

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 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 Dropiewski, Wrobel, Painter, Gagne, Tefend and Martin.

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Vack, DPS Director Hammond, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz, City Clerk Butski, Robert Hale, Acting Police Chief, Debra Lambrix, Treasurer, Attorney Dave Grunow, Economic Development Director George Mans.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

02-04-01 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the Regular Minutes of January 22, 2008 as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Lou Stoney, 26345 Woodline Court, spoke for the group "Citizens for Responsible Development" regarding Meijer. (This author did not get a copy of his several page speech so I will hit the highlights of what he said). He stated that one of the things I want to clear up is our subdivision is not against the City and doesn't disrespect the Council Members. One of the reasons I came to Flat Rock is based on the respect of the city officials and how they support active and healthy lifestyles. I am asking Mr. Jones and Council to understand how the change in the zoning of the vacant land off Telegraph represents the Master Plan. Mr. Stoney continued to quote parts of the Master Plan to prove his point. He asked Mayor Jones if what he said was true that this wasn't the place for a Meijer store.

Mayor Jones said he didn't believe that was the place for Meijer and has tried to get them to choose another place. He said the city doesn't control the County and the DEQ regarding the variances Meijer will have to have and that people should be contacting the DEQ and Wayne County asking them not to grant Meijer variances.

Eric Morrison, 26597 Boulder Drive, stated he was here to clear up the humor about crime. I don't think any of it is funny. The #1 item stolen from Meijer is baby

formula and it is used by criminals to cut drugs such as cocaine and heroin. A big box store has no business in a residential area. Crime is a real thing.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

George Mans, Economic Developer Director, stated the City has been told by the U.S. Post Office that we do qualify for a new facility. The time table would be the current lease runs out in 2010. The postal service would be coming in within 60 days. They are required by federal law to advertise for sites. They will break down the sites to 2-3 that they will bring to the community for consideration. The post office will not make that decision in a vacuum. They will make it in conjunction with the community. They will probably make that decision before the end of this year so the construction can take place in 2009 and wrap up in 2010. We have a number of current locations in the community that have contacted the city and who seem to have enough space to qualify. They are Heier Lumber, K-Mart Plaza, St. Vincent DePaul site and the Dollar Store site. It will be advertised and open to any resident in Flat Rock.

Joan Pawlukiewicz, Recreation Director, stated that on January 22nd the Michigan Parks and Recreation held an annual conference in Traverse City. Flat Rock is the recipient of two awards this year. Marketing Show Case award for the publication we put out three times a year and the Outstanding Facility Design Award presented to the Community Center. Joan presented them to the Mayor.

Bruce Hammond, DPS Director, reported that on January 31st he authorized a message to be sent out over the Wayne County Emergency Management Home Land Security System. This system can contact all the residents in Flat Rock with emergency type messages. The message was sent out about 8:20 p.m. There are three dialers that send out about 500 calls a minute. One of the dialers would not shut off so it kept calling repeatedly. Once the message to stop was put it takes a while for it to shut down because it sends so many messages so fast. Hopefully the problem is solved. On behalf of the Homeland Security and myself I apologize for the inconvenience. The system has a lot of benefits for a lot of different emergencies.

Councilman Martin asked if there is an opt-out number for those who want to be taken off the list. Bruce said for now they can call him and he will have them taken off.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Painter sends his condolences to the family of Adolph White.
Council Member Dropiewski apologized for missing the last meeting due to work.
Council Member Gagne stated it was nice to see a full board present.

Council Member Wrobel also gave his condolences to Adolph White's family. He asked the Recreation Director why we are losing residents in the community center and if there could be a survey sent to them as to why they are leaving and what could be changed to bring them back. Recreation Director will comply.

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

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Item A – Appointment of Police Chief.

02-04-02 Motion by Painter supported by Tefend to appoint Michael Wrobel Police Chief.

Discussion. Council Member Wrobel stated Michael Wrobel has served the city for 28 years devoting most of his life to the Police Department.

Dropiewski said he met with the three internal candidates and anyone of them would do a pretty decent job as chief. The external candidates could bring a fresh perspective to the department. He said there are pluses and minuses any way we go.

Gagne stated we have had several internal chiefs and the department has problems. For this reason he will vote for an external chief.

Motion failed 3-3 with 1 abstained. Martin, Jones and Gagne voted no. Painter, Tefend and Dropiewski voting yes. Wrobel abstained.

02-04-03 Motion by Tefend supported by Painter to appoint Lt. Wrobel Deputy Chief.

City Attorney stated there is no such position anymore. Mayor Jones ruled the motion out of order.

02-04-04 Motion by Jones to appoint Robert Hale Chief of Police. Motion died due to lack of support,

02-04-05 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to appoint Neal Rossow Chief of Police.

Motion carried 4-3. Martin, Dropiewski, Painter and Gagne voting yes. Jones, Tefend and Wrobel voting no.

Discussion regarding living expenses until he can move here.

Item B – Tabled item: Payment #1 – Gaglio PR Cement re: Baker St. Waterline Project (CDBG Project)

02-04-06 Motion by Martin supported by Painter to remove item from the table.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

02-04-07 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to pay the invoice in the amount \$44,758.71, a Block Grant Project.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – Deficit Elimination Plan.

02-04-08 Motion by Jones supported by Gagne to transfer funds from the General Fund.

Motion carried 5-2.

Item B – Appointment to the TIFA Board.

02-04-09 Motion by Martin supported by Tefend to appoint Treasurer, Debra Lambrix to the TIFA Board to replace Brenda Tallman.

Motion carried 5-2. Jones, Martin, Tefend, Painter and Gagne voted yes. Dropiewski and Wrobel voting no. Dropiewski clarified his no vote by saying he feels it is a conflict to have the same person doing both jobs.

Item C – Recreation Director request permission to run circular in the news paper.

02-04-10 Motion by Tefend supported by Martin to approve the expenditure of no more than \$2,700 for an insert to the News Herald Sunday, March 16th.

Joan Pawlukiewicz stated the article will reach 75,000 households including Monroe County, Dexter and Ann Arbor.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously

Item D – Proposed resolution from the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds stating their concerns about the new statewide storm water discharge permit that will become effective April 1, 2008.

02-04-11 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to approve the resolution as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – “Constitution Celebration Day” proclamation.

02-04-12 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to approve and declare March 4, 2008 as “Constitution Celebration Day” in the City of Flat Rock.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Board of Review dates and times.

Tuesday, March 11, 2008	9:00 am to 12:00 noon 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Thursday, March 13, 2008	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Tuesday, March 18, 2008	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Tuesday, March 25, 2008	9:00 am to 12:00 noon 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Item B – Resolution from Riverview re: urging opposition to HB4454-4455 & Senate Bill 607-608, also referred to by the misleading and deceptive name “Right-to-work” legislation.

Council Member Martin commended the Police Department for the water rescue last week.

02-04-13 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to go into closed session to discuss the DPS and Clerical labor agreements.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jones called a 5 minutes recess at 8:50 pm.

02-04-14 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to return to open session at 9:30 pm.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

02-04-15 Motion by Jones supported by Dropiewski to appoint the City Clerk full time instead of part-time.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Letter from the Huron Charter Township Fire Department thanking him for his assistance with the Captain’s Oral Board on Thursday, January 31st.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

02-04-16 Motion by Painter supported by Tefend to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:37 p.m.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CITY CLERK

DATE: _____
approved