

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 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, Tefend, Painter, Gagne, Martin and Wrobel.

ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk Butski, Police Chief Neal Rossow, Attorney Dave Grunow, Economic Development Director George Mans and John Russ, Building Director, Recreation Director Joan Pawlukiewicz and Debra Lambrix, Treasurer.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

04-21-01 Motion by Gagne supported by Dropiewski to approve the Regular Minutes of April 7, 2008 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:** None

5. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

The City Clerk reminded everyone that Friday, April 25th is the last day to file a "Write-in Declaration of Intent" to run for the Flat Rock School Board (2 seats vacant) for the May 6, 2008 election. Also, absentee ballots are available at City Hall.

Recreation Director, Joan Pawlukiewicz, said they are putting a Community Calendar on the City's web page for organizations with special events coming up.

Police Chief, Neal Rossow, addressed two issues: First, he requested to sell the Chevy S-10 pickup truck. There were three (3) bids received and Daniel Poniatowski, 1861 Baldwin #4, Trenton, Mi. was the highest bidder at \$777.00.

04-21-02 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to approve the bid for \$777.00 as recommended by Chief Rossow.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Second, Chief Rossow made a power point presentation regarding the truck traffic on Hall Road. He stated that if Hall Road were to be closed to through truck traffic the following possibilities or options would be available to truck traffic: (1) installation of an exit at Vreeland Rd. and I-75 (not likely). (2) Travel E/B into Woodhaven and then use Allen or Fort to get to I-75 or (3) go W/B on Vreeland and; (a) Use Hall Road and risk a ticket (b) Use Cahill Rd – only a two-lane dirt road through a residential area (c) Use Telegraph Rd. and go north to West Rd. (d) Use Telegraph Rd. and go south to I-275 (e) Use Telegraph Rd. south to Gibraltar Rd. and travel Gibraltar to I-75.

Mayor Jones said the next step would be to meet and discuss the issue with Woodhaven.

Regarding the traffic light on Vreeland Road, Chief Rossow said he has a meeting with Mike Rozek from AutoAlliance April 22nd to determine if it could be placed on flashing caution for Vreeland and red for the driveways.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Painter told Chief Rossow he had heard citizens compliment him as being approachable, friendly and easy to talk to.

Mr. Painter referred to controversy upstairs and security of a department head and asked, “How does the Ethics Ordinance work?” The City Attorney explained that a complaint is filed with him and he makes a decision as to whether or not it is something that can be prosecuted. Mr. Grunow said he would give Mr. Painter an outline in writing of how the ordinance works.

Council Member Wrobel stated that anything he says is run by the Attorney first.

Council Member Gagne said anything we do reflects on Council and the City as a whole. There is no excuse for bad behavior.

Council Member Dropiewski reminded everyone about pool safety now that warm weather is approaching.

7. MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

Mayor Jones stated the City is facing a somewhat financial crisis. We lost a substantial amount of tax base due to the depreciation in AutoAlliance. Any improvements they have made in the last two years, which amounts to about 37 million tax base SEV, we have lost. It is going to affect the budget at least by \$550,000. We have to do something soon; therefore, I will make the following motion:

04-21-03 Motion by Jones supported by Gagne to direct the City Attorney to talk to the unions about going ahead (without signing contracts) and adopt the B/C

insurance now. By the time it gets processed it will be July 1st and we will know for sure how we stand. The switch in insurance will save about \$400,000.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A – 2nd. Reading: Republication of Code of Ordinances.

04-21-04 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to suspend the second reading.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

04-21-05 Motion by Martin supported by Dropiewski to adopt the Ordinance as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B - Falling Water PUD – Request for 12 month extension.

04-21-06 Motion by Wrobel supported by Gagne to table Item B and refer to the Planning Commission.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – City of Riverview – Addendum to Agreement Landfill Disposal Services.

04-21-07 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to table Item A until the next meeting when Mr. Hammond, DPS Director, will be present.

Item B – Recreation Director – Request to bid for rehabilitation of tennis courts.

04-21-08 Motion by Martin supported by Painter to approve Recreation Director's request to advertise for bids to be due June 4, 2008.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – 33rd Judicial District Court Work Program.

04-21-09 Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to authorize the participation in the Work Program by the Recreation Director.

Discussion. Ms. Pawlukiewicz stated the workers are not restricted to Saturdays – we can get them during the week also.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – AARP – Senior Community Services Employment Program.

04-21-10 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to approve participation in the AARP program as requested.

Discussion. The Recreation Director said a participant can work up to 20 hours a week.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – Request from American Legion to hold annual Memorial Day Parade and sell Poppies.

04-21-11 Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to approve request to hold the Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 26th.

Discussion re: Clerk to call American Legion Commander to request a change in dates for Poppy sale due to Kiwanis selling peanuts the same days.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F – Mayor’s recommendation: Appointments to Beautification Commission.

04-21-12 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the recommendation of Mayor Jones and appoint Robin Yarger and Avis King to the Beautification Commission to fill the unexpired terms of Joanne Allevato and Deborah Blessing. Terms of office to expire December 31, 2008.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G – AT&T Video Service Local Franchise Agreement.

04-21-13 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the franchise agreement.

Discussion. The City will receive an annual franchise fee of 5% - the same as we receive from Comcast Corporation.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item H – Approval for City road dust control agent for 2008.

04-21-14 Motion by Gagne supported by Wrobel to approve South Huron Industrial, Inc. for dust control at \$0.52 per gallon as requested by DPS Director.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Request for a Vendor’s License from portable vending wagon.

04-21-15 Motion by Jones supported by Painter to refer the request to the City Attorney.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Sale of Chevy S-10 pickup (Police Dept.)

See “Reports from Department Heads”.

Item C – Request from the Michigan Chapter of the Progeria Research Foundation for approval to hold “Miles for Miracles” walk.

04-21-16 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to approve the 2-mile walk scheduled for Saturday, May 17th starting at 10:00 a.m. and to grant permission to display a banner on the front of the playscape 1 week prior to the event.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

04-21-17 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Painter to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:26 p.m.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CMC CITY CLERK

APPROVED: _____
date

