

City of Utica
Regular Council Meeting
October 8, 2013

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan at 7:10 p.m.

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

Absent: Barthelmeh

Executive Session

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Montag, to recess to executive session to discuss litigation and 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 7:37 p.m.

Mayor Noonan congratulated Steve Cassin on his recent Lifetime achievement award in regards to his work as a planner. Also an introduction to the new Building Inspector, Jerry Owczarzak was given.

Utica High School Homecoming Parade Request

Erin O'Connor and Olivia Capizzi, students, were present to request permission to have the annual Utica High School Homecoming parade on Friday, 10/18 at 4:00 pm. From the vacant lot on Moscone Drive to the High School. All departments are familiar with the request and have no issues.

Motion by Osladil, seconded by Montag, to approve the Homecoming Parade request for Friday 10/18 at 4:00 pm, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Minutes of 9/10 & 9/24/13

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Montag, to approve the minutes of 9/10 & 9/24/13. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Unfinished Business

11335 Hall Rd. Sunoco Setback Variances

Mark Lennon, Extreme Building and Design, was present to request a variance of 8ft. from the required 15 ft side yard setback and 10ft from the required 30ft. rear yard setback. They are remodeling the building in a retro-style and need more space for products. The City Planner and Planning Commission have recommended approval.

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Cuddington, to approve the two variances, as presented. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Consent Business

None

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Correspondence

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Montag, to receive and file the correspondence from: Mary Lou Kinney, George Schachermeyer, New Baltimore Fire Department (thank yous) and a resurfacing request and thank you from Rose Marie and Harlan Wagner. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

New Business

Department Reports

Mayor Noonan

Kelly Calandrino Library Board Appointment

Motion by Montag, seconded by Sikora, to approve the appointment of Kelly Calandrino to the Library Board, for a 3 year term. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Medical Marijuana Moratorium Extension

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Montag, to extend the medical marijuana moratorium for one more year. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

HomeServe

Mayor Noonan informed all to be aware of the mailings from a HomeServe company and that it is just another form of insurance, with no connection to the City.

Zombie Fest

Mayor Noonan thanked Paul Mitchell of Utica High School, the Utica Lions Club, Council and businesses who donated candy for their help and support of the downtown Zombie Fest. Funds raised will benefit Parks and Recreation, Utica Lions and the Hydrocephalus Foundation.

Council Reports

Councilman Cuddington asked Assistant Chief Coady and Bill Lang to check the bushes at the Van Dyke Marathon as they block a driver's view.

Councilman Osladil thanked the tenants of 7650 Greeley for the recent invite to their meeting.

Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to approve the tax settlement with AG & AA Inc., as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Building

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Cuddington, to approve the increase to the building permit fees, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Fire- Kevin Wilseck, Chief

Motion by Osladil, seconded by Montag, to receive the resignation and to thank Andrew McClure for his service to the Fire Department. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Chief Wilseck thanked all who donated blood and the Shelby Township Fire Dept. for the use of their burn house at the open house. Also he thanked members who are donating their time, in the schools for fire prevention training of students.

Police- Sean Coady, Assistant Chief

Assistant Chief Coady asked that all drivers be patient concerning the amount of road construction in the area.

DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent

Bill Lang, Superintendent, thanked Nicholas Zablocki for the recent storm drain paint warning he placed next to the City's storm drains, as needed, for an Eagle Scout award. Also that the DPW will be winterizing the fire hydrants and to be aware there might be some rusty or low water pressure.

Treasurer- Philip Paternoster
OPEB Valuation

Phil Paternoster, Treasurer, requested payment of the OPEB Valuation bill from Rodwan Consulting Company as this is a required report under GASB #45. Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the budget amendment for the general, sewer and water and building funds as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Motion by Osladil, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the payment to Rodwan Consulting in the amount of \$7,500.00 and to request that the next valuation be completed within 3 years, as required. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Postage Machine Replacement

Motion by Osladil, seconded by Terenzi to approve the request to replace the DM500 metering machine with a DM400, cost not to exceed \$2556, saving \$3,110 over five years, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Folding Machine Purchase Request

Motion by Terenzi, seconded by Sikora, to approve the request to purchase a folder/insertor as a cost of \$2,241, saving many office hours spent folding/stuffing envelopes. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Administration- Beth Ricketts, City Clerk

Beth Ricketts, City Clerk, informed residents of the upcoming City Election on Nov. 5. Absentee ballots are available and the polls will be open from 7am to 8pm on Election Day.

Library- Marsha Doege, Director

Marsha Doege, Director, informed Council that many patrons thanked the City for the variety of events held throughout the year. The library has information and a computer for help with the new insurance marketplace.

Parks and Recreation Commission

There will be a vision meeting on 10/9 at 6pm, Eppler Jr. High School, concerning updating the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. All are invited to attend. The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Sunday Dec. 1 at the Fire Station with Santa in attendance.

Historic District Commission

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No report

City Attorney- James McGrail

No report.

Planning Commission

No report.

Senior Housing Steering Committee

No report.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

No report.

Daniel VanDeKerkhove of Citizens For A Better Macomb County

Daniel VanDeKerkhove spoke on the Rizzo landfill proposal in Lenox Township and requested the consideration of passing a resolution which opposes a new landfill in our county. No action taken.

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

Natalie Bedford, 7528 Nichols, spoke on problems with the owner of 7514 Nichols concerning the burying of construction debris on both his own and her property which are located in the flood plain. Also questioned the tenants at the Communicare property.

Executive Session

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Cuddington, to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Adjournment

As there were no further comments from the public, motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Beth Ricketts
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City Clerk