

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022

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 pm.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

2. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT ELECTED OFFICIALS:

PRESENT: Mayor: Hammond
Council Members: Bergeron, Dishaw, Martin, Tefend

ABSENT: Council: Pardo, Wrobel

Resolution 04-18-22-01

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to excuse Council Members Pardo & Wrobel from the regular council meeting of April 18, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

ALSO, PRESENT: Fire Chief James Katona, Police Chief Jerry Page, City Clerk Shane Harrison, Library Director Michael Cummings, Economic Development Director Elizabeth Hendley, Department of Public Services Director Justin Danosky, City Attorney Matthew Zick, & Building and Safety Director Jeff Kemp

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution 04-18-22-02

Motion by Martin
Supported by Bergeron

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of April 4, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

4. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: QUESTIONS OR INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

A resident requested the Mayor and Council provide clarification on below agenda items:

- 9-A
- 9-C
- 9-D
- 9-G
- 9-H

5. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Department Heads provided updates of the following:

Chief of Police Jerry Page

- Introduced new Firefighters Malani Arnold & Brandon Hick, Firefighters Arnold & Hicks were sworn in by City Clerk Shane Harrison

Economic Development Director Liz Hendley

- Flat Rock Our Hometown in conjunction with the Downtown Development Authority will be hosting their restaurant program from May 15 – 21.

City Attorney Matt Zick

- Will be having a Hearing regarding Flat Rock Tire on May 6, 2022.

6. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Council Members noted the following:

Councilman Bergeron

- Congratulated and Welcomed Firefighter Hicks & Arnold

Councilman Martin

- Congratulated and Welcomed Firefighter Hicks & Arnold

Councilman Tefend

- Congratulated Firefighter Hicks & Arnold and wished them good luck at paramedic school

7. **MAYOR COMMENTS:**

- Welcomed Firefighters Hicks & Arnold
- Provided an Update of Flat Rock Metal Spill Situation
 - Successful in quelling the leak
 - All dykes and dams have been pulled from the Huron River backwater
 - Currently working to clear out of Huroc Park
 - Meeting with Flat Rock Metal for reimbursement

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 9-Request to Approve – ARPA Funds Utilization

Resolution 04-18-22-03

Motion by Bergeron
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the utilization of ARPA funds as follows:

WHEREAS, The Federal American Rescue Plan Act created the Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program to deliver \$350 billion for State, territories, municipalities, counties, and Tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these funds is to provide resources for COVID-19 response efforts, replace lost revenue, provide economic stabilization, and address systemic public health and economic challenges; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flat Rock was allocated an estimated amount of \$1,047,104, the City Treasurer has developed a proposed spending plan as follows:

- Utilize funds to recoup revenues lost in accordance with a standard allowance of up to \$10 million for the revenue loss category provided by the US Treasury's Final Rule

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Flat Rock to support the proposed spending plan as presented.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Item 9-B Request to Approve – Department of Public Services Assistant Director Wage Increase

Resolution 04-18-22-04

Motion by Tefend
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve a 3% wage increase for Department of Public Services Assistant Director, Eric Holtz effective July 1, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Item 9-C Request to Approve – Department of Public Services Special Utility Wage Scale Adjustment

Resolution 04-18-22-05

Motion by Bergeron
Supported by Hammond

RESOLVED, to approve the Department of Public Services Special Utility Wage Scale as follows:

WHEREAS, the Employer and the Union (hereinafter the “Parties”) have engaged in discussions between the parties over the difficulties of hiring new employees and retaining current employees and, as a result,

1. It is agreed that effective July 1, 2022, all Special Utility employees that are not at top pay will move to the next step in the wage scale. Then upon completing their next year of service, on their anniversary date, the employees will move to the next step on the wage scale.
2. It is agreed that effective July 1, 2022, the current starting wage rate of Special Utility employees will be eliminated and the new starting wage rate and pay scales are as outlined below:

HIRED AFTER JULY 1, 2012

JULY 1, 2022 RATES

2% Increase

	<u>Start</u>	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>2 Year</u>
SPECIAL UTILITY	\$16.98	\$18.87	\$21.42 {TOP RATE}

HIRED AFTER JULY 1, 2012

JULY 1, 2023 RATES

2% Increase

	<u>Start</u>	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>2 Year</u>
SPECIAL UTILITY	\$17.32	\$19.25	\$21.85 {TOP RATE}

HIRED AFTER JULY 1, 2012

JULY 1, 2024 RATES

2% Increase

	<u>Start</u>	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>2 Year</u>
SPECIAL UTILITY	\$17.67	\$19.64	\$22.29 {TOP RATE}

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Item 9-D Request to Approve – Increase in Water Rates

Discussion amongst council

Resolution 04-18-22-06

Motion by Dishaw
Supported by Hammond

RESOLVED, to set the water rates for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget as follows which includes lowering the monthly minimum billing to 5 units:

- **WITHIN THE CITY:**
 - Residential (Water/Sewer) \$14.38 per 1000 gallons metered
 - Commercial (Water/Sewer) \$16.25 per 1000 gallons metered
 - Commercial (Water Only) \$13.75 per 1000 gallons metered
 - Industrial (Water/Sewer) \$16.88 per 1000 gallons metered
 - Industrial (Water Only) \$14.06 per 1000 gallons metered
- **OUTSIDE OF THE CITY**
 - Water Only \$10.63 per 1000 gallons metered
 - Water/Sewer \$14.45 per 1000 gallons metered

Roll Call Vote:

Yes Approve: Hammond
Dishaw
Martin
Tefend

No Against: Bergeron

Motion carried 4-1

Item 9-E Stabilize & Maintain Chipseal on Woodruff Rd.

Resolution 04-18-22-07

Motion by Martin
Supported by Dishaw

RESOLVED, to approve the stabilizing and chipseal on Woodruff Rd., in the amount of \$101,666.00.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Item 9-F Request to Approve – Special Assessment Penalty of Utility Billing

Resolution 04-18-22-08

Motion by Hammond
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to approve the addition of a 25% penalty charge on delinquent utility billing that is added to tax bills.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Item 9-G Request to Approve – City Hall Building Maintenance Staff Wage Increase

Resolution 04-18-22-09

Motion by Martin
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to approve a \$0.75 wage increase for City Hall Building Maintenance Staff, Michael Borman & Florida Huebenthal effective July 1, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Item 9-H 1st Reading of Ordinance – Amendment to Revise Chapter 18, Article X Rental Inspections

Resolution 04-18-22-10

Motion by Martin
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to suspend the 1st reading of ordinance 456 – Amendment to Revise Chapter 18, Article X Rental Inspections

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

10. LATE CORRESPONDENCE

11. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: COMMENTS AND/OR REQUESTS:

One members of the audience addressed council regarding the following:

- City Wide Garage Sale to be held May 14th & 15th from 9am to 4pm – Rain or Shine Event

12. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Resolution 04-18-22-11

Motion by Martin
Supported by Dishaw

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of April 18, 2022, at 9:12pm.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

MARK A. HAMMOND, MAYOR

SHANE ANNE HARRISON, CITY CLERK

Approved as presented at the April 18, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting