

City of Utica
Regular Council Meeting
August 11, 2015

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan, who led the pledge of allegiance at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Sikora, Osladil, Terenzi, Montag, Cuddington, Czapski, Noonan
Absent: None

Swearing In- Frank Czapski

The Honorable Douglas P. Shepherd was present to administer the oath of office to Frank Czapski, Councilmember, term to expire 12/31/2018.

Minutes of 7/14/15

Motion by Montag, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the minutes of 7/14/15. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Unfinished Business

None.

Consent Business

None.

Correspondence

Motion by Terenzi, seconded by Sikora, to receive and file the correspondence from: Clinton River Watershed Annual Clean Up 9/19/15, MML Pool & Fund Loss Control and Daniel Grabowski City praise and thanks. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

New Business

Department Reports

Mayor Noonan

PROTEC Membership

Mayor Noonan explained The Michigan Coalition to Protect public Rights-of-Way (PROTEC), no action taken.

SEMCOG Membership

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to approve the renewal of the City's SEMCOG Membership, as recommended by Mayor Noonan. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

SH Fireworks Repeal Resolution

Mayor Noonan explained the resolution adopted by Sterling Heights regarding the State of Michigan, Fireworks Safety Act to repeal the Act. Motion by Noonan, seconded by Terenzi, to adopt the same resolution by the City of Utica and to forward it to the State House and Senate and the County. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

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Utica High School Homecoming Parade

Shannon Habba, Bridget Spagnuolo, and Danielle Kaschalk, students, were present to request permission to have the annual Utica High School Homecoming Parade from downtown Utica on Auburn Rd. along Cass Ave. ending at the High School on Sept. 18, 2015. Mayor Noonan informed them that the DPW field is not available for staging and they would need to use the Library, City Hall and Fire Station parking lots. Motion by Sikora, seconded by Montag, to approve the request to hold the annual Utica High School Parade on 9/18/15 through downtown Utica, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

SH Sky Lantern Ban

After a short discussion on the hazards of Sky Lanterns, motion by Montag, seconded by Sikora, to adopt a resolution to ban the sale and use of Sky Lanterns to forward it to the State House and Senate and the County. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Hike & Bike Trail Update

Mayor Noonan informed all that the expected completion date of the Hike & Bike Trail will be in November. She also thanked the DDA and Parks and Recreation for the grant match funds required to complete multiple projects.

Ballpark Update

Mayor Noonan stated the Ballpark construction is underway for completion in spring of 2016.

Public Hearing- St. Lawrence Applefest Temporary Tents

Motion by Montag, seconded by Osladil, to open the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Sam Serra, Chairman, was present to request three large temporary tents, a possible 4th smaller one and temporary signage for the St. Lawrence Applefest of September 11, 12 and 13, 2015. The City Planner and Planning Commission recommend approval. As there were no other comments from the public, motion by Terenzi, seconded by Cuddington, to close the public hearing at 7:58 p.m. and grant approval for the temporary tents/ signage for the Applefest of Sept. 11 to 13, 2015. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Council Reports

Mayor Noonan thanked the Car Show committee, John Sattmann, Nancy Carter, USA Tire, Megan for the successful event.

Chuck Cuddington, Councilmember, also thanked all the volunteers and participants, the Fire Chief, Police Chief and DPW Superintendent and Ken Sikora for helping with the Car Show.

Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor

Public Inspection Policy

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to adopt the Assessing Public Inspection Policy, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Building- Jerry Owczarzak

Electrical Code Update

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Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to adopt the 2014 National Electrical Codes, as recommended by Ken Snyder, the City electrical inspector. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Fire- Kevin Wilseck, Chief

Kevin Wilseck, Chief, thanked firefighters Charby, Gibson, Hill and Nowacki for volunteering their time all day at the recent Car Show.

Police- Dave Faber, Chief

Dave Faber, Chief, informed all that another crossing guard is needed.

DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent

Re-Roof Request

Bill Lang, Superintendent, explained the re-roof proposals he received, one for shingles, one for metal roofing, and the difficulty to obtain them as contractors are very busy. Also, he requested to have the sealed bid process waived that's required under the Purchase Policy. Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to waive the sealed bid process, as required by the Purchase Policy. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Bill Lang received proposals from two companies and is recommending to have On The Level re-roof the DPW building with the metal roof, they had many references and have done quality work for the City in the past. Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to approve awarding the re-roofing to On The Level, cost not to exceed \$30,000, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Hiring Request

Bill Lang, Superintendent, requested to hire our seasonal worker, Brian Fearnley full time, effective immediately, and requiring his obtaining a CDL license within one year. The AFSME union supports this request. Motion by Montag, seconded by Cuddington, to approve the request to hire Brian Fearnley, full time, effective immediately and obtainment of a CDL license within 1 year. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Treasurer- Philip Paternoster

Munetrix Level 3 License Renewal

Motion by Terenzi, seconded by Sikora, to renew the Munetrix License which controls financial data for the Dashboard and Citizens Guide, as recommended by Mayor Noonan. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Budget Amendment

Motion by Osladil, seconded by Montag, to approve the budget amendment to FY2015 for 8,166.83 to the Liquor Control Fund as a vendor did not bill us for Patrol Car items. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Administration- Beth Ricketts, City Clerk

No report.

Library- Marsha Doege, Director

No report.

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Parks and Recreation Commission

A reminder and invite to the Labor Day Bridge Walk, from Memorial Park to Heritage Park was given.

Historic District Commission

No report.

City Attorney- James McGrail

No report.

Planning Commission

Jeff Berz Resignation

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to receive and file the resignation from Jeff Berz. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. A thank you was given for his service.

Spirit Halloween- 45290 Utica Park Blvd. Conditional Use

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to approve conditional use request for Spirit Halloween, a retail store at 45290 Utica Park Blvd. from 8/15/15 to 11/3/15. The City Planner and planning commission recommended approval. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Senior Housing Steering Committee

No report.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

No report.

Douglas & Deborah Lock Utility Bill Request

Douglas and Deborah Lock, property owners, were present to request relief from the sewer charges on their past water bill due to the watering of new sod. Discussion was held on precedent and proof of water use/sewer disposal. Motion by Sikora, seconded by Noonan, to allow the Lock's 12 months to repay the sewer charges with no penalties. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Bills Payable

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the payment of all bills as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Communication from the Public

Barb Kovach, 45279 Vanker, was present to express concerns with the parking of cars on Vanker with regards to children walking to school. Mayor Noonan suggested contacting UCS for an additional crossing guard, Chief Faber will research this.

Adjournment

As there were no further comments from the public, motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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