

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 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, and Martin.

03-17-01 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to excuse Council Member Wrobel.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Vack, DPS Director Hammond, City Clerk Butski, Lt. Bobby Hale for Chief Rossow, Attorney Dave Grunow, Economic Development Director George Mans and John Russ, Building Director, Recreation Director Joan Pawlukiewicz.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

04-07-02 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to approve the Regular Minutes of March 17, 2008 as presented.

4. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE:

Recipients were not able to attend.

5. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Gerald W. Mathews, 29732 Larches, was present to present his case regarding standing water on his property which he said is due to the build-up of landscape timbers in his neighbor's yard. Mayor Jones stated that he and Bruce Hammond, DPS Director, will go out to his home and take a look at the problem.

Ordinance Officer Wilkins reported the Rabies Clinic will be held Saturday, April 19, 2008, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon behind the Flat Rock Fire Department. Dr. Oliver of the Trenton Vet Clinic will offer vaccine packages at a discount rate. Animal license will be on sale also. Must show proof of prior rabies shot to get the 3-year rabies – otherwise, only one year rabies will be given. The dog vaccine package is as follows: Rabies - \$10.,

distemper/pneumonia, bordetella, corona for \$30.00. All four vaccines for \$40.00 which is a savings of \$21.00.

A gentleman approached Council and asked if he may sell hotdogs at the park. Council requested him to send a letter to Mayor and Council for the next Council meeting stating exactly what he intends to do.

6. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

DPS Director, Bruce Hammond, stated the City was involved in the Downriver Water Shed of which we are a part and a part of the Clean Michigan Initiative Grant. Through the Alliance for Downriver Water Shed the City will receive a \$3000 grant. With this grant two projects are planned at the park. (1) the High School will plant and monitor native flowers and shrubs by the gazebo and (2) the island at the south end of the park. These are called Grow Zones. There will be signs to describe the plants and educate the public which will hopefully ward off any destruction of the plantings. The second grant through the DNR and DTE is \$2500 and will be used to replace the Ash trees in Huroc Park that were lost. All these projects will be matched with in-kind services.

Mr. Hammond also reported there were 20-30 people at the MDOT meeting at City Hall. He said the MDOT will resurface Telegraph from Vreeland Road to West Road to facilitate traffic before they close I-75 for reconstruction.

Fire Chief Vack stated that when both north and south I-75 is shut down the MDOT has a barrier that can swing open to accommodate emergencies. This is the first time it will be used in Michigan. He also reported excavation has begun to install the pad for the generator behind City Hall.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Gagne reported frequent brownouts and asked if Detroit Edison could be contacted to see if the problem could be remedied. Bruce Hammond will contact DTE.

Council Member Martin sent his condolences to the family of Walter Smith. Mr. Smith was born in the Smith Hotel (now in the Historic District) in room #4. He was a large historical resource.

Council Member Painter stated the timing is off on the traffic light at north bound Telegraph at Will Carleton Drive. Mr. Hammond will contact Detroit Edison.

8. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor read a portion of a report from the Police Chief regarding the truck traffic on Hall Road and an alternate route if Hall Road should be closed to truck traffic. Mayor

asked Lt. Hale to pass along to the Chief a request for an alternate route should Hall Road be closed to truck traffic.

Mayor Jones reported that he had visited 31431 Glenview Lane and saw the water problem first hand. Mayor said he believes the DPS can fix the problem very easily by running a 4” drain and a catch basin.

04-07-03 Motion by Gagne supported by Jones to authorize the DPS to fix the drainage problem.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A – 2nd. Reading: Ordinance prohibiting a person from holding appointed office or employment with the City under supervision of relative.

04-07-04 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to suspend the second reading.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Extensive discussion re: “unanimous” vs. “majority”, “deliberation” vs. “discuss”, etc. Section 2 is the only new section.

04-07-05 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve Ordinance #328-A as presented.

All present voting yes except Council Member Painter voting no. Motion carried 5-1. Mayor Jones stated this is an Ethics Ordinance.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – First Reading: Republication of Code of Ordinances.

04-07-06 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to suspend the first reading.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Liquor Control Commission re: Pizza Hut of America, Inc.

04-07-07 Motion by Gagne supported by Dropiewski to approve the transfer of stockholder’s name.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – City Attorney’s request for 2 Council Members to hear grievance #08-97.

04-07-08 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve Eric Painter and Richard Jones (both volunteers) to hear the grievance.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Request from VFW to hold annual Buddy Poppy sale in Flat Rock.

04-07-09 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to approve the VFW to hold Poppy sale May 8, 9 and 10, 2008.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – Request from Flat Rock Little League to hold 2nd. Annual Opening Day Ceremonies Parade, Saturday, May 3rd.

04-07-10 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to approve the Little League’s request for a parade in Flat Rock on May 3rd, Saturday, 10:00 am to 10:30 am.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously

Item F – Request from Flat Rock Kiwanis to sell peanuts May 16 & 17th.

04-07-11 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Painter to approve the Kiwanis of Flat Rock’s request to sell peanuts May 16th & 17th.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G – DDA Member appointment.

04-07-12 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to approve Mayor Jones recommendation and appoint Wendy Smith, 30346 Torry, Flat Rock, to fill the unexpired term of Joann Headley. Term of office to expire June 13, 2010.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Planning Commission minutes of February 25, 2008.

04-07-13 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to go into Closed Session to discuss progress of negotiations with the various unions representing the employees of the City.

Mayor Jones called a five minutes recess at 8:16 pm.

04-07-14 Motion by Martin supported by Tefend to go back into open session at 9:00 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

04-07-15 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:01 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CITY CLERK

DATE: _____
approved