

City of Utica
Regular Council Meeting
March 9, 2010

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan at 6:50 p.m.

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

Absent: Kraft

Executive Session

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Sikora, to recess to executive session to discuss personnel and litigation issues. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Meeting reconvened at 7:36 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Noonan thanked Mayor Pro Tem Barthelmeh for his assistance in her absence.

Minutes of 2/9/2010

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Sikora, to approve the minutes of 2/9/2010 as amended. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Unfinished Business

None.

Consent Business

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the Annual Utica Lions White Cane Drive, 4/23-5/2/2010 as requested. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Correspondence

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to receive and file the resolution from Shelby Township regarding 312 Arbitration and to send a comparable resolution from the City of Utica. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

New Business

Department Reports

Mayor Noonan

HCMA Lease Amendment

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the HCMA Lease Amendment as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Transportation Enhancement Grant

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Sikora, to reaffirm the Utica Pedestrian Bridge/Heritage Park, Transportation Enhancement Project as awarded by MDOT and to authorize the Mayor to sign the required documents. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to authorize the Mayor to sign the amendment as presented by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED** for the development Project Agreement for the Clinton River Hike Bike Trail Development, TF 07-054. Funding for the project is from the Parks and Recreation Commission, Downtown Development Authority and Act 51 funds.

Census

Mayor Noonan expressed concerns about the upcoming census and urged all residents to complete the form and mail it in immediately.

Council Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Barthelmeh thanked all employees and department heads who helped him out during the Mayor's absence.

Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor

No report.

Building- Ed Durbin

No report.

DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent

DPW Superintendent Bill Lang updated all on the length of time for the MDOT permit for the installation of the remaining way finding signs.

Fire- Kevin Wilseck, Chief

Ambulance Rate Revisions

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Figurski, to revise the ambulance fees as recommended by Fire Chief Kevin Wilseck. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Revised fees range from ALSII at \$750 for non-resident and \$710 for resident to BLS at \$570 for non resident and \$415 for resident.

SCBA Testing

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the annual testing and calibrating of the air packs and gas detectors for the Fire Department as requested by the Fire Chief. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Testing is budgeted in 101-336-931.000.

Police- Mike Reaves, Chief

Police Chief Mike Reaves publicly thanked Utica/Shelby Kiwanis, Utica Lions for their contributions for the Child Identification project; Marty Clauw, Elegant Jewelers for his donation for the K#9 program.

Chief also updated all on the SDD license request for 8100 Hall Road, Discover Church update and the DARE program.

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No action required.

Treasurer- Philip Paternoster

Government Pay Express

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the implementation of the GovPay EXP as outlined by the Treasurer Phil Paternoster. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Deficit Elimination Plan – Senior Housing

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Figurski, to approve by resolution the deficit elimination plan for Senior Housing as presented by Treasurer Paternoster. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Administration- Cathy McGrail, City Clerk

Census Take 10

City Clerk again reiterated the need for the census response and the availability of assistance if needed.

Library- Marsha Doege, Director

Census

Library Director Marsha Doege indicated that the Gibbing Room will be a “Be Counted Site” from March 19 thru April 15, 2010 for anyone who needs assistance in completing the form, did not receive the form or is homeless.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Grant Park.

Historic District Commission

No report.

City Attorney

No report.

Planning Commission

No report. The next meeting is April 13 at 5:00 p.m.

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**.

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Communication from the Public

Chuck Cuddington, newly retired DPW employee, thanked the Mayor and Council for hiring him 10 years ago.

Adjournment

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Osladil, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

M. Catherine McGrail

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City Clerk