

## REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN  
25500 GIBRALTAR ROAD  
FLAT ROCK, MI 48134

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019

The regular meeting of the Flat Rock City Council convened at the Municipal Building, 25500 Gibraltar Road, Flat Rock, Michigan 48134, on the above date at 7:30 p.m.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

PRESENT ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor Dropiewski

Council Members: Little, Martin, Maul, Tefend, Wrobel

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Matthew Zick, Deputy City Clerk Katherine Tomasik, Fire Chief Bill Vack, Police Chief John Leacher, DPS Director Jim Lancaster, Recreation Director Rodney Wade, Treasurer/City Administrator Brian Marciniak, Economic Development Director Liz Hendley

**Resolution 03-18-19-01**

Motion by Martin

Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, that Flat Rock City Council hereby excuses Council Member Bergeron as absent at the regular City Council meeting of March 18, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Resolution 03-18-19-02**

Motion by Martin

Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 4, 2019 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

4. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Sue Farrar and Jill Gritton, citizens of Flat Rock and members of the Beautification Commission, spoke of the letters and awards that the Beautification Commission has sent to various businesses throughout the city for maintaining their property, adding on any additions, and making

their businesses look beautiful. Deerfield Estates and Atwater Street Tacos were present to accept their awards. They were thanked for keeping their business looking nice. Other businesses that were awarded but unable to attend the meeting were: Ford Motor Company, Jim's Butcher Shop, Adolph's Towing, Strands, Cahill Veterinary Hospital, and Crest Ford. Sue Farrar continued to thank all of the businesses in the City for making our City look nice.

**5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Treasurer/City Administrator Brian Marciniak noted that the final date for the March Board of Review is March 26<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00-9:00 PM at City Hall. He provided his phone number if anyone needs to make an appointment to meet with the Board of Review to dispute the assessments.

Economic Development Director Liz Hendley spoke of the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber magazine that features the City of Flat Rock on the front cover and first page. The magazine features the recreational activities in the City, as well as the Downriver Linked Greenways and the Huron River Water Trail. She also noted that she provided copies of plans for the boat launch if anyone needs it for the Public Hearing.

Director of Public Services Jim Lancaster announced that yard waste pickup begins this week.

Fire Chief Bill Vack noted that the Department will be having an agility test in conjunction with the Rockwood Fire Department on Thursday, March 21. Letters were sent to 13 people of various licenses and credentials inviting them to participate in the agility test. Fire Chief Vack distributed a letter to Council requesting permission to purchase replacement tires for two of the department's vehicles. He mentioned that the ladder truck got a flat tire over the weekend, and rather than wait until April when the tire replacement was planned, he suggested that both vehicles' tires be replaced under one service call instead of multiple service calls. He mentioned that the vehicle tires must be replaced every seven (7) years, and the tires were already replaced on Engine 1, Utility 4, and both ambulances last year. He noted that that prices are through MIDEAL bidding, and the department has done business with Shrader Tire in the past and they have done satisfactory work.

**Resolution 03-18-19-03**

Motion by Tefend  
Supported by Maul

RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of ten (10) tires for Ladder 3, and eight (8) tires for Rescue 8, in the amount of \$9,278.36 through MIDEAL.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

**6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

City Council Member Mark Maul stated that will miss his friend, Leon Simeck, and he expressed his condolences to the Simeck family.

City Council Member Jim Martin expressed his condolences to the Simeck family and noted Leon's passing to be a big loss to the City.

City Council Member Ken Wrobel expressed his condolences to the Simeck family and noted that a piece of history has been lost in the City of Flat Rock.

City Council Member Rick Tefend expressed his condolences to the Simeck family.

City Council Member Wally Little expressed his condolences to the Simeck family. He also noted that Larry Dishaw is doing well and recovering from his recent surgery.

**7. MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Dropiewski noted that Leon Simeck has always been gracious to him and his family, and he has provided his numerous contributions to the community. He mentioned that Train Museum is the community asset it is because of Leon and his wife, Pat. He provided the funeral arrangements for Leon Simeck and expressed his condolences to Pat Simeck and the Simeck family. Mayor Dropiewski noted that prior to tonight's Council Meeting was a Study Session in which DPS Director Jim Lancaster presented an overview and status for the community parks. He also congratulated the Police and Fire Departments for awards they received at the awards banquet.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 9-A- Flat Rock Area Little League Parade**

**Resolution 03-18-19-04**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Maul

RESOLVED, to approve the Flat Rock Area Little League Parade on Saturday, April 27, 2019.

Mayor Dropiewski asked Jim Lancaster to get notices out to ensure that cars are off the street for the parade.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

**Item 9-B-Permission to Bid – Intergovernmental Agreement with Oakland County for Credit Card Processing Services**

**Resolution 03-18-19-05**

Motion by Wrobel  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Oakland County for Credit Card Processing Services.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

**Item 9-C-Online Program Registration and New Website for the Recreation Center**  
**Resolution 03-18-19-06**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Mayor Dropiewski

RESOLVED, to approve the Online Program Registration and New Website for the Recreation Center and to waive the bidding process.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

**Item 9-D-Request to Hold Public Hearing & Permission to Submit a Grant Application for the Flat Rock Boat Launch**

**Resolution 03-18-19-07**

Motion by Mayor Dropiewski  
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to open the Public Hearing for the Grant Application for the Flat Rock Boat Launch.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Mayor Dropiewski asked if any members of the public and City Council would like to speak:

- Council Member Wrobel asked how much the grant will be for.
  - Economic Development Director Liz Hendley explained that the maximum for a Michigan Department of Natural Resources trust fund grant is \$600,000.00, so the City will be required to match no more than \$300,000.00. She noted if something doesn't work out this year, they can apply next year.
  - She noted that the grant application is due on April 1<sup>st</sup>; however, the City was not eligible to apply for the grant until the property was acquired from the DNR and the deed was in hand.
  - She also noted that the City does not have to have their funding match portion until October.
  - Mayor Dropiewski noted that if the City is awarded the grant, the City can decline the grant.
- Council Member Martin asked if it was known how much the proposed improvements were going to cost.
  - Economic Development Director Liz Hendley noted that the kayak launch will be under \$100,000.00.
- Council Member Maul asked if this grant was the one from several years ago. It was responded with, yes, this is the same grant but the City was unable to apply due to not owning the property at that time.
- Mayor Dropiewski noted that the proposed parking will alleviate some of the parking issues in the downtown area.

- Economic Development Director Liz Hendley noted that while restrooms may be a high priority for some users of the boat launch, a restroom in a building will be a challenge because the property is located both in a floodway and a floodplain and will cause engineering issues.
- Economic Development Director Liz Hendley noted that the DNR does not cover grants for amphitheaters, so that will not be a part of the DNR-funded project.
- Economic Development Director Liz Hendley noted that there is also hope that the Downriver Linked Greenways path in that area will be able to go onto the property.
- Council Member Little asked if the City can use labor as a part of our match of the grant (response – yes).

**Resolution 03-18-19-08**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to close the Public Hearing for the Grant Application for the Flat Rock Boat Launch.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

**Resolution 03-18-19-09**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Maul

RESOLVED, to approve the Permission to Submit a Grant Application for the Flat Rock Boat Launch.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

**Item 9-E- Permission to Submit a MDOT Grant Application for Reconstruction/Replacement of City Streets**

**Resolution 03-18-19-10**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the Permission to Submit a MDOT Grant Application for Reconstruction/Replacement of City Streets.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

**Item 9-F-Bid Award – Phase IV Sewer Reconstruction Project**

**Resolution 03-18-19-11**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to award the bid for the Phase IV Sewer Reconstruction Project to M-K Construction Co. in the amount of \$830,621.35.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

**Item 9-G-Permission to Bid – ADA Ramps and Sidewalk Project – CDBG Funded**

**Resolution 03-18-19-12**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the request to bid – ADA Ramps and Sidewalk Project – CDBG Funded.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

**Item 9-H-Bid Request for the Smith Hotel Balcony Maintenance**

**Resolution 03-18-19-13**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Maul

RESOLVED, to approve the request to bid for the Smith Hotel Balcony Maintenance.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

**10. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

None

**11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:**

Discussed under Fire Chief Bill Vack's comments.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Resolution 03-04-19-14**

Motion by Martin  
Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of March 18, 2019 at 7:53 PM.

All voting yes; motion carried unanimously 6-0

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Approved**

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**JONATHAN D. DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR**

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**KATHERINE TOMASIK, DEPUTY CITY CLERK**