

## REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

### CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 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.

03-03-01 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, Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz, 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**

03-03-02 Motion by Gagne supported by Dropiewski to approve the Regular Minutes of February 19, 2008 as presented.

4. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Gerald Mathews, 29732 Larches, asked why the bridge on Meadows is not yet open to traffic. City Attorney stated the developer has not provided a legal description of the roads and bridge so that they can be dedicated to the City. At present the developer is responsible for the roads and bridge which includes the barricades that traffic is going around.

Dave VanHill of Pebblebrook Subdivision asked if Meijers is considering the Gibraltar Road/Hall Road site and the Mayor assured him they are not.

Mark Wenzel of Arsenal Road asked if there are any plans in the near future to pave Arsenal Road due to the deteriorated condition. Mayor Jones said there are not any plans at this time.

5. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

John Russ, Building Director, reported that Woodcreek 4 was bought by Infinity Homes – one on Aspen and one on Parklane. They have agreed to the PUD requirements for that subdivision. Also, he reported that both he and George Mans have been working with St. Vincent's and they have pulled a permit for demolition which should begin next week.

Bill Vack, Fire Chief, stated that Congressman John Dingell announced that Flat Rock Fire Department has been awarded two Assistance to Firefighters Grants from the Department of Homeland Security. The first grant for \$76,950 will help pay for a fire sprinkler system and a smoke detection/alarm system in the fire station as well as the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor quarters and training room in their station. A second grant of \$475,000 will be used to purchase a new fire truck. Also, the Downriver Mutual Aid (DMA) applied for a fire grant as a consortium and received \$200,000 which will provide all the fire departments with 3,000 feet of new fire hose. Other grants we are getting through Wayne County is \$170,000 for a new generator for this building, \$22,000 for laptops and software for the ambulances and \$70,000 to upgrade the siren warning system. The total grant monies are \$825,000.

Mayor and Council congratulated Fire Chief Vack for excellent work.

**6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Attorney David Grunow asked for a couple volunteers to be on the COAM contract negotiating committee.

Mayor Jones and Council Member Gagne volunteered.

Council Member Dropiewski asked the DPS Director if he could cold patch Olmstead Road and Mr. Hammond said he would take care of it.

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

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Item A – Request to advertise for bids for the CDBG Project: Construction of a garage at the Flat Rock Recreation Center.

03-03-03 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to advertise for bids for the Block Grant Project.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

Item A – The Stevenson Company – Risk Management Insurance.

Mayor Jones stated there is a reduction in cost of \$20,000 this year due to the City's excellent claim history and the number of years as a member of this program.

03-03-04 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to approve the risk management program as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Administration Blue Cross (no paper work).

Mayor Jones said this item is on hold.

Item C – DCC Resolution re: Downriver Departments of Public Services Cooperative to purchase commodities.

**RESOLUTION**  
**OF THE DCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
February 7, 2008

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND FACILITATE COLLABORATIVE  
PROCUREMENT OF COMMODITIES BY JOINT COOPERATION OF ITS  
MEMBERS' DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PUBLIC SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Downriver Community Conference (DCC), a consortium of twenty Downriver Communities in Wayne County whose total population is approximately 500,000, has joined in an effort to improve local government and enhance the quality of life for area residents through municipal cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Downriver Community Conference recognizes that economies of scale can be achieved by soliciting bids for commodities commonly used by its Member Municipalities, and

WHEREAS, collaborative bidding is vital given the current fiscal crisis confronting the Member Municipalities of the DCC; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has initiated legislation to encourage such collaboration among Municipal governments; and

WHEREAS the various Directors of Public Works and Public Service Departments of the Member Municipalities have met and identified certain commodities determined by them to be commonly used among their Departments and that joint procurement would likely yield a better bid price; and

WHEREAS, the consensus of the various Directors of Public Works and Public Service Departments is that joint bidding of commodities such as salt, cold patch, limestone, screen sand, top soil and similar materials would be advantageous; and that such joint bidding would seek proposals for one, two and three year option periods; and that no minimum would be guaranteed so as to allow flexibility and the exercise of individual Municipal discretion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the DCC Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director and staff to facilitate collaborative procurement of commodities through the joint cooperation of its Member's Departments of Public Works and Public Services; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each Member Municipality is requested and encouraged to authorize and direct its Administration, including its Director of Public Works or Public Services, to participate in the above-described collaborative procurement program, subject to its exercise of its discretion on whether to accept or reject a given bid, and further subject to its own procurement procedures and practices; and to participate in other DCC-facilitated efforts to explore and develop further means of reducing expenses in their respective departments by collaborating with other Members.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a true copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Executive Director to each Member for its concurrence.

03-03-05 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the resolution as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter from Barry Dickson re: possible cut in position and pay at the Recreation Center.

Item A – Planning Commission Minutes of January 8, 2008.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

03-03-06 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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**RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR**

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**LORENE BUTSKI, CITY CLERK**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**approved**

