

City of Utica
Regular Council Meeting
August 13, 2013

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

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

Minutes of 7/9 & 7/18/13

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the minutes 7/9 & 7/18/13, as amended. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Unfinished Business

None

Consent Business

None

Correspondence

Motion by Montag, seconded by Osladil, to receive and file the correspondence from: Barb Wenzel, thank you and Michael Mattia, thank you. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

New Business

Department Reports

Mayor Noonan

MERS 457 Resolution

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the MERS 457 plan resolution, to allow employees an additional carrier for deferred compensation, as presented. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Public Act 152

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the Hard Cap beginning on January 1, 2014, for Health Care as allowed under Public Act 152. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

MACRO Representative Appointment

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to appoint Mayor Noonan and Mayor Pro Tem Barthelmeh as the MACRO Representatives. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Compensation Commission Recommendation

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the recommendation by the Compensation Commission to reduce all elected official salaries by 5%. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

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Council Reports

Councilman Cuddington reported on the Movie in the Park being an excellent event and thanked all who donated funds to pay for the movie, including the Utica Lions Club.

Mayor Noonan stated the Park It movie had the largest turnout of people to date.

Councilwoman Montag invited all to attend the Labor Day Bridge walk.

Mayor Noonan reminded members of the County Executive caucus on 8/19, 2:00p.m. and gave Council copies of the MACRO vision statement.

Public Hearing, Haunted House Temporary Structures

Jerry Noonan, Utica Lions Club President and Larry Black, were present to request permission to have a Haunted House from 8/16 to 11/1/13 on the vacant lot of Moscone Drive. There will be two structures one for kids, a ticket booth, food stand, a tent for pumpkin sales and a maze. Planning Commission recommended approval. As there were no other comments, motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Sikora, to close the public hearing. Public hearing closed at 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the temporary structure and use request for a Haunted House from August 15 to November 15, 2013, as presented.

Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor

Nancy Strehl, the Assessor, requested an executive session immediately following for a tax tribunal case.

Building- Gary Moscone

None

Fire- Kevin Wilseck, Chief

None

Police- Dave Faber, Chief

Chief Faber informed residents and Council that there are some problems with the new smart light at Cass and Auburn.

DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent

Bill Lang, Superintendent, requested permission to replace the dump body and tarp system on the 1991 salt truck. Four bids were solicited with only one company responding. Councilman Cuddington asked if we had plans to purchase a new truck and is it worth replacing the dump body. Bill Lang stated the truck was worth repairing.

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Cuddington, to approve the request to replace the Dump box and tarp system of the 1991 Chevy Kodiak salt truck at a cost of 8518.00.

Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Potential GLFT Grant

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Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the request to proceed with the GLFT grant in conjunction with the Clinton River Watershed Council, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Hike/ Bike Trail

Bill Lang, Superintendent, gave an update that the bids for the Hike/ Bike Trail came in over engineer estimates and they will be reviewed and rebid.

Also there is an ITC tower on the Clinton River northern property that will be repaired in the near future.

Treasurer- Philip Paternoster

Act 345 Actuary Update

Phil Paternoster, Treasurer, updated Council on the Act 345 valuation with the employer contribution rate is 27.94% for police and 9.43% for fire. The increase is due to the employee contribution going back to the normal contribution after a 3 year union concession and plan closure to new participants. No action needed.

Munetrix Renewal

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the renewal of the Munetrix contract at a cost of \$1,809.46, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Riverside 175 General Liability Premium FY2014

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to approve the annual premium for the property and liability insurance for Riverside 175, 7650 Greeley at a cost of \$12,895. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

MERS Defined Benefit Contribution

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the MERS defined benefit contributions, employer portion back to the normal percentage, as the reduction agreement with the unions has expired. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Administration- Beth Ricketts, City Clerk

Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting of 9/17-20-13

The annual MML meeting will be held in Detroit, Sept. 17-20. Motion by Osladil, seconded by Barthelmeh, to appoint Mayor Noonan as the voting delegate and Faith Terenzi as the alternate for the MML annual meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

IFT Resolution

Motion by Osladil, seconded by Sikora, to approve the amended resolution for the Pesco IFT of November 13, 2012. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension

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Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Sikora, to approve the letter of agreement extending the METRO Act permit which was review by Neil Lehito and Jim McGrail, attorneys. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Library- Marsha Doege, Director

No report.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Mary Lou Kinney invited all to attend the Labor Day Bridge Walk, 11am-1pm, beginning at either Riverside 175 or Memorial Park with a picnic to follow. Also the senior picnic will be on August 21 at 11:30 am in Grant Park. Mayor Noonan stated there will be another vision meeting regarding the Park and Recreation plan update in October.

Historic District Commission

No report.

City Attorney, James McGrail

No report.

Planning Commission

Steve Cassin, City Planner, stated there will be a draft copy of the revised sign ordinance will be presented at the September Planning meeting.

Senior Housing Steering Committee

No report.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

No report.

Mini Bike Parade Request 8/31/13

James Konkell was present to request a Mini Bike Parade on 8/31/13 at 1:00 pm on City Streets, duration approximately 30 minutes. The city attorney will prepare a waiver for the riders. Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Sikora, to approve the Mini Bike Parade on 8/31/13, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

7762 Auburn- Sidewalk Closing

Kevin Kruger, builder and Stephanie Gurau, property manager, were present to request permission to close the sidewalk in front of 7762 Auburn for necessary brick and wood repair on the building. Repairs to take approximately one week. Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Sikora, to approve the request of sidewalk closure at 7762 Auburn, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Bills Payable

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

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None

Executive Session

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Osladil, to adjourn to executive session at 8:53p.m. for a tax tribunal matter. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Tax Tribunal

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Montag, to approve the Beck tax tribunal as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Adjournment

Motion by Montag, seconded by Sikora, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Beth Ricketts
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City Clerk