

***City of Utica***  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**May 11, 2010**

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

Mayor Noonan asked for a moment of silence in honor of Officer Paul Kowaleski who passed away on 5/2/2010.

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

**Minutes of 4/13, 5/4/2010**

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the minutes of 4/13 and 5/4/2010 as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

**Unfinished Business**

**Purchase and Credit Card Policy**

This item is tabled until the 6/8/2010 meeting.

**Consent Business**

None.

**Correspondence**

Correspondence was received from the family of Joseph F. Jeannette, II and the Mayor and Council again offer their condolences to the family.

**New Business**

**Department Reports**

**Mayor Noonan**

**Upcoming Events**

Mayor reported the following upcoming events: Mayor's Exchange on 5/17, Student Government Day on 5/20, Vassar visit on 5/26, Arts & Crafts on 7/24-25, and Antique Car Show on 8/7. There is no Fun Run scheduled this year.

Mayor also reported that she has been appointed to the Clinton River Watershed Directors.

**Council Reports**

Osladil reported that the Career Focus Day was an excellent opportunity for both the children and himself to exchange information.

**Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor**

No report.

**Building- Ed Durbin**

No report.

**DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent  
Public Wastewater & Drinking Water Unit**

DPW Superintendent Lang reported that the DNR&E has rated the water system satisfactory and in compliance with all required plans and programs. No action required.

**Fire- Kevin Wilseck, Chief  
Thomas Racine's Resignation**

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to accept the Racine resignation with thanks. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

**Southwest Brakes**

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Kraft, to pay the bill for Southwest Brakes for the parts to repair engine 2 brakes. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

**Shelby Township Fire Department**

Fire Chief Wilseck thanked the Shelby Township fire department for covering the City of Utica so our department could attend the funeral for Officer Kowaleski.

**Police- Mike Reaves, Chief  
Computer Software and Network Peripherals**

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Sikora, to approve the purchase of the computer software and network peripherals as requested by Chief Reaves, cost not to exceed \$9,000, funded in equipment maintenance 101-301-931-000. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Motion by Sikora, seconded by Figurski, to amend the budget with a transfer from 101-301-695-031, OWI fees, to cover the costs. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

**Miscellaneous Announcements**

Shred Day is Saturday, May 15. Thursday, May 20 the police department representatives will be at Riverside at 7:00 p.m., Macomb County Board of Commissioners proclaim May 9-15 as National Police Week in Macomb County, thank you was received from UCS students. Places of worship in the City will be completing a security review in the near future. Chief Reaves indicated that he has been appointed to the Southeastern Michigan Police Chief's Association and the MML Law Enforcement Boards.

**Treasurer- Philip Paternoster**

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Barthelmeh, to table the Water and Sewer rate study until 6/8/2010 meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

**Administration- Cathy McGrail, City Clerk**

No report.

**Library- Marsha Doege, Director**

No report.

**Parks and Recreation Commission**

No report.

**Historic District Commission**

Reminder for all that advanced copies of the Utica History book can be reserved now at reduced rates.

**City Attorney**

No report.

**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**.

**List Properties**

Charles List, owner of 44618 Davis, was present to request the waiver of the late charges on second bill as they did not receive the bill after they took back the property in November. Once they realized there was a 2<sup>nd</sup> bill, they did pay 2/3 of the amount.

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Figurski, to waive the penalties on the 2<sup>nd</sup> bill for 44618 Davis, not to exceed \$138.03. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. This motion does not set any precedence for future bills.

**Craig Weis, 45276 Vanker**

Mr. Weis was present to request waiver of sewer charges on his recent bill. A pipe by the sump pump broke during the winter and ran into the sump area and was not recognized by the homeowner.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Baker, to waive 3/4 of the sewer charges once verified by the DPW for accuracy and verification of the deposit of the water. If any chance of the water going into the sewers, the motion is void. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

**Jason Palazzolo, Fire Department Billing**

Jason Palazzolo was present to request a reduction in the billing he received from the fire department for a hazardous spill due to a car accident. Mr. Palazzolo admits fault for the accident but feels that the bill should be reduced. Since the majority of the bill was for man hours and the City already paid the employees, reduction of the billing is not possible.

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Sikora, to approve a 24 month payment plan of \$75 each month, if payment is missed, after 60 days the account must be paid in full. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

**Jeffry Sprys, County Commissioner Candidate**

Jeffry Sprys, County Commissioner Candidate for district 13, was present to introduce himself and offer any assistance with any county offices.

**Mary Lou Kinney**

Mary Lou Kinney, Riverside 175 resident was present to request a start date for balcony repairs and status of the community room door repairs.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Figurski, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

M. Catherine McGrail  
CITY OF UTICA  
City Clerk