

City of Utica
Regular Council Meeting
June 11, 2013

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan at 6:30 p.m.

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

Executive Session

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to recess to executive session to discuss personnel, contracts and litigation matters. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Regular Council meeting was called to order at 7:46 p.m. and the Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of 5/14 & 5/20/13

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the minutes of 5/14 & 5/20/13 as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Mark Zaleski & Paul V. Engstrom Co.

Mayor Noonan acknowledged, applauded and thanked Mark Zaleski and Paul V. Engstrom & Co. on over 40 years of excellent auditing service to the City.

Unfinished Business

Temporary structure/use, Freebie Fireworks

Tom Tracee was present to request a temporary 20x40 tent in the vacant lot of 8200 Hall Rd. for firework sales held from June 20-July 6. He has received his state license. Steve Cassin, the City Planner stated the site plan did meet the zoning requirements and Planning Commission recommended approval. Councilman Barthelmeh feels entrances will pose a traffic problem. Councilman Cuddington question the stacking of fireworks, state law allows them to be no higher than 6 feet and no on site storage.

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the temporary structure/use for firework sales at the vacant lot of 8200 Hall Rd. All required inspections to be performed before opening. Voting by roll, one nay (Barthelmeh) motion **CARRIED**.

Consent Business

None

Correspondence

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Osladil, to receive and file the correspondence from: Utica Community Schools, DPW thank you, UCS Foundation for Education, Barb Wenzel City of Lapeer, thank you's.

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New Business

Department Reports

Mayor Noonan

Traffic Association of Macomb County

Mayor Noonan spoke on the benefits of the Traffic Association Membership. No action required.

Riverwalk Festival 2013

Mayor Noonan invited all to attend the multitude of events of the Riverwalk Festival being held June 12-16.

Old Mill Art N Craft Festival 6/15-16

Nancy Carter, Chairman of the Old Mill was present to speak and promote the festival being held in Grant Park with many crafters and a variety of food available

Council Reports

Councilwoman Terenzi passed on a thank you from Doug MacKay, St. Lawrence Church, for the police escorts to the bank. Councilman Osladil enjoyed student government day and received positive responses from the participating students. Councilman Cuddington promoted the car show to be held on Sunday, June 16.

Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the settlement presented on MTT Docket #433120, Tom Guastello property, as presented. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion CARRIED.

Building- Gary Moscone

No report.

Fire- Kevin Wilseck, Chief

Motion by Terenzi, seconded by Osladil, to receive and file the resignation letter from Sean Justman and thanked him for his service.

Police- Dave Faber, Chief

Chief Faber thanked Councilman Barthelmeh for his help on Shred Day and the DDA for the new bicycles for police officers patrol.

DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent

Bill Lang informed council about the recent MS4 permit DEQ audit. No action required.

Treasurer- Philip Paternoster

Budget Amendment

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Bathelmeh, to approve the budget amendments as follows: Council, \$2,580 FY2012 payroll posted to FY2013; City Clerk, \$5,770 Bank payouts at retirement; Treasurer, \$3,780 Tribunal judgments; Building Maintenance,

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\$620 Utilities; Police, \$5,930 Transfers to designated fund; Ambulance, \$69,620 Transfer to reserve fund. Voting by roll, all ayes.

Administration- Beth Ricketts, City Clerk

Office Closing Request- July 5

Motion by Terenzi, supported by Montag, to approve the requested to close the offices on Friday, July 5 as Thursday July 4 the office is closed, personnel to use their vacation time.

McGrail Retirement Party

Beth Ricketts, City Clerk, informed all regarding the upcoming retirement party to be held in honor of Cathy & Bill McGrail on Thursday, June 27 at Dave & Buster's. No action required.

Special Council Meeting 6/18/13

A reminder was given concerning the upcoming Special Council meeting, 7:00 p.m., on 6/18/13 regarding the budget.

Library- Marsha Doege, Director

Summer Reading Program

Marsha Doege, Director, informed all regarding the Summer Reading program which runs from June 17- August 2 and to allow lawn signs for participants. Motion by Noonan, seconded by Montag, to allow reading participants a lawn sign. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Old Mill Arts & Crafts and Riverwalk Festival

Please join us in June 12 - June 16, 2013 for all the fun. Details available online or at City Hall.

Historic District Commission

No report.

City Attorney

Bill McGrail, the City Attorney, thanked the Council for allowing him pleasure of serving as attorney for over 40 years. Congratulations on his retirement were given.

Planning Commission

No report.

Senior Housing Steering Committee

No report.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

No report.

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Bills Payable

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

Communication from the Public

Sidewalk Café Request

John Sattmann, owner 45108 Cass, was present to request a temporary fence/ café on public parking spaces on the Auburn Road side of Hogs Hollow Smokehouse during the Riverwalk Festival of June 14-16. Mayor Noonan explained that we currently do not have any temporary fees and the request is not under the ordinance timeline, she is against the request.

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Noonan, to deny the temporary fence request. Voting by roll, one nay (Terenzi) motion **CARRIED**.

Riverwalk Festival Road Closure

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the road closure from south of Summers to the alley on Cass and from Utica Road to Hall Road, Friday 5:00 p.m until Sunday at 6:00 p.m. 6/14-16/13. Voting all ayes, one abstain (Mayor Noonan) motion **CARRIED**.

Utica Center Townhomes Concerns

Lena Pellerito, Association President and Basel Elias, Association Vice President, expressed concern with grass cutting, asphaltting, road potholes and parking. Mayor Noonan suggested a meeting between property owners with the City as a mediator.

Adjournment

As there were no further comments from the public, motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Osladil, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Beth Ricketts
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City Clerk