

City of Utica
Regular Council Meeting
April 15, 2014

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan at 6:02 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Executive Session

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

The City Council meeting was reconvened by Mayor Noonan, who led the pledge of allegiance at 6:24 p.m.

Minutes of 3/13/14

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the minutes of 3/13/14. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Unfinished Business

None.

Consent Business

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the Utica/Shelby Township Kiwanis Club Charitable gaming related request. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Correspondence

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Montag, to receive, file and approve the following correspondence: David McCall, thank you, CARE of SE Michigan, decriminalization of marijuana concerns. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

New Business

Department Reports

Mayor Noonan

Second Chance Network- Solicitations

The City has received numerous complaints on unsafe and negligent while this group was soliciting funds in the streets. Mayor Noonan is revoking their permit for July solicitations as there is a danger to themselves and too much interference with traffic. They may find store front locations instead. Clerk to notify group of same.

Dedication of Downtown Canoe Launch

Thanks to a \$5,000.00 grant from ITC a second canoe launch location has been installed opposite Memorial Park. The dedication is Thursday, May 1st at 2:30 p.m. Mayor Noonan Thanked ITC for their donation.

Revenue Sharing Update

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Mayor Noonan informed all that according to a new report from the Citizens Research Council state tax revenues increased by \$1.2 billion from 2009 to 2012, while local tax revenues to be shared by the state declined by \$1.1 billion in the same time period. This is further proof that the state has balanced its budget at the expense of local communities.

Mayor Noonan also thanked the Carter family, Mayor Pro Tem Barthelmeh, all City Departments and volunteers for help with the Easter Egg Hunt.

Council Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Barthelmeh thanked the Dept. of Public Works for cleaning up the park, Senior citizens for egg stuffing, the Carter Family, Police and Fire personnel in helping with the Egg Hunt. Councilwoman Terenzi recently attended the MML Capital Conference and expressed how informative their sessions were on crowd funding, investing in small business.

Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor

No report.

Building- Jerry Owczarzak

No report. Mayor Noonan reminded new businesses that a meeting with the City Planner, Building Inspector and herself is highly recommended.

Fire- Kevin Wilseck, Chief

Goeddeke Resignation & Rehire

Motion by Osladil, seconded by Barthelmeh, to receive the resignation from Joseph Goeddeke, thanking him for his service and approve the rehiring of a past employee. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Fire Chief Wilseck also thanked firefighters Hurchalla, Charby, Littlefield, Azar and Myers for their help at the Easter Egg Hunt.

Barbeque Season Reminder

Chief Wilseck reminded all that residents living in apartment/ condominium complexes within the city that, under the ordinances of the City of Utica, the International Fire Code and the National Fire Protection Association, no hibachi, stove, propane-fueled grill or other similar devices used for cooking, heating or any other purpose shall be used or kindled on any balcony, under any overhanging portion or within 10ft. (3 m) of any structure. Violation is subject to a fine of \$100.00.

Police- Dave Faber, Chief

Vehicle Purchase Request

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Montag, to approve the request to purchase three utility vehicles, Ford Explorer, one sedan, Ford Taurus, along with the in-car computers, radar units and in-car video systems, as presented at a cost of \$324,000.00. As funds are available no financing will be necessary. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Shred Day

Chief Faber stated the annual shred day will be on June 7, from 10am to 1pm in the City Hall parking lot.

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DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent

No report.

Treasurer- Philip Paternoster

Computer Purchase Request

Phil Paternoster, Treasurer, requested to purchase six Dell computers necessitated by the discontinuance of Windows XP and the hardware demands of the BS&A.net platform. Motion by Noonan, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the purchase of six computers with installation with budget amendments as required. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Police & Fire Retirement Actuarial

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Osladil, to receive and file the actuarial impact of changes under consideration for police patrol. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Administration- Beth Ricketts, City Clerk

Change of Use/Occupancy Fee

Motion by Terenzi, seconded by Sikora, to approve the request to increase the change of use/occupancy fee by \$40.00 to cover clerical costs, total fee will be \$250.00. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Library- Marsha Doege, Director

No report.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Michigan Week will be celebrated with a City luncheon and student government day. Mayor Pro Tem Barthelmeh suggested replacement of the Easter Egg Hunt banner.

Historic District Commission

No report.

City Attorney- James McGrail

Personnel Policy

This item was tabled.

Planning Commission

No report.

Senior Housing Steering Committee

Riverside 175 is at 100% occupancy and there is a waiting list.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

No report.

Bills Payable

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

Communication from the Public

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Dennis Creagh, owner of Utica Pump, was present to state his concern with the temporary tent that Hogs Hollow installs as it interferes with traffic on Auburn Road.

Pam Sordyl spoke on Puppy Mill awareness; concerns with pet stores and informed Council of the letter they recently sent to the pet store located in the city limits.

Tanya Erwin, member of Puppy Mill Awareness, also has concerns with pet stores and questioned the A-frame sign on the sidewalk.

Adjournment

As there were no further comments from the public, motion by Montag, seconded by Terenzi to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Beth Ricketts
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City Clerk