

City of Utica
Regular Council Meeting
February 11, 2014

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Barthelmeh at 7:15 p.m.

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

Executive Session

Motion by Montag, seconded by Sikora, to recess to executive session to discuss litigation. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

The City Council meeting was reconvened by Mayor Pro Tem Barthelmeh, who led the pledge of allegiance at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of 1/14 & 1/21/14

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Cuddington, to approve the minutes of 1/14 & 1/21/14. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Unfinished Business

None.

Consent Business

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Montag, to approve the following consent business: Knights of Columbus annual tootsie roll drive on 4/11-13/2014. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Correspondence

None.

New Business

Department Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Barthelmeh

Progressive Disease Family Support Foundation- Request for Gaming License

Steve Gawracz was present to request support and approval of a resolution that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization for obtaining a charitable gaming license from the Progressive Disease Family Support Foundation which office is located at 44053 Van Dyke. Chief Faber stated this is normal for the State to ask the local government for support.

Motion by Montag, seconded by Sikora, to approve the resolution recognizing Progressive Disease Family Support Foundation, 44053 Van Dyke, as requested. Voting all ayes, Motion **CARRIED**.

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Council Meeting Date Changes

Mayor Pro Tem Barthelmeh informed all that the Council meeting dates will be Thursday March 13 and Tuesday April 15, 2014.

County Resolution- Road Maintenance

Mayor Pro Tem Barthelmeh stated we received a copy of the County resolution urging the Governor and State Legislators to direct the State budget surplus to fund maintenance of local roads.

Mayor Noonan State Budget Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Barthelmeh read the statement received from Mayor Noonan concerning the statutory revenue sharing increase and concerns with road repair.

Council Reports

Councilman Cuddington thanked the Dept. of Public Works for the snow removal and appreciation for their hard work. Councilwoman Montag thanked everyone who helped with the Ice Festival. Mayor Pro Tem Barthelmeh also thanked all for the wonderful Ice Festival/ Fireworks.

Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor

No report.

Building- Jerry Owczarzak

No report.

Fire- Kevin Wilseck, Chief

Chief Wilseck stated the Blood drive was a success and “saved” 42 lives. He also asked residents to adopt a fire hydrant, due to the extreme amount of snow, and keep it clear so if it is needed it would be readily accessible.

Police- Dave Faber, Chief

Chief Faber indicated that contrary to what the County Executive is stating; do not call 911 to report potholes. There are other phone numbers for this purpose.

DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent

Bill Lang, Superintendent, stated we are experiencing some frozen water lines throughout the City.

Public Hearing- Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update

Motion by Osladil, seconded by Montag, to open the public hearing. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Public hearing opened at 7:45 p.m. Jeff Schroeder and John Paul Rea, Macomb County Planning, were present to explain the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update which is a snapshot of where the community is at today, the future goals/ objectives and to spell out an action plan as related to parks and recreation. A 5 year plan is necessary to obtain grants for improvements. As there were no other public comments,

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motion by Montag, seconded by Sikora, to close the public hearing. Public hearing closed at 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Montag, seconded by Sikora, to adopt the resolution adopting the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan 2014-2018, as presented. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Public Hearing, Temporary Tents- 45108 Cass, 7636 & 7715 Auburn

Motion by Montag, seconded by Osladil, to open the public hearing. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Public hearing opened at 7:51 p.m.

A request for temporary tents at 45108 Cass, 7636 & 7715 Auburn from 3/16-18/2014 for the St. Patrick's Day celebrations. The tents at 7636 & 7715 Auburn will be over their patios while the 45108 Cass tent will be on City easement. The City Planner and Planning Commission recommend approval. As there were no other public comments, motion by Montag, seconded by Sikora, to close the public hearing. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Motion by Osladil, seconded by Cuddington, to approve the temporary tent request of 7636 & 7715 Auburn and 45108 Cass from 3/16-18/2014 with Hogs Hollow adding the City on the insurance policy. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Treasurer- Philip Paternoster

Budget Amendment- Heritage Park

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to approve the budget amendment to the General fund and the Trail Development fund in the amount of \$809.43 for final settlement of the Heritage Park Project FY2013. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Administration- Beth Ricketts, City Clerk

No report.

Library- Marsha Doege, Director

Marsha Doege, Director, informed all that tax forms are now available at the Library. She also gave a thank you to the Dept. of Public Works and Mayor Pro Tem Barthelmeh for snow removal. The book sale was a great success, thank you to all. There are still books available for purchase this week.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Barb Montag requested funds necessary to start planning, advertising and purchases for the Easter Egg Hunt, Michigan Week, Old Mill Arts & Craft show, Cruising to the Oldies, Labor Day Bridge Walk and the Tree Lighting.

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Cuddington, to approve the request for Parks and Recreation event seed money, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Historic District Commission

No report.

City Attorney- James McGrail

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No report.

Planning Commission

No report.

Senior Housing Steering Committee

No report.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

No report.

Bills Payable

Motion by Montag, seconded by Sikora, 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 Montag, seconded by Sikora, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Beth Ricketts
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City Clerk