

City of Utica
Regular Council Meeting
November 1, 2011

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

Members present: Figurski, Kraft, Sikora, Barthelmeh, Osladil, Carter, Noonan
Absent: None

Executive Session

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Kraft, to recess to executive session to discuss litigation.
Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting recessed to executive session at 7:11 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:31 p.m. and the Mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of 10/11/11

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Kraft, to approve the minutes of 10/11/11 as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Consent Business

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Kraft, to approve the Utica Lions Annual Candy Cane Drive request for 11/18-20/11. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Correspondence

Communication was received from NFPA regarding Randall Bawkon successful completion of the Certified Fire Inspector exam. No action required.

New Business

Department Reports

Mayor Noonan

Michigan Association of Broadcasters

Mayor Noonan informed all of the upcoming national FEMA and FCC Emergency Alert System on 11/9/11 at 2:00 p.m. running 3 minutes in length. No action required.

Mayor Noonan thanked Mayor Pro Tem Barthelmeh for filling in for her during her recent absence from the office.

Council Reports

No report.

Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor

Tax Tribunal

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the tentative agreement with Villa Nova as outlined in the executive session. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Building- Gary Moscone

No report.

Fire- Kevin Wilseck, Chief

MEMAC

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to join MEMAC for the benefit of the community. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

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Open House

Chief Wilseck presented a report on the successful Open House as prepared by Randall Bawkon. No action required.

New Hire Testing

There will be new hire testing on Thursday, 11/10/11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fire Department training room. No action required.

Police- Dave Faber, Interim Chief

Target Agreement

Chief Faber informed Council of the Target Agreement for Friday after Thanksgiving assistance, from our Police Department, beginning at midnight. Target will reimburse the City for all additional costs.

Both the Police and Fire Chief thank Sam's Club for the recent donation, as well as the Utica Kiwanis for their donation to the Police Department.

DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent

DPW Superintendent Bill Lang reminded residents that the department will begin their hydrant winterization program. Allow your water to run for a couple of minutes if it appears cloudy.

Treasurer- Philip Paternoster

Senior Housing Deficit Elimination Plan and Budget Amendment

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Sikora, to adopt the Deficit Elimination Plan and budget amendment as presented by the Treasurer, transferring \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Senior Housing Operating Fund. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

BS&A.net Annual Service and Support Fees

Motion by Carter, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the payment for the BS&A.net Annual Service and Support fees, cost not to exceed general fund \$3,660 and water and sewer fund \$925.00. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Administration- Cathy McGrail, City Clerk

Compensation Commission

Compensation Commission met on 10/18 and recommended no changes for the elected officials compensation. Council took no action on the recommendation; therefore it will pass.

Proposed Holiday Closing

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the closing of the Administration office December 27-29, charging such time to the employee's individual banks. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Library- Marsha Doege, Director

Annual Bake Sale

Marsha Doege, Library Director, informed all of the upcoming Bake Sale on Saturday, December 10 at the Library. Donations are welcomed and shoppers are encouraged to attend and pick up their Christmas goodies while supporting the Library.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Annual Christmas Lighting Evening

Mayor Noonan announced that the annual Christmas Lighting evening will be Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fire Hall.

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Historic District Commission

No report.

City Attorney

No report.

Planning Commission

No report.

Senior Housing Steering Committee

No report.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

No report.

Bills Payable

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

Communication from the Public

None.

Adjournment

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Sikora, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

M. Catherine McGrail
CITY OF UTICA
City Clerk