

*City of Utica*  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**May 13, 2014**

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan at 7:10 p.m.

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

**Absent:** Barthelmeh

**Executive Session**

Motion by Osladil, seconded by Terenzi, to recess to executive session to discuss litigation and 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 7:34 p.m.

**Michigan Week Honorees**

In keeping the tradition of Michigan Week festivities, the City of Utica in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Commission honored the following: Diane Pozolo, Employee of the Year; Linda Davis-Kirksey, Outstanding Service; John Sattmann, Outstanding Service; ITC Holdings Corp., Special Recognition; Liberty Tax, Jim and Ann Reeves, Business and Volunteer of the Year. The Mayor expressed our appreciation for the extra service rendered to the community.

**Pastor Terrell, Restoration Ministries**

Pastor Terrell, Restoration Ministries, was present to thank and commend the Dept. of Public Works for their help with frozen pipes this winter. He presented a plaque in recognition of their excellent customer service, namely; Bill Lang, Ken Bonkowski and Michael Francis.

**American Legion Post 351 Poppy Days Request**

American Legion member Rena Svacha, was present to request permission for the annual Poppy Days as the number of vets are increasing and need more assistance than ever. Motion by Osladil, seconded by Sikora, to approve the request of the American Legion for their annual Poppy Days in the month of May. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

**Minutes of 4/15/14**

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Cuddington, to approve the minutes of 4/15/14. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

**Unfinished Business**

**Personnel Manual**

This item was tabled.

**Consent Business**

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**Utica & Eastpointe Lions Club Beer Tent Request**

Chris Harris and Jerry Noonan, members of the Utica Lions Club, were present to request permission to have a 40x40 beer tent and patio area at the Riverwalk Festival June 19-22 in the Library parking lot. They will be selling only beer and wine, all proceeds go to the Lions Club, they will provide security and secure the necessary license from the state. Motion by Terenzi, seconded by Sikora, to approve the Utica & Eastpointe Lions Club's beer tent request at the Riverwalk Festival, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

The Utica Lions Club also donated \$500 to the Senior Housing Complex for a bicycle rack. Mayor Noonan thanked them and reminded all that the Utica Lions Club also donated the swing in Memorial Park.

**Correspondence**

None.

**New Business**

**Department Reports**

**Mayor Noonan**

**Mayoral Appointment**

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to appoint Thomas Dionne of 45435 Cass to the Historic District Commission, as recommended by Mayor Noonan. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

**Riverwalk Festival June 16-22 Requests**

Linda Davis-Kirksey and John Sattmann, committee members, were present to request permission for the Riverwalk in June. There will be a carnival, petting zoo, stage with bands, vendor area, fireworks and road closures. Motion by Terenzi, seconded by Cuddington, to approve the Riverwalk requests, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

**Council Reports**

Councilmen Sikora and Osladil reported on the great success of the Career Focus Luncheon and how accomplished the sixth grade students of Ebeling and Burr Elementary presented themselves.

**Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor**

Motion by Montag, seconded by Sikora, to approve the tax tribunal settlement with Utica Park Place LLC, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

**Building- Jerry Owczarzak**

No report.

**Fire- Kevin Wilseck, Chief**

Motion by Terenzi, seconded by Osladil, to receive and file the resignation from Joseph Azar II.

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**Police- Dave Faber, Chief**

Chief Faber spoke on the application for a liquor license at the Sunoco Gas Station, 11335 Hall Rd. Motion by Noonan, seconded by Sikora, to submit an objection to the Liquor Commission, as recommended by the City Attorney. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Chief Faber also informed all that National Police Week is next week and he thanked his department for all their service throughout the year.

**DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent**

No report.

**Treasurer- Philip Paternoster**

**BS&A Tax, Assessing, Building Software Update Request**

Phil Paternoster, Treasurer, requested to upgrade the BS&A Tax, Assessing and Building software programs to the .NET program to enhance functions between the departments and adding electronic exports currently not available.

Motion by Terenzi, seconded by Montag, to approve the request to upgrade the BS&A Tax, Assessing and Building Programs, cost not to exceed \$16,650 with the FY14 budget amendments to Assessing-101209980000, \$4510; Treasurer-101253980000, \$4550 and Building- 249216981000, \$7590, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

**Administration- Beth Ricketts, City Clerk**

**Zoning Ordinance Fee Request**

Motion by Terenzi, seconded by Sikora, to increase the zoning ordinance application fees, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

**Website Upgrade Request**

Beth Ricketts, City Clerk, explained the need to revamp our current website to provide a new look, layout, navigation and compatibility with different electronic devices. The project was bid out and Revize Design is the lowest bidder with high recommendations. The DDA will be paying for one third of the cost.

Motion by Terenzi, seconded by Cuddington, to approve the request to have the website re-built by Revize Design, at a cost of \$2500 with an annual fee of \$900, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

**Library- Marsha Doege, Director**

No report.

**Parks and Recreation Commission**

Mayor Noonan reminded all that Student Government Day will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2014.

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No report.

**City Attorney- James McGrail**

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Montag, to approve the payment of the arbitration costs as explained by Jim McGrail, City Attorney. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

**Planning Commission**

Steve Cassin, the City Planner, informed Council of Jake's Fireworks going into 11285 Hall Rd. and that they have received site plan approval.

**Senior Housing Steering Committee**

**Rules and Regulation Updates**

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Sikora, to approve the updates to the Senior Housing Rules and Regulations, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

A thank you was given to the Utica Lions Club for the donation of a bike rack to Senior Housing.

**Brownfield Redevelopment Authority**

No report.

**Bills Payable**

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, 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 Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Beth Ricketts  
CITY OF UTICA  
City Clerk