

City of Utica
Regular Council Meeting
April 7, 2009

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan, who led the pledge of allegiance at 7:30 p.m.

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

Minutes of 3/10/09

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Kraft, to approve the minutes of 3/10/09 as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Unfinished Business

Utica Film Office was tabled until the May Council meeting.

Consent Business

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Kraft, to approve the Utica Lions Annual White Cane Drive, 4/24-5/3/09. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Correspondence

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Baker, to receive and file correspondence received from Teresa Brodsky and the Coraci Family. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

New Business

Department Reports

Mayor Noonan

Shawn Keenan, Clinton River Watershed President

Shawn Keenan, president of the Clinton River Watershed Council, presented a proclamation to the City of Utica for their continued support of the Council and encouraged all to get out and enjoy the Clinton River.

Clinton River Connection

Mayor Noonan distributed brochures touting the Clinton River as a vacation destination and showed the various areas for activities. No action required.

Public Hearing 7:45 p.m.

Sterling Heights Area Chamber of Commerce Temporary Use Request

Motion by Kraft, seconded by Baker, to open the public hearing. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Public hearing opened at 7:46 p.m.

Wayne Oehmke, Executive Director of the Sterling Heights Area Chamber of Commerce, was present to request approval of the temporary use request which would allow the Chamber to hold their annual carnival at Shelby Corners June 4-14, 2009.

Review by departments indicated that the location needed to be closer to Kroger to avoid congestion near the Taco Bell drive; all trailers are to be parked at the rear of the shopping center, away from the condos back yards; emergency exits to be across from each other. With this in mind, Planning Commission recommended approval, and no objections were indicated by the planner.

As there were no comments from the public, motion by Sikora, seconded by Kraft, to close the public hearing. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED. Public hearing closed at 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Kraft, seconded by Sikora, to approve the temporary use request for the Sterling Heights Area Chamber of Commerce for June 4-14, 2009 as presented with the recommendations by Planning Commission. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

National Treasure Day

Bruce Fisher and Mayor Noonan proposed a National Treasure Day to recognize and celebrate all area residents who are 90 and older. The event will be held on Carl Altz's birthday, June 16 and will be celebrated with a breakfast provided by Mayor Noonan. It is a way to give back to those people who have a beautiful history with the area and are able to share their memories with others.

Michigan Historic Preservation Network

Communication was received from Michigan Historic Preservation Network regarding the membership renewal. No action required.

Council Reports

No report.

Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor

No report.

Building- Ed Durbin

No report.

DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent

National Work Zone Awareness Week

DPW Superintendent notified all that April 6-10, 2009 is National Work Zone Awareness Week and reminded all to slow down in construction zones to save a life.

Cass/Auburn Restoration

DPW Superintendent notified all that the Cass/Auburn restoration will begin once the winter is over. Residents or businesses that have concerns may call the DPW and discuss them with Mr. Lang.

Fire- Kevin Wilseck, Chief

No report.

**Police- Mike Reaves, Chief
Permission to Order Vehicles**

Motion by Baker, seconded by Kraft, to grant permission to the Police Chief to order the required number of vehicles as required by the collective bargaining agreement. Voting all ayes by roll, motion CARRIED.

Miscellaneous Information

Chief Reaves indicated that 4/29 is the annual Dare fundraiser when the chief waits on tables. This year the event will be at the Texas Roadhouse at Mound and M59.

Chief also announced that 5/9 is the Annual Shred Day, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Municipal parking lot.

Treasurer- Philip Paternoster

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Baker, to pay Rodwan Consulting Company \$7,800 for the actuarial services for post retirement review and to amend the budgets as presented. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

Administration- Cathy McGrail, City Clerk

UCS Election May 5, 2009

City Clerk notified all that the UCS will be having their school board election and milage bond request at the May 5, 2009 election. Interested parties may obtain absentee ballots from the clerk's office.

Library- Marsha Doege, Director

No report.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Mayor Noonan, on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Commission, thanked all the volunteers for the Easter Egg Hunt: Beth Manz, Easter Egg Hunt Chairman, Barb Montag, Amanda Davies, Mayor Noonan, Mary and Don Figurski, Kim Figurski, Daniel Figurski, Phil Figurski, Christina Figurski, Jerry Noonan, Margaret Casey, Ruth Manz, Cathy McGrail, Barb Wenzel, Diane Pozolo, Marie Gratopp, Lori Schmidt, and of course all the City Departments including the Department of Public Works, Police and Fire.

Historic District Commission

No report.

City Attorney

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Kraft, to authorize the City Clerk to sign the escrow agreements required for the fire truck financing. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

Planning Commission

No report.

Senior Housing Steering Committee

No report.

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

Mary Lou Kinney, resident of 7650 Greeley, spoke about the Riverside 175 apartments.

Adjournment

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Kraft, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion

CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

M. Catherine McGrail

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City Clerk