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City of Utica
Regular Council Meeting
January 13, 2009

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan, who led the pledge of allegiance at 7:31 p.m.

Members present: Figurski, Kraft, Sikora, Baker, Barthelmeh, Osladil, Noonan

Absent: None

Presentation of Sam's Club Teacher of the Year Resolution

Mayor Noonan presented a proclamation to UCS Teacher Zita Burton, Utica resident, on her recent Sam's Club award. Ms. Burton has taught a Havel Elementary for 34 years and has lived in Utica for most of that time.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Appointment of New Members

Mayor Noonan recommended appointing Tom Pomeranski and Ed Nowalski to the P&R Commission. Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Sikora, to appoint Tom Pomeranski and Ed Nowalski as recommended by Mayor Noonan. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Annual P&R Events

P&R Chairman Barb Montag requested blanket permission for signage, banners etc. for the upcoming calendar of Parks and Recreation events. The Polish Century Club is partnering with the P&R for the Old Mill Arts & Crafts/Polish Festival in July and will be bringing in entertainment as well as food and beer. The City has requested that the City be named as an additional insured on the PCC liability insurance for the event.

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Sikora, to grant permission for the signage, beer tent, banners, etc, as requested. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

County Commissioner Ken Lampar

County Commissioner Ken Lampar introduced himself to the Council and promised that he would be returning regularly.

Minutes of 12/9/08

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to approve the minutes of 12/9/08 as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Unfinished Business

Telephone System

Results of the telephone system bids were distributed. Lowest bid was Business Communication Systems, Inc. was \$28772.80 after rebates. Bid included a 5 year warranty on all parts. This bid does not include any upgrades to the DSS recording system for the police department telephone lines.

Motion by Kraft, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the bid submitted by Business Communication Systems, Inc., cost not to exceed \$36500 including DSS upgrades. Voting by roll, 6 ayes, 1 absent temporarily, motion **CARRIED**.

Consent Business

No business.

Correspondence

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Kraft, to receive and file the correspondence received from Edward and Sharon Jeffery, Nancy Carter and Frank Olejniczak. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

New Business

Department Reports

Mayor Noonan

Library Board Appointment

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Osladil, to appoint Kathy Tracy to a 5 year term to the Utica Library Board as recommended by the Mayor. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Council Reports

No reports.

Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor

No report.

Building- Ed Durbin

Demolition Bid

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Sikora, to approve the demolition bid submitted by Casino Building at \$6044 for the Brownell address, liability insurance to include the City as an additional insured. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent

No report.

Fire- Kevin Wilseck, Chief

Mutual Aid Agreement with Tacom

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Kraft, to enter into the mutual aid agreement with Tacom for possible aircraft emergencies. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Chief Wilseck thanked the Council and the Building department for allowing the Fire Department to use the house on Brownell for training before demolition.

Police- Mike Reaves, Chief

E-Citations program

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the participation in the E-citation program and to purchase the associated hardware, cost not to exceed \$7000, funds from the oui fund and the towing administration fund. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Refurbishing and Purchase of Equipment

Motion by Osladil, seconded by Sikora, to approve the request to refurbish the existing shotguns and to purchase an additional 2 guns as presented by Chief Reaves. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Treasurer- Philip Paternoster

Act 345 Actuarial Valuation 6/30/07 and Supplemental Valuation

After reviewing the Actuarial Valuation 6/30/07 and Supplemental Valuation for the Act 345 plan and noting that there were no material dangers to the plan, motion by Noonan, seconded by Sikora, to accept the Actuarial Valuation for 6/30/07 and the Supplemental Valuation due to closing the Act 345 plan to new hires in the police department and the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief as indicated in the recent revision of the Police Contract and the Administration Resolution. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to ratify the police bargaining units' contracts and Administration Resolution as amended. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Administration- Cathy McGrail, City Clerk

Administrative Office Closings and Council Meetings for 2009

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Barthelmeh, to accept the office closings and the Council meetings for 2009, changing the April meeting to April 7, 2009. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Clinton River Watershed Council Dues

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the Clinton River Watershed Council dues for 2009 as budgeted. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

CDBG Public Hearing

The CDBG Public hearing will be held on 2/10/09 at 8:00 p.m. Anticipated funds to be allocated are \$33,000. No action required.

SUS Chamber of Commerce

The SUSCC will be hosting the annual State of the Community Luncheon on 1/28/09 at Cherry Creek. Interested parties may contact the Chamber or the City Clerk.

MML Liability Premium 2009

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Figurski, to approve the MML Liability premium for 2009 at \$129,873, a \$5,000 reduction from 2008 premium. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Library- Marsha Doege, Director

Annual Book Sale

Library Director Marsha Doege informed all of the annual book sale to be held on 2/14 and bag day on 2/15/09. All funds will go to the Library.

Historic District Commission

Awards

Awards were presented by HDC Chairman Bruce Fisher to Mr. & Mrs. Sunday and Elyse Wykes for the beautiful reconstructions on this homes. No action required.

City Attorney

No report.

Planning Commission

No report.

Senior Housing Steering Committee

No report.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

No report.

Bills Payable

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

Communication from the Public

Don, representing Snookers Poker Fund Raising, was present to request clarification as to what is needed to allow no limit charity poker at Snookers. The state of Michigan has issued a gaming license through the lottery bureau to the various charity groups.

Review by the City Attorney and the Planner indicated that nothing was required by either the Planning Commission or the City Council. The Police Department will monitor the events. No action required.

Councilman Baker complained that the Source newspapers are being thrown in the driveways or road and clogging up the snow blowers.

Adjournment

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

M. Catherine McGrail
CITY OF UTICA
City Clerk