

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 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, and Martin.

03-17-01 Motion by Painter supported by Dropiewski to excuse Council Member Tefend.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Vack, DPS Director Hammond, , City Clerk Butski, Neal Rossow Police Chief, Debra Lambrix, Treasurer, Attorney Dave Grunow, Economic Development Director George Mans and John Russ, Building Director.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

03-17-02 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to approve the Regular Minutes of March 3, 2008 as presented.

4. **PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE:**

Mayor Jones presented Lorraine Mowbray, the late City Clerk, Dennis Mowbray's wife, with a plaque honoring him for eleven (11) years of faithful service to the City of Flat Rock. Mayor Jones stated he was one of the better employees.

5. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Eric Morrison, 26597 Boulder Drive, member of Citizens for Responsible Development, asked about the public notices from DEQ in regards to an application submitted by Meijer for relocating the Wallace Drain and if the K-Mart site is still being considered. Mayor Jones stated that the K-Mart site is unlikely. They know how much it would cost them to tear it down. They have met with the DEQ on what the requirements would be if they tore the building down and the modern day requirements which would take a lot of property for water retention. They are looking at other sites and have no plans to come to the Planning Commission yet. Mayor stated the notices from DEQ are normal procedure when a developer is considering a site. Mr. Morrison questioned the

counters on Arsenal, Vreeland and Hall Roads. DPS Director, Bruce Hammond, told him that he and the City Engineer have been doing a daily traffic count which is required for a grant under the Federal Highway Administration Program for "Urban Myer Arterial Collectors". Because of their classification these roads are eligible for federal funds for repair and reconstruction of the roads. One of the requirements to be eligible is to have updated traffic counts. If we do get the money it won't be until 2010-2011. When the applications are finished he said he would present them to Council for approval. Mr. Morrison said he read that Vreeland Road will go through Meijer or not and Mayor Jones said that is correct.

David Huseltine, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church, asked if there are plans to pave Evergreen Street. Council Member Painter stated that at budget time the Mayor will have a better idea of what funds are available.

Ronald Meszards, 31431 Glenview Lane, said his property is flooded; water stands in his yard and is eroding his property. He wanted to know what can be done about it. John Russ, Building Director, confirmed Mr. Meszards complaint. Mayor Jones said he would take a look at the situation.

6. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Bruce Hammond, DPS Director, reported that MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) is planning to begin construction on I-75 starting in May, 2008. The work involved with this project includes the reconstruction of freeway and several bridges and is expected to last through the summer of 2009. The MDOT has scheduled a meeting to address questions or concerns from citizens and residents – the meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at the Flat Rock City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 25500 Gibraltar Road. Woodruff Road bridge will be replaced and Gibraltar on/off ramps will be closed. A couple of good things will come out of this per Mr. Hammond. The culvert for Smith Creek that goes under I-75 will be higher and widened (also Silver Creek culvert) which will allow a 100 year flood to pass through and this would shrink the flood plain around Manheim and the recreation center (in that area). Mr. Hammond encouraged anyone with concerns or questions to attend the meeting which will be posted on the web site, cable and the City sign.

Council Member Wrobel asked when the bids for Vreeland Road will be advertised. Mayor Jones said he would hope this spring. He will attend the next DDA meeting to find out. City Attorney stated the plans are done both with Meijer and without Meijer. The DDA has been holding off until they knew what if anything was going on that site.

John Russ, Building Director, told Council and residents of Flat Rock that as of December, 2007 a new law went into effect, signed by the Governor, that if you are not a licensed contractor there is going to be fines of \$5,000-\$25,000 and possibly jail time. If a homeowner is going to hire a contractor they had better make sure it is a licensed contractor. They are also making contractors take classes to retain their builder's license.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Martin wished everyone a happy and safe Easter weekend.

Council Member Painter asked the status of the Meadows Street bridge. The City Attorney reported he received all the descriptions on Thursday, proved and verified them. He stated there are a number of legal requirements you will see (by a copy of a letter to the City Engineer) that the developer will have to provide such as proof they own the property. If it was a platted property all the work would be done by the county and state of Michigan but since this is a site condo all the legal work has to be done locally. It should be done in a few weeks.

8. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Jones said one of the projects he got the SHVA (South Huron Valley Authority) to do is to consolidate all their agreements into one agreement. The original agreement goes back to 1984, and a supplemental agreement in 1986, another one in 1990 and another one in 1998. Actually they don't follow any of them so they are working on consolidating all of them. They are down to just a few issues. One of the issues is the allocation of the capital cost and how it would be allocated in the future to the various communities.

Mayor said they are still waiting for a report back on the "Look-Back adjustments". Flat Rock got the \$280,000 but there are still 3 years in discussion. Hopefully that will get taken care of in a couple months.

Mayor Jones asked Chief Rossow for a report as to whether we can take the truck traffic off Hall Road and where the trucks would be routed if we took them off Hall Road. Also, he asked the Chief to take a look at the red light on Vreeland at AutoAlliance.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A – Payment #2 – Gaglio P&R – Baker Street Waterline (Block Grant Project).

03-17-03 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to pay invoice to Gaglio in the amount of \$14,314.59 as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – First Reading: Ordinance prohibiting a person from holding appointed office or employment with the City under immediate supervision of relative.

03-17-04 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to suspend the first reading.

Discussion. Mayor Jones asked the City Attorney to clarify the definition of “official” before the second reading. Attorney will comply.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Request from Police Chief to advertise for bids: Sale of forfeiture vehicle.

Discussion. The bid will be awarded at the second meeting in April and the base bid will be \$500.00. The mileage on the truck is 108,061.

03-17-05 Motion by Martin supported by Painter to approve the sale of the Chevy S-10 pickup truck.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Request from Police Chief to purchase two (2) police cars.

03-17-06 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to approve the purchase as requested and is to come out of the new budget.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Request from Lions Club to conduct “White Cane Week”.

03-17-07 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to approve the Lions Club request to sell “White Cane” pins within City limits April 25-May 4, 2008.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – Historical Preservation Commission re-appointments.

03-17-08 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to re-appoint James E. Martin and Lila J. Fedokovitz with terms of office expiring February 7, 2011.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

11. **LATE CORRESPONDENCE:**

Item A – 2007-2008 Voluntary Assessment from the Guidance Center.

03-17-09 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Jones to pay the assessment for Flat Rock in the amount of \$2500.00.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

03-17-10 Motion by Painter supported by Dropiewski to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CITY CLERK

DATE: _____
approved