

Motion carried unanimously

10. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (ADDITIONAL COMMENTS):

NONE

11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

Item 11-A- Maintenance Agreement (5 year) with DSS Corporation for the Police Department phone recording system

Resolution 09-02-07

Motion by Martin
Supported by Thomas

RESOLVED, to approve the 5 year Maintenance Agreement with DSS Corporation for the Police Department phone recording system

Motion carried unanimously

CLOSED SESSION

Item A - Convene into closed session to discuss Department of Public Service (DPS) labor negotiations

Resolution 09-02-08

Motion by Thomas
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to convene into closed session to discuss DPS labor negotiations at 8:25 PM

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 09-02-09

Motion by Tefend
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to reconvene into the regular City Council meeting

Motion carried unanimously

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution 09-02-10

Motion by Tefend
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of September 2, 2014 at 9:42 PM

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DATE: _____
Approved

MEAGHAN K. BACHMAN, CITY CLERK