

City of Utica
Regular Council Meeting
October 9, 2007

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan at 6:55 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Executive Session

Motion by Kraft, seconded by Barthelmeh, to recess to executive session to discuss personnel issues. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting recessed at 6:55 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 7:32 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business

Department Reports

Mayor Noonan

New Firefighters Oath of Office

Mayor Noonan administered the Oath of Office for Firefighters Christopher Hella and Curtis Verriest.

Welcome Ramala Teachers and Students

Mayor Noonan and Council welcomed the teachers and students visiting Utica through the St. Lawrence Children's Peace Project. The students will remain here until the first of November attending school at St. Lawrence and partaking of all local experiences. Each visitor received a welcome bag and personal welcomes from all Council members and the Mayor.

Minutes of 9/11/07

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Kraft, to approve the minutes of 9/11/07. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Unfinished Business

Meade Lexus, Conditional Use for Addition and Color Change

Cindy Dameron, Meade Lexus Facilities Manager, and Daniel Connell were present to request conditional use approval for the 9'x20' addition for the tire balancing equipment and the exterior color change for the building, trim and light poles. Planning Commission reviewed the request and recommended approval.

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Figurski, to approve the conditional use request for the 9'x20' addition and the color change for Meade Lexus, 45001 Northpointe Blvd. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Correspondence

Email was received from Peter Weiksner regarding the safety of our Fire Department responders on emergency runs. Mayor Noonan asked that the press in attendance do some follow up stories on this matter.

Council Reports

No report.

Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor

No report.

Building- Ed Durbin

No report.

DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent

No report but the department thanks Council for approving the sweeper which was an exceptional buy.

Fire- John Clark, Chief

Budget Amendment

Chief Clark requests that a budget amendment be made to reflect the additional revenue of \$5622.80 for the SAFER grant funds received which cover the cost of training fire inspectors (wages, tuition, books, and exam).

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Baker, to approve the request for a budget amendment for \$5622.80 additional revenue for FY 07/08. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Miscellaneous Updates

Fire Chief Clark updated Council on the Fire Prevention Week schedule, purchase of the 12 lead monitors, first quarter report and the first year attendance for Executive Fire Officer at the National Fire Academy.

Police- Mike Reaves, Chief

Traffic Grant 2008 – Budget Amendment Request

Police Chief Reaves requests a budget amendment be made for additional revenues to be received for the traffic grant for additional enforcement of traffic violations. The amount of the requested budget amendment for FY 07/08 is \$10,075.84.

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Figurski, to approve the request for a budget amendment for \$10,075.84 additional revenue for FY 07/08. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Hometown Hero's Program – Cheeseburger in Paradise

Officers Bowman and Hunt were recognized by Cheeseburger in Paradise for their Hometown Hero's Program as well as Sgt. Healy. All three were recognized for their outstanding police work.

Chamber of Commerce – Safe, Secure and Smart Program

Chief Reaves informed Council of the Chamber of Commerce program for the area businesses, Safe, Secure and Smart Program, dealing with criminal issues that affect their bottom line.

Michigan State Police

Chief Reaves had received a letter from the State Police Commander Robert Clark regarding their intent to add two (2) troopers to the Utica Police Department location if and when space becomes available.

Citizens Academy, TV Cameras

Chief Reaves updated all on the Citizens Academy which is still accepting applications and the use of in-car TV cameras.

Conditional Offer of Employment

Chief Reaves requests permission to extend a conditional offer of employment to the part time dispatcher. Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the request to extend a conditional offer of employment to the part time dispatcher and to advertise for additional part time dispatchers. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Treasurer- Philip Paternoster

No report.

Administration- Cathy McGrail, City Clerk

City Clerk indicated that the election inspectors, in accordance with the state law, will be requesting photo identification of all voters on November 6, 2007. If the voter does not have their id on them at the precinct, affidavits will be available for the voter to use attesting to their identity.

Library- Marsha Doege, Director

No report.

Parks and Recreation Commission

No report.

Historic District Commission

No report.

City Attorney

No report.

Planning Commission

No report.

Senior Housing Steering Committee

The Committee informed Council that as of 10/1/07, Robert Lootens is the handyman/maintenance man for the Senior Housing apartment.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

No report.

Bills Payable

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

Halloween Bazaar, Temporary Use Permit/Inflatable and Light Tower

Douglas Burda, representing Halloween Bazaar at 45250 Northpointe, was present to request the use of a Godzilla inflatable and a 20 ft. 4-light tower for their location.

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Sikora, to approve the request of a Godzilla inflatable, not to exceed 35 feet, to be placed on the roof top and a 20 ft. 4-light tower at Halloween Bazaar at 45250 Northpointe for 30 days. All permits are required. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Communication from the Public

William Jones, 45230 Custer, indicated that he does not approve of the museum, that it will be too costly.

Marcia Storrison read a statement regarding the upcoming election.

Douglas Burda, Halloween Bazaar, requested the use of search lights. No action taken.

Adjournment

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

M. Catherine McGrail
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City Clerk