

City of Utica
Regular Council Meeting
January 13, 2015

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan at 7:11 p.m.

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

Absent: Barthelmeh

Executive Session

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to recess to executive session to discuss personnel matters. 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 12/9/14 & 12/23/14

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Montag, to approve the minutes of 12/9/14 & 12/23/14
Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Unfinished Business

None.

Consent Business

Utica Lions White Cane

Jerry Noonan, President Utica Lions Club, was present to request permission to soliciting donations during White Cane week of April 24 to May 2, 2015.

Motion by Terenzi, seconded by Montag, to approve the request to solicit donations for White Cane week, April 24 to May 2, 2015, as requested. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Correspondence

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to receive and file the correspondence from: Gary and Carol Navock, Brent Bott, thank you, Jack Harvey Elementary, thank you.
Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

New Business

Department Reports

Mayor Noonan

Bicentennial Celebration 2017

Motion by Montag, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the request from Mayor Noonan to establish a committee to plan the City's 200 year anniversary celebration. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

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MERS Deferred Compensation Plan

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to approve the addition of a MERS 457 Supplemental Retirement Plan for the employees, as recommended by Mayor Noonan. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Council Reports

No report.

Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor

No report.

Building- Jerry Owczarzak

No report.

Fire- Kevin Wilseck, Chief

No report.

Police- Dave Faber, Chief

Livescan Request

Dave Faber, Chief, explained that in order to continue the Livescan maintenance and use, they must be upgraded and is an agency cost of \$7,985.74. The work will be done and accounted for in fiscal year 2016.

Motion by Terenzi, seconded by Sikora, to approve the request to upgrade the Livescan equipment, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Dave Faber, Chief, also informed Council that three part time patrol officers have started their employment with the City.

Public Hearing

Dogtopia 45515 Schoehnerr- Sign Variance

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

Melissa Aris, Manager, was present to request a sign variance to increase the square footage of a wall sign by 50 square feet due to the very large façade of the tenant space. Steve Cassin, the City Planner, recommends approval as it is comparable to other variances given on surrounding property. The Planning Commission recommended approval. As there were no comments from the public, motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to close the public hearing at 7:50 p.m. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the wall sign variance request of 50 sq. ft. to allow a 150 sq. ft wall sign at 45515 Schoehnerr, parcel 07-35-400-032. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Hydro Pros 45410 Van Dyke- Parking Space & Rear Yard Setback Variance

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Montag, to open the public hearing at 7:50 p.m. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

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John McCann, Architect, was present to request a parking space and rear yard setback variance at 45410 Van Dyke, to allow for a storage space addition to the building. The 1,200 square foot addition would have a rear yard setback of 5' and parking spaces of 14 which is 8 spaces less than the required 22. The building setback would be consistent with the building to the south. The addition would allow the storage of materials to be inside which are currently outside and have a new dumpster enclosure. Steve Cassin, the City Planner, recommends approval along with the Planning Commission. Councilman Osladil questioned the parking requirements if the retail use changes. Steve Cassin stated that Council can make the parking variance allowable on this use only. As there were no other comments from the public, motion by Sikora, seconded by Montag, to close the public hearing at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Cuddington, to approve the rear yard setback to be 5 feet, a variance of 25 feet and 14 parking spaces from the required parking spaces of 22, a variance of 8 spaces at 45410 Van Dyke. The parking variance is approved for this use only. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent

Bill Lang, Superintendent informed all that the Hike and Bike Trail bid came in 8.9% over budget. Also, his department is looking to hire a part-time clerical person, replacing our currently retired full-timer.

Treasurer- Philip Paternoster

No report.

Administration- Beth Ricketts, City Clerk

No report.

Library- Marsha Doege, Director

No report.

Parks and Recreation Commission

A reminder and invitation to all was given concerning the upcoming Ice Festival on February 13 to 15, 2015.

Historic District Commission

No report.

City Attorney- James McGrail

ACT345 Pension Board Request

Jim McGrail, City Attorney, request Council to confirm the service of Nancy Carter on the Act345 pension board as she is now a full time City employee.

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the continuation of Nancy Carter as an Act345 Pension Board member. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

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Planning Commission

Steve Cassin, the City Planner, explained that we will be updating the City's Master Plan.

Senior Housing Steering Committee

No report.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

No report.

Beverly Bobcean 46160 Van Dyke Utility Bill Reduction Request

As the petitioner was not present, motion by Sikora, seconded by Noonan, to deny the request to reduce the utility bill for 46160 Van Dyke. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Bills Payable

Motion by Cuddington, seconded by Sikora, 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 Noonan, seconded by Sikora, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Beth Ricketts
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City Clerk