

SPECIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2014

The special meeting of the Flat Rock City Council convened at the Municipal building on the above date at 7:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Mayor Dropiewski, Councilmembers: Beller, Bergeron, Martin, Tefend, Thomas and Wrobel

ALSO PRESENT: Recreation Director Joann Pawlukiewicz, Economic Development Director Liz Hendley, Attorney David Grunow and Clerk Meaghan Bachman

2. NEW BUSINESS

Item 2-A – Appointment to the position of Police Chief

Resolution 09-29-01

Motion by Dropiewski

Supported by Bergeron

Discussion: Mayor Dropiewski noted all finalists for the position did very well and Mr. Leacher is the best fit for the department; he noted the chief's panel used to conduct the interview scored John Leacher as the top candidate; The Mayor noted Jeff Metz did a very good job during his time as Interim Police Chief; it was also noted John Leacher does not require health insurance from the city. Councilman Beller expressed he was leaning toward candidate Nicole Ford. Councilmember Wrobel his choice was candidate Nicole Ford and expressed his concern that a panel wasn't need for the decision to hire a candidate and voted against it; Councilman Tefend expressed his beliefs in hiring from within the department and was happy with the current internal candidate Interim Police Chief Jeff Metz; he noted John Leacher has a good background and experience; he also noted he would like the new chief to develop a training program to promote employees from within. Councilman Martin noted he was leaning toward John Leacher before the panel did their interviews and noted Jeff Metz did a good job. Councilman Bergeron noted all candidates did well including Jeff Metz and noted hiring from within is good but not always the best fit and John Leacher is the best fit for the department. Councilwoman Thomas noted she was torn between John Leacher and Nicole Ford and all candidates were qualified but the two stood out; she noted is says a lot about Flat Rock when we received so many qualified applicants who want to work here.

RESOLVED, to appoint John L. Leacher III to the position of Police Chief

Motion carried 5-2 with Beller and Wrobel voting no

Resolution 09-29-02

Motion by Dropiewski
Supported Bergeron

RESOLVED, to set the annual salary for appointed Police Chief John L. Leacher III in the amount of \$85,000 and grant him a prorated amount of vacation time at start date (prorated from three (3) weeks) and three (3) weeks of vacation starting January 1, 2015;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chief of Police will receive uniform cleaning and gun allowance; the start date of Police Chief will be October 20, 2014

Motion carried 6-1 with Wrobel voting no

Item 2-B – Flat Rock Homecoming Parade Approval for October 3, 2014

Resolution 09-29-03

Motion by Martin
Supported by Dropiewski

RESOLVED, to approve the Flat Rock Homecoming Day Parade on October 3, 2014

Motion carried unanimously

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution 09-29-04

Motion by Martin
Supported by Thomas

RESOLVED, to adjourn the special City Council meeting of September 29, 2014 at 7:20 PM

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DATE: _____
Approved

MEAGHAN K. BACHMAN, CITY CLERK