

City of Utica
Regular Council Meeting
January 14, 2014

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan at 6:44 p.m.

Members present: Barthelmeh, Sikora (7:15), Osladil, Terenzi, Cuddington, Noonan
Absent: Montag

Executive Session

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Barthelmeh, to recess to executive session to discuss contractual matters. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

The City Council meeting was reconvened by Mayor Noonan, who led the pledge of allegiance at 7:45 p.m.

Moment of Silence

With the recent school shooting, Mayor Noonan requested a moment of silence on how to make a more peaceful United States.

Lucky Leprechaun Race

Tom Gray and Linda Davis-Kirksey, were present to request having the Lucky Leprechaun race on 3/8/14 on the city streets of Utica and use of the council chambers for registration. They are partnering with the Utica Lions Club and Weekend Warrior LLC. Last year's run hosted 471 runners. A donation of \$5000 was given to the Parks and Recreation by Ray Hernandez, Rizzo Environmental Services and Richard Howell, Shelby Auto & Tire Service race sponsors, along with various others from the 2013 race. Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the request to hold the Lucky Leprechaun Race on City Streets 3/8/14 and registration in the council chambers, as requested. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Ice Festival of 2/7-9/14

Linda Davis-Kirksey and John Sattman, were present to request permission to hold the Annual Ice Festival on 2/7-9/14. The general sponsor is the DDA, with Genisys Credit Union as the presenting sponsor. They are requesting road closure of Auburn from Brownell to the bridge on 2/7 from 6pm to 10pm, a tent for the amateur ice carvers and placement of banners and A-frames and use of parks and sidewalks.

Motion by Terenzi, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the Ice Festival requests, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Minutes of 12/10/13 & 1/7/14

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Sikora, to approve the minutes of 12/10/13 and 1/7/14. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

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Unfinished Business

None

Consent Business

None

Correspondence

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Terenzi, to receive and file the correspondence from: Laurie Pritchard, Principal, Jack Harvey Elementary thank you, Clinton River Watershed thank you, Fred Barbret, Smart congratulations, Helen Kent thank you.

Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

New Business

Department Reports

Mayor Noonan

Mayor Pro Tem

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Sikora, to appoint Russell Barthelmeh as Mayor Pro Tem. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Administration Resolution

This item was tabled.

Personnel Manual

This item was tabled.

Grant Writer- Linda Davis-Kirksey

Mayor Noonan informed Council that the city's grant writer, Linda Davis-Kirksey has obtained Certification from the State of Michigan from her participation in the National Institute of Charette Training. This training will open doors to the City for grant opportunities that are unavailable without it.

Council Reports

No report.

Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor

No report.

Building- Jerry Owczarzak

No report.

Fire- Kevin Wilseck, Chief

Chief Wilseck informed Council of the resignation of Bryan Wisniewski and thanked him for his service.

Fire Inspector Delegation- Fireworks

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Chief Wilseck informed all that Fire Department participates in the State of Michigan Fireworks Inspection Delegation Authority and we have two inspectors who are authorized by the Mayor.

Chief Wilseck thanked his employees for their dedication and service during the recent bad weather along with the Dept. of Public Works. Employees will be volunteering their time to fill the Sterling Heights fire station due to the death of a S.H. firefighter.

Police- Dave Faber, Chief

POAM Contract

This item was tabled.

Chief Faber thanked the Dept. of Public Works for the great job on clearing the snow from the roads and parking lots.

DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent

Cross Connection Program

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to approve a 36 month renewal with Hydro Designs for the continuation of the Cross Connection Control Program at a monthly rate of \$515.00. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Mayor, Council and Bill Lang, Superintendent thanked his department for a great snowplowing job.

Treasurer- Philip Paternoster

No report.

Administration- Beth Ricketts, City Clerk

No report.

Library- Marsha Doege, Director

Marsha Doege, Director, thanked all who attended and donated to the recent Bake sale. Also the annual Book Sale will be on Saturday 2/8 from 10-4 and Sunday 2/9 from 1-3. Sunday is bag day; fill a bag for \$5.00. All are invited to attend.

Parks and Recreation Commission

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update is available for review at City Hall, the Library or online at cityofutica.org. Public review and comments are encouraged. Also the public hearing regarding the plan will be at the next Council meeting on February 11, 2014.

Historic District Commission

No report.

City Attorney- James McGrail

No report.

Planning Commission

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Sign Ordinance Amendment- Section 1500

Motion by Terenzi, seconded by Osladil, to approve the amendments to the Sign ordinance- section 1500, as recommended by the City Planner and Planning Commission.

Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Senior Housing Steering Committee

Phil Paternoster, Finance Director, informed Council that 16 units had cracked heat exchangers and the units had to be replaced. Also he requested replacing the control module of the fire alarm panel at a cost of \$1350.00. The alarm will then be monitored by A&B Alarm with no phone line necessary, which will be a cost savings.

Motion by Terenzi, seconded by Sikora, to approve the request to change alarm companies and replace the fire alarm panel at 7650 Greeley, as requested. Voting all

ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

No report.

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

None

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 9:02 p.m.

Beth Ricketts
CITY OF UTICA
City Clerk