

City of Utica
Regular Council Meeting
March 13, 2014

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan at 6:45 p.m.

Members present: Barthelmeh, Sikora, Osladil, Terenzi, Noonan

Absent: Montag, Cuddington

Executive Session

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, 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 7:32 p.m.

Minutes of 2/11 & 3/6/14

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Osladil, to approve the minutes of 2/11 & 3/6/14, with minor amendments to the minutes of 3/6/14. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Unfinished Business

None.

Consent Business

None.

Correspondence

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Sikora, to receive, file and approve the following correspondence: Bruce Bissonnette, Parks & Recreation Resignation, Linda Davis-Kirksey- Ice Festival Congratulations, Macro Petition & Resolution on Surplus Funds, Utica Lions Club, White Cane Drive April 24, 25 26 & May 1, 2, 3, Second Chance Network, Solicitation of 4/9-12 7/16-19/14. Mayor Noonan reminded solicitors that nothing is to be placed in the roadways. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

New Business

Department Reports

Mayor Noonan

Career Focus Luncheon 4/30-5/1/14

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to approve the participation in the annual Career Focus Luncheon of 4/30-5/1/14. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

April Council Meeting

A reminder was given that the April council meeting date will be April 15, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. with budget sessions immediately following.

Mayor Noonan thanked the Ice Festival Committee for their hard work and congratulations to the Lucky Leprechaun Race/Walk event which had 611 participants.

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Council Reports

None.

Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Sikora, to approve the tax tribunal with Cole LLC, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Building- Jerry Owczarzak

No report.

Fire- Kevin Wilseck, Chief

No report.

Police- Dave Faber, Chief

Request to Increase Fees

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Sikora, to approve the increase in fees, as presented.

Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent

Bill Lang, Superintendent, thanked Fire Chief Wilseck for helping out plowing snow when the DPW was short of manpower.

Treasurer- Philip Paternoster

Phil Paternoster, Treasurer, reminded all that tax payments must now be paid at Macomb County Treasurers office as the due date of 2/28/14 has passed.

Administration- Beth Ricketts, City Clerk

MML Liability & Property Pool Refund

Beth Ricketts, City Clerk, informed Council that the City received a refund of premiums in the amount of \$17,066.00 from the MML Liability & Property Pool.

Election Commission Appointment

Motion by Osladil, seconded by Barthelmeh, to appoint Jim McGrail, City Attorney, Nancy Strehl, Assessor and Beth Ricketts, City Clerk, to the Election Commission as required by State law. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Library- Marsha Doege, Director

No report.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Mayor Noonan informed all that the DNR has accepted our Parks and Recreation 5 year Plan.

Historic District Commission

No report.

City Attorney- James McGrail

Jim McGrail, City Attorney, reminded Council that the new personnel manual needs to be reviewed by them prior to the next Council meeting.

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Planning Commission

The City received an award for using the Macomb County Planning Department as our planners.

Senior Housing Steering Committee

Phil Paternoster, Treasurer, reported that the steering committee has reviewed the operating fund for Senior Housing and is requesting a loan of \$30,000.00 along with a budget amendment to the Senior Housing operating fund, increase of \$42,000.00. This is due to the unanticipated replacement of 20 HVAC units.

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the loan of \$30,000.00 and the budget amendment in the amount of \$42,000.00 to the Senior Housing operating fund, as presented.

Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Phil Paternoster, Treasurer, informed Council that there currently is only one vacancy at senior housing along with a waiting list. The screening wall in the parking structure will have to be replaced due to shifting from the frost. Also there is a need to review the garage leasing for types of vehicles permitted.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

No report

Bills Payable

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the payment of all bills as presented.

Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Communication from the Public

Karolyn Dieter, resident, thanked all for the wonderful Ice Festival and chastised the vandals who destroyed a couple of sculptures.

Pam Sordyl spoke on Puppy Mill awareness; concerns with pet stores who purchase from puppy mills and the need for public education.

Executive Session

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to recess to executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Joseph Francis Health Care Request

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Barthelmeh, pursuant to the Admin Resolution and 37 years of service in two departments, approval of the City reimbursing Joe Francis \$175.00 monthly for spousal health care for one year, expires March 2015. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

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 8:09 p.m.

Beth Ricketts
CITY OF UTICA
City Clerk