

City of Utica
Regular Council Meeting
June 9, 2015

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Barthelmeh

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

Vincent Ranelli Swearing In

Mayor Noonan administered the Oath of Office to Patrolman Vincent Ranelli.

Parks & Recreation Annual Awards

On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Mayor Noonan recognized and complimented the following: Michael Francis, Employee of the Year; Linda Zabik and Genisys Credit Union, Service Award; Kurt Sharrow and Bear (police dog), Outstanding Service Award; John and Jennifer Baird, 45223 Cass, Beautification Award; Cheryl McKeever, Outstanding Citizen Award. Asst. Chief Coady also awarded the Citation of Valor to Bear.

Minutes of 5/12/15 and 6/2/15

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Cuddington, to approve the minutes of 5/12/15 and 6/2/15. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Unfinished Business

Granting of Easement

Andy Appleby and Jeff Lanier, were present to request the granting of an easement on the Utica DPW Yard, due to the soil conditions and to provide safe grading on the north side of the stadium. They would remove an existing DPW garage and build a like kind structure of 2150 square feet at their expense.

Motion by Terenzi, seconded by Montag, to grant an easement on parcels 07-33-453-002, 07-33-453-003 and 07-33-453-004, as presented. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Consent Business

None.

Correspondence

Motion by Terenzi, seconded by Montag, to receive and file the correspondence from: Timothy Strnod, Police Dept. Commendation Sgt. Hall; UCS Foundation for Excellence, Thank You. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

New Business

Department Reports

Mayor Noonan

Declaration of Vacancy

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Terenzi, to declare a Council vacancy created by the death of Mayor Pro Tem Barthelmeh. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem

Motion by Osladil, seconded by Montag, to appoint Ken Sikora as Mayor Pro Tem, as recommended by Mayor Noonan. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Macomb County Animal Control Regulations Adoption

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Terenzi, to table this item and to have a committee review the regulations, members are: the City Attorney, Council members Sikora and Terenzi. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Administration Resolution Update.

Mayor Noonan explained the health care opt out reimbursement percentage being lower on the Administration Resolution than the unions. The request it to increase the percentage from 25 % to 35 % which would still result in a large savings for the City. Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the increase to the health care opt out percentage to 35%. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Traffic Control Order- Summers Court

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Cuddington, to approve the traffic control order for Summers Court, no parking on the south side, no blocking driveways. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Compensation Commission Appointment

Motion by Osladil, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the appointment of Sarah Gottschalk to the Compensation Commission, as recommended by Mayor Noonan. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Council Reports

None.

Public Hearing FY 2015-16 Budget

Treasurer- Philip Paternoster

Budget Amendment Police Vehicles & FY2015

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi to approve the budget amendments as follows:
General Fund #101

City Attorney	\$ 130
Clerk	\$ 13,120
Elections	\$ 3,320
Miscellaneous Administration	\$ 39,860
Police Department	\$106,980

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Ambulance	\$ 32,750
Planning	\$ 760
Liquor Control Fund #212	
Equipment Purchase	\$ 19,740
Building Code Enforcement Fund #248	\$ 12,830
Priority Road Investment Program Fund #497	\$200,000

Year end amendments, as requested. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Fiscal Year 2015/16 Budget

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Montag, to open the public hearing. Public hearing opened at 8:12 p.m. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Phil Paternoster, Treasurer, explained the budget for fiscal year 2015/16. As there were no further comments from the public, motion by Sikora, seconded by Montag, to approve the FY2015/16 Budget, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to adopt the 2016 appropriation ordinance, as presented.

Millage Rates 2015

Phil Paternoster, Treasurer, proposed the millage rates for tax year 2015 as follows:

General operating	17.0870
Public Safety	1.7085
Public Library	0.8542
Street Debt	2.8520

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Montag, to adopt the millage rates as presented. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor

No report.

Building- Jerry Owczarzak

No report.

Fire- Kevin Wilseck, Chief

Fire Hall Concrete Replacement Request

Kevin Wilseck, Chief, explained that the concrete needs to be replaced at the Fire Station. Three bids have been submitted with Metro Concrete being the lowest bidder. The MBA has this in their budget and Chief Wilseck is requesting a not to exceed amount of \$44,280. Bill Lang, Superintendent, recommends concrete testing when pouring the cement, Mayor Noonan concurs. Motion by Sikora, seconded by Montag, to approve the request for new concrete at the Fire Station, 7609 Auburn, not to exceed 44,280. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Chief Wilseck also thanked Scott Pomaville for submitting to Home Depot a beautification request. Thanks to Home Depot for donating perennials and to Ran

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Charby and Scott Pomaville for planting them. Also a thank you to the following firefighters who donated their time in giving tours of the fire station: Orloski, Bawkon, Charby, Brown, Gibson, Meyers, Ryan, Schemansky and Southard.

**Police- Sean Coady, Assistant Chief
In Service Training System Purchase Request**

Sean Coady, Assistant Chief, explained the request to purchase In Service Training System. The department is mandated to annually train personnel. Currently the department has to schedule personnel to attend these training sessions as either their work day or on overtime. Learcom Law is an on-line training system, personnel would be able to complete the training during their on duty work hours, a certificate is created upon completion, along with a record management program for all members of the department. Use of the system will generate a large cost savings for member training.

Motion by Osladil, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the request to purchase the In Service Training System, at a cost of \$1920.00, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Sale of Service Dog

Sean Coady, Assistant Chief, is requesting to sell the department's K9 Bear, waiving to bid process and grant the sale to Sgt. Kurt Sharrow for \$1.00.

Motion by Montag, seconded by Sikora, to approve the sale of K9 Bear to Sgt. Kurt Sharrow for \$1.00. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Sean Coady, Assistant Chief, thanked the MBA, DPW and Jerry Noonan for the recent remodeling of the locker rooms.

**DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent
Storm Sewer Ordinance**

Bill Lang, Superintendent, present the Storm Sewer Ordinance which provides for the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Utica through the regulation of nonstormwater discharge to the storm drainage system. HRC, City Engineers recommend approval along with the City Attorney. The ordinance is necessary to comply with the DEQ, who has reviewed and approved the ordinance. Also, to allow for NPDES compliance.

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to approve the adoption of the Storm Sewer Ordinance, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Bill Lang, Superintendent, updated all on the OM Interceptor project. Two emergency/access roads are in place. The Hike and Bike Trail has one section paved (still closed to the public), construction on the boardwalk will begin soon, and the project is currently under budget. He thanked LJ Construction for the conscientious job they are doing. Councilmember Cuddington questioned the location of the path on Auburn Road as he feels it is running in the center of the property, making it unusable for any

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buildings. Bill Lang will double check the location of the path to verify it is in the correct location per plans.

Treasurer- Philip Paternoster

ACT345 Pension Valuation

Phil Paternoster, Treasurer, explained the Police/Fire pension valuation. The police employer contribution will be 28.28% of payroll and the fire department 11.21% of payroll for FY2015.

Motion by Terenzi, seconded by Sikora, to receive and file the ACT345 pension valuation and the pension board resolution approving the valuation. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Administration- Beth Ricketts, City Clerk

Smart Credit Transfer FY16

Motion by Terenzi, seconded by Montag, to approve the transfer of Utica's Smart Credits, both Municipal and Community Credits, to Shelby Township. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Library- Marsha Doege, Director

Marsha Doege, Director, invited all to attend the Annual Book Sale, June 12-14. The Summer Reading Program begins June 22 and she thanked Barb Montag, Cheryl McKeever and other volunteers for the recent beautification of the Library Landscaping along with Bill Osladil for donating perennials.

Parks and Recreation Commission

No Report.

Historic District Commission

No report.

City Attorney- James McGrail

No report.

Planning Commission

Master Plan Work session 7/14/15

Steve Cassin, the City Planner, reminded all that there is a work session with Planning Commission scheduled for 7/14/15. The community survey has been prepared and will be circulated soon.

Senior Housing Steering Committee

No report.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

No report.

Bills Payable

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

7758, 7762, 7766 Auburn- Sidewalk/ Parking Space Closure Request

Stephanie Guran, property manager, was present to request the closure of the sidewalk and parking spaces for repairs to brick, painting and trim as scaffolding will be needed.

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to approve the sidewalk/parking space closure request at 7758, 7762, 7766 Auburn for 3 days. Co-ordination must be done with the Police and DPW departments. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Communication from the Public

Carl Kudla was present to express his interest and support of the Ballpark.

Ron Robinson, a Utica resident, was present and informed Council of his intention to produce a documentary on the Ballpark.

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 9:22 p.m.

Beth Ricketts
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City Clerk