

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3, 2024

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: Beller

Council Members: Bergeron, Dishaw, Frond, Martin, Tefend, Wrobel

ABSENT: Council:

ALSO, PRESENT: Clerk Rebecca Brogley, Fire Chief Glenn Owens, Police Chief Stephen McInchak, City Administrator/Treasurer Joanne Beard, Interim Department of Public Services Director Eric Holtz, and City Attorney Matthew Zick.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Item 3-A Regular Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2023

Resolution 01-03-24-01

Motion by Martin

Supported by Wrobel

RESOLVED, to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2023 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

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

Moved to this section in the meeting.

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS

- Lauren McNamara
- Jeremiah (Coach) North

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Steve McInchak

- 2023 had 22,972 calls for service.

- Currently in the interview process for one candidate.

Glenn Owens, Fire Chief

- 2023 had 1436 calls for EMS and 28 fire incidents.
- All vehicles serviced and certified within the last eight months.

Eric Holtz, Interim Director of Public Services

- Bidigare is doing lead line replacements.
- Apple Grove Watermain Repair will be next Monday (1/8/24).

Rebecca Brogley, on behalf of Library Director Michael Cummings

- Gave updates on activities available at the library.
- COVID-19 test kits are available for free at the library.

Joanne Beard, City Treasurer/Administrator

- 2024 Animal Licenses are now available and are \$10 until May 1st when they become \$20.
- Provided quarterly report on Recreation Center.

Rebecca Brogley, City Clerk

- All registered voters were sent a new voter ID card due to precinct boundary changes.
- Please turn in ballot selection forms for February 27, 2024, election.
- Absentee voter applications have been sent out.

Matthew Zick, City Attorney

- Welcomed Councilman Frond and congratulated Mayor Beller.
- Congratulated Lauren McNamara on being a 4-time state champion.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Albert Frond

- Thanked the residents for support and looking forward to learning and working together.

Ricky Tefend

- Welcomed Councilman Frond and congratulated Mayor Beller.

Larry Dishaw

- Congratulated Lauren McNamara on such an amazing achievement.
- Congratulated Jeremiah (Coach) North on his work and achievement.
- Welcomed Councilman Frond.

Kenneth Wrobel

- Welcomed Councilman Frond & wished best of luck to Mayor Beller.

John Bergeron

- Welcomed Councilman Frond and congratulated Mayor Beller.
- Congratulated Lauren McNamara on her achievements.
- Congratulations to Jeremiah (Coach) North.

James Martin

- Welcomed Councilman Frond and wished best of luck to Mayor Beller.
- Congratulations to Lauren McNamara and Jeremiah (Coach) North.

7. MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Steve Beller provided updates of the following:

- Welcomed Councilman Frond.
- Congratulations to Lauren McNamara and Jeremiah (Coach) North.
- Explained the need for volunteers for all committees but specifically the recreation committee, beautification committee, senior citizen advisory board, and Flat Rock festival committee.
 - Please email Mayor Beller at sbeller@flatrockmi.org for volunteers.
- There will be NO summer 2024 Riverfest, 2024 Winterfest will still take place, we need more volunteers and time to plan an adequate Riverfest.
- Discussed flag standing at half-mast.

8. AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS

Moved under Citizens to be Heard earlier in the agenda.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 10-A Request to Approve – Acceptance of Parks and Recreation Director Resignation Letter

Resolution 01-03-24-02

Motion by Tefend
Supported by Frond

RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of the Parks and Recreation Director Patrick Hawkins.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

Item 10-B Mayoral Appointments – Department Heads

Resolution 01-03-24-03

Motion by Martin
Supported by Frond

RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Rebecca Brogley as City Clerk at her current wage.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Resolution 01-03-24-04

Motion by Dishaw

Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Eric Holtz as Department of Public Works and Water Director at the wage of \$86,000 annually.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Resolution 01-03-24-05

Motion by Martin
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Steve McInchak as Police Chief at his current wage.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Resolution 01-03-24-06

Motion by Tefend
Supported by Dishaw

RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of William Vack as part-time Interim Building Department Director at the rate of \$50.00/hour.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0

Item 10-C Request to Approve – Unpaid Riverfest Invoices

Resolution 01-03-24-07

Motion by Bergeron
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to pay the invoice from Riverfest 2022 in the amount of \$8,411.00 to M.A.D Power and to table the invoice from Riverfest 2023 in the amount of \$8,122.50.

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Dishaw
Fron
Martin
Tefend
Wrobel

No: Beller*
Bergeron

Motion carried 5-2

11. **LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

12. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: COMMENTS AND/OR REQUESTS:**

Members of the audience addressed council regarding the following:

- Questions regarding Flat Rock Community Foundation.
- Questions regarding Riverfest Committee.
- Questions regarding income from Riverfest and Flat Rock Community Foundation.
- Gave an update on Field House being restored.
- Praised contractors working on Will Carleton Watermain project.
- Congratulations to Lauren McNamara.
- Councilwoman Marcie from Rockwood introduced herself to the City Council.

Resolution 01-03-24-08

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Martin

RESOLVED, to convene into Closed Session after a 5-minute recess for discussion of potential settlement of outstanding M.A.F.F. Grievances 22-09, 22-13, 22-14 and 23-35 and to consider City Attorney's written legal opinion regarding: Sick and Vacation time accumulation per the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with M.A.F.F. Local #46.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

Resolution 01-03-24-09

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to come out of closed session and reconvene into open session.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Resolution 01-03-24-10

Motion by Wrobel
Supported by Tefend

RESOLVED, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting of January 3, 2024 at 9:28pm.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

STEVEN BELLER, MAYOR

REBECCA BROGLEY, CITY CLERK

Approved as presented at the January 16, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting