

City of Utica
Regular Council Meeting
December 11, 2007

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan at 6:48 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Executive Session

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to recess to executive session for the discussion of personnel matters. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting recessed to executive session at 6:49 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened by Mayor Noonan, who led the pledge of allegiance at 7:40 p.m.

Fire Department Awards

John Clark, Fire Chief, presented the awards to Randy Bawkon, 25 years of service, Assistant Fire Chief Randy Plante, Fire Officer of the Year and David McClain, Fire Fighter of the Year.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Barb Montag, P&R Chairperson, was present to request permission for the upcoming 2008 events, including but not limited to Ice Spectacular on 2/16, Easter Egg Hunt on 3/15, Fun Run and Michigan Week activities, Old Mill Arts & Crafts on 7/26 (including permission for the beer/liquor license), Car Show and the Christmas Festival. Permission to include signage, banners, use of easements, residential streets, etc.

Motion by Sikora, Osladil, to authorize the P&R Commission to go ahead with the plans for 2008 and to grant permission for all the activities requested. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Minutes of 11/13/07

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Figurski, to approve the minutes of 11/13/07 as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Correspondence

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Figurski, to receive and file the letter of thanks received from the UCS Law Enforcement Class. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

New Business

Department Reports

Mayor Noonan

MNR Trust Fund

Mayor Noonan updated all on the recent grant received from the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund for the completion of the hike and bike trail, amount of the grant is \$350,000, matching funds have been committed by the DDA and P&R.

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Kraft, to send a letter of thanks to the MNR Trust Fund for their approval of our grant application. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Fiscal Distress Indicators

According to the recent research project funded by the Michigan Department of Treasury, the City of Utica has scored zeros on the 2006 fiscal year score. This means that the City is in good financial shape with prudent spending and accurate reporting. No action required.

MCP & ED – Clinton River

Council members were given the MCP & ED Clinton River Connection information sheet as prepared by the Macomb County Planning and Economic Development Department. No action required.

Inauguration

The inauguration of the newly elected officials will take place on Sunday, 12/23/07 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. All are welcome.

Council Reports

No report.

Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor

No report.

Building- Ed Durbin

State Construction Codes Updates

Building Inspector Ed Durbin requests that Council adopt the following updated codes as required by the State Construction Code: Michigan Plumbing Code, 2006 (effective date 1/24/08), National Electrical Code, 2005 (effective 11/23/07) and the Michigan Mechanical Code, 2006 (effective 12/3/07).

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Figurski, to adopt the above referenced codes as requested. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent

No report.

Fire- John Clark, Chief

Emergency Repairs/Ladder Truck, Payment and Budget Amendment

Fire Chief Clark requests permission to pay the emergency repairs for the ladder truck from Fund Balance and to amend the budget for 2007-08 budget by \$3,508.47.

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Baker, to authorize the payment of the repairs and to amend the budget for 2007-08 by the same figure. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Annual Airpack Inspection

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Kraft, to approve the request for the annual inspection and flow test for self contained breathing apparatus units, to be paid from 101-336-931-000 in the amount of \$1500. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Miscellaneous

Fire chief Clark updated all on the status of the bay floors, walls and ceiling in the department from the recent renovations. Motion by Figurski, seconded by Kraft, to send a letter of thanks to Ray Ahonen, for all his hard work. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Chief also thanked the Library for allowing the First Aid Presentation for the Weeblos to be conducted in the Gibbing Room during the recent renovations.

Police- Mike Reaves, Chief

No report.

Treasurer- Philip Paternoster

No report although he did remind property owners that the last day to pay taxes in person is 12/28 as the offices are closed on the 28th until 1/2/08.

Administration- Cathy McGrail, City Clerk Snookers, Local Approval Notice, LCC

Snookers/Ramidon has applied for a dance permit with their liquor license. Per the state's regulations, the local community must review and make a recommendation to the state regarding the issuance of the license.

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to recommend the approval of the dance permit and liquor license for Snookers, 45100 Northpointe Blvd. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

2008 Schedules

The 2008 schedule of Administrative Office Closings and Council meeting was presented. No action required.

Vadim Software

Vadim Software has presented their annual bill for hardware and software support. Due to the ongoing software review, the billing is for one quarter.

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Osladil, to approve the quarterly payment to Vadim for the hardware and software support for 12/15 to 3/15/07 as requested. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Presidential Primary Election, 1/15/08

City Clerk explained the requirement of the voters declaring their party in order to receive a ballot for the election. If the voter does not state their party, no ballot can be issued.

Library- Marsha Doege, Director

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Kraft, to affirm the Mayor's recommendation of appointment of Clare Baxter to the Library Board for the City, term to expire 12/31/2012. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Historic District Commission

No report.

City Attorney

Co-Counsel Expense

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to pay the co-counsel bill of \$2875 and to amend the budget accordingly to \$4,000. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Planning Commission

No report.

Senior Housing Steering Committee

The committee updated Council that 3 furnace units have been replaced to date.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

No report.

Bills Payable

Motion by Baker, 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 Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

M. Catherine McGrail
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City Clerk