

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, MAY 5, 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, Painter, Gagne, Martin and Wrobel.

05-05-01 Motion by Painter supported by Wrobel to excuse Council Member Tefend.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

05-05-02 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to approve the Regular Minutes of April 21, 2008 as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Patrick VanBuren, Woodcreek Subdivision, asked what defense the people who live on the north side of Parklane have to keep an open community, which they were told and sold as an open common area. Mr. VanBuren is part of the Pulte Sub Phase 3 where homes cost about \$285,000 and the lots are staggered for an open feel. Infinity is building \$140,000 homes on smaller lots under the guidelines of Phase 1 & 2 which allows them to have pools where Mr. Van Buren's sub cannot. The less expensive houses will block the open common area. He said his house is 2500 square feet and Infinity is building 1800 square foot homes.

City Attorney said the subdivision is run by the Home Owners Association. The subdivision was built under PUD (Planned Unit Development agreement) which determines square footage, etc.

Mayor Jones stated he will follow up on the issue right away.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPT. HEADS:

The City Clerk reminded everyone of the School Election Tuesday, May 6th and polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm.

Fire Chief Vack reported the new generator has been delivered and installed and should be operational within two weeks. Detroit Edison will be shutting down power the first day of installation for about 2 hours and 4-6 hours on another day. The DPS will be taking the old generator for one of their buildings.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Gagne reported attending a DCC Meeting where he heard three distinguished speakers on the following subjects: Romulus airport expansion, State Treasurer's office and Foreclosure Prevention Seminar.

Council Member Wrobel asked what the \$144,000 in revenues and expenditures is for. The Treasurer will report back to Mr. Wrobel.

Council Member Martin requested the hole in E. Huron River Drive between Magnolia and Walnut Streets be filled and asked the Police Chief if he would have bikers use the bike path instead of the middle of the road like they did Sunday.

Council Member Painter stated the Relay For Life will be held May 31st and has grown from 13 teams to about 30. They are seeking permission to rent the City bus to shuttle people that day. He said the school buses are too big.

Mayor Jones said he would talk to the Recreation Director.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Jones passed out a letter from Allied Capital Corporation requesting an extension on the demolition of the K-Mart site. He then introduced Rob Hibbert of Friedman Real estate Group, representative of Allied Capital Corporation. Mr. Hibbert said Friedman has actively marketed the property and last week received a Letter of Intent. To effectively transition the property to a new owner, it is requested that the City of Flat Rock give an extension to August 31st. During this time the property life safety issues will be addressed as needed and they will advise all buyers of the condemnation threat.

05-05-03 Motion by Gagne supported by Dropiewski to extend the time frame to August 31, 2008 and to maintain the premises.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

George Mans, Economic Development Director, presented a letter from the Mell Family stating they give the City permission to construct a Greenway Trail inside the easement they have already given to Marathon Oil Company for a pipeline expansion.

A letter from Mr. Mans updating Mayor and Council on Meijer states that officially there is no change in Meijer plans. They have a new director of store expansion named Robert Dunston who is reviewing the proposed Flat Rock location to be sure that it is economically feasible.

Mayor Jones presented a comparison from the budget of 1996/97 thru 2008/09 to prove the Recreation Center isn't the total cause for the deficit in the budget. Mayor stated the City lost 40 million in tax base with the two tax abatements to AutoAlliance. He requested all department heads to cut their budget by 12% and he plans to look into intergovernmental agreements with surrounding communities. He said the water rates will probably have to be increased also.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A – **Tabled Item:** City of Riverview – Addendum to Agreement Landfill Disposal Services (letter from DPS Director).

05-05-04 Motion by Martin supported by Dropiewski to remove from the table.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hammond stated that the current agreement rate is 19.03/ton with a look back charge of \$1,823.59 until Oct., 2008. If we approve the addendum to extend the contract to Oct., 2010 (2 yrs.) the rate will be \$18.50/ton with no look back charge and will be a projected savings of \$3,731.50.

05-05-05 Motion by Painter supported by Gagne to authorize the Mayor to enter into the agreement.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – 33rd District Court – 2007 Financial Report.

05-05-06 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to accept the report as presented.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Historical Preservation – Request to bid for electrical – 2nd floor – Smith Hotel.

05-05-07 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to grant permission to advertise for bids to be due May 29, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Mayor requests to set a Public Hearing for 2008-09 Budget.

05-05-08 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to set the public hearing for June 2, 2008 at the regular council meeting as requested by Mayor Jones.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Mayor requests to set Public Hearing for Single Premise Assessment for May 19, 2008.

05-05-09 Motion by Dropiewski supported by martin to set the first public hearing for May 19, 2008, to hear any objections and confirm the Special Assessment Roll.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – Wheels of Time Classic Car Club requests permission to hold fundraiser car show in Huroc Park for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

05-05-10 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to grant permission to hold fundraiser in Huroc Park on August 23, 2008.

Discussion. Mr. Gagne asked about peddlers in the park and the City Attorney stated he will have an ordinance regulating Street Vendors for the next meeting.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Board of Review Certification.

Item B – Planning Commission Minutes of March 24, 2008.

05-05-11 Motion by Gagne supported by Dropiewski to go into Closed Session to discuss union contracts.

All present voting yes.

Mayor Jones called a 5 minutes recess at 8:30 p.m.

Open Session at 8:50 p.m.

05-05-12 Motion by Painter supported by Wrobel to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:51 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CITY CLERK

Approved: _____
Date