

City of Utica
Regular Council Meeting
September 8, 2015

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan at 7:15 p.m.

Members present: Sikora, Osladil, Terenzi, Cuddington, Noonan, Czapski

Absent: Montag

Executive Session

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to recess to executive session to discuss litigation. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

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

Minutes of 8/11/15

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the minutes of 8/11/15 with minor corrections. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Unfinished Business

None.

Consent Business

None.

Correspondence

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Cuddington, to receive and file the correspondence from: RoseMarie Miller, gratitude to Mike Francis and Ken Bonkowski on their fine work. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

New Business

Department Reports

Mayor Noonan

Turning Point Events

Mayor Noonan informed all of the upcoming fundraisers for Turning Point. No action necessary.

Sterling Heights Regional Chamber Membership

Motion by Terenzi, seconded by Osladil, to approve the renewal of the City's membership with the Sterling Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce at a cost of \$600.00. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

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Great Lakes Water Authority Contract

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the assignment of the wholesale water contract to the new Great Lakes Water Authority, as recommended by Mayor Noonan. Council may attend the MACRO meeting on Thursday 9/10/15 if they would like more information concerning this. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

No Smoking Policy

Motion by Cuddington, seconded by Terenzi, to approve a no smoking policy on the City Campus and in vehicles. Mayor Noonan and Jim McGrail, the City Attorney, to prepare the correct wording of the policy. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Administration Resolution Amendments

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Terenzi, to appoint a committee to review the Administration Resolution for amendments in a 60 day time period. Committee members to be: Mayor Noonan, Jim McGrail, Chief Faber and Faith Terenzi. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Clinton River Watershed Council- water education

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to approve the renewal of the Clinton River Watershed Council's Stormwater Education Program at a cost of \$600.00. This is also required for NPDES compliance. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Council Reports

Mayor Noonan thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission for supporting the Labor Day Bridge walk and Council members Terenzi and Osladil for their attendance. Councilmember Terenzi thanked Mary Lou Kinney for organizing the event. Mayor Noonan thanked Edna Fusion for starting this event 5 years ago.

Public Hearing 7:45 p.m.- Muldoon's 7636 Auburn Temporary Tent Request

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to open the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Norm Heinrich, property owner, was present to request permission to install a temporary tent over the existing patio at 7636 Auburn on Sept.24 to Oct. 5, 2015 and March 14 to 18, 2016, special event days. As there were no other comments from the public motion by Terenzi, seconded by Sikora, to close the public hearing and approve the request to install a temporary tent over the existing patio at 7636 Auburn on Sept.24 to Oct. 5, 2015 and March 14 to 18, 2016. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Cuddington, to approve the settlement of MTT #14-3687 Knowledge Learning Corp. as discussed in executive session. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Building- Jerry Owczarzak

No report.

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**Fire- Kevin Wilseck, Chief
Blood Drive October 3, 2015**

Chief Wilseck informed all that the Fire Department will be sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, October 3, 2015 in conjunction with the Zombie Fest. You may sign up to donate at Utica-events.com.

**Police- Dave Faber, Chief
Traffic Control Order**

Chief Faber did an onsite review of traffic surrounding Flickinger Elementary and discussed the immediate need for a traffic control order to designate no parking on one side of Vanker, Klingkammer, Remer and McClellan, due to cars parking on both side of street, leaving one driving lane open, causing a dangerous situation for children walking to school. Motion by Osladil, seconded by Sikora, to approve the request for a Traffic Control Order, No Parking on one side of Vanker, Klingkammer, Remer and McClellan, effective immediately, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent

No report.

**Treasurer- Philip Paternoster
Senior Housing General Liability Insurance**

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the renewal of the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool Premium for Senior Housing, 7650 Greely, at a cost of 14,391 with a dividend of \$1,901. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Abraham & Gaffney, P.C.- Letter of Engagement

Phil Paternoster, Treasurer, requested renewal of auditing services with Abraham & Gaffney, P.C. for a period of three years ending June 30, 2016, 2017, 2018. The audit service has been satisfactory to date. Motion by Terenzi, seconded by Sikora, to approve the renewal of auditing services with Abraham & Gaffney, P.C. for three additional years, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Administration- Beth Ricketts, City Clerk

No report.

**Library- Marsha Doege, Director
Library Board Vacancy**

Marsha Doege informed all that there is currently a Library Board Vacancy; you must be a City resident.

Parks and Recreation Commission

A reminder of the upcoming events of the Zombie Fest, October 3 and Christmas Tree Lighting, December 6, 2015.

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Historic District Commission

No report.

City Attorney- James McGrail

No report.

Planning Commission

Steve Cassin, the City Planner, reported that the site plan for a new Thai restaurant at 45163 Cass was approved at the last meeting and invited all to participate in the Master Plan Survey.

Senior Housing Steering Committee

No report.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

No report.

John Sattmann, Pork & Ladder fundraiser Report

John Sattmann reported that even though there was rain, the event raised \$1,191 and was given to the Utica Fire Association. A thank you was given to the firefighters and businesses that donated to the event. The Zombie Fest will be on October 3, 2015. No road closures will be necessary. The event starts at Noon and runs all day.

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

None.

Adjournment

As there were no further comments from the public, motion by Osladil, seconded by Sikora, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Beth Ricketts
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City Clerk