

*City of Utica*  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**May 12, 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:** Figurski, Kraft, Sikora, Baker, Barthelmeh, Osladil, Noonan  
**Absent:** None

**Minutes of 4/7/09**

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Baker, to approve the minutes of 4/7/09 as submitted. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

**Police Awards**

Recognition and appreciation awards were presented to Mr. & Mrs. Cox and Mr. Brandon Gildner for the observation and action in two separate incidents; Mrs. Sandy Wilhelm for the donation to establish the K-9 unit, K-9 Officer Bear; Mr. Ray Holdwick from Rocko's Pet Depot and Michelle Groth from Breeders Choice Pet Supply Co for their assistance with the K-9 unit and also for the bullet proof vest for Officer Bear.

Departmental awards were presented to Dispatcher Donna Anderson for consistently taking a larger portion of the workload and for the recent preparation of the dispatch field training manual; Officer Gregory Morabito for numerous arrests in the retail fraud area, drug possessions and sales; Merit Citation for Officer Morabito for numerous felonies.

Mayor and Council thanked all who took such a special interest in our community and got involved instead of looking the other way.

**Unfinished Business**

**Utica Film Office**

The Utica Film Office Ad Hoc Committee of Mayor Noonan, Councilman Osladil and the City Attorney are continuing the work and hope to report back at next month's meeting.

**Consent Business**

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the resolution for Scleroderma Awareness Month as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

**Correspondence**

Motion by Osladil, seconded by Sikora, to receive and file correspondence received from the W.G. Osladil Family, DEQ Water Supply, Central Macomb Optimist Club, Utica Pioneers, UHS Law Enforcement Class of 08-09 and the State 9-1-1 Committee along with the Police Awards. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

**New Business**

**Department Reports**

**Mayor Noonan**

**SYO Computer Maintenance Contract**

A computer maintenance contract was presented from SYO for the Administration computers. The contract provided additional 2hrs on site visit twice per month for miscellaneous problems.

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Noonan, to approve the SYO Computer Maintenance Contract at a cost of \$3861 every 10 months for five budget years. Voting all ayes by roll, motion CARRIED.

**CDBG Program Amendment**

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to amend the 2009 CDBG allocation request for the Master Land Use Plan and allocate \$25,000 for the stair chair lift for Riverside 175, balance to remain for the Master Land Use Plan. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Kraft, to amend the 2009 CDBG allocation for the Senior Programming and allow the \$1500 funds to be used either from the 2009 allocation or the future stimulus funds at the county's discretion. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

**Victorian Festival, Romeo 5/16/09**

Mayor Noonan listed the events for the Victorian Festival in Romeo on 5/16/09. No action needed.

**Michigan Week Events**

Mayor Noonan listed the Michigan Week events for the City of Utica including the Heritage Luncheon, Fun Run and the Student Government Day. No action needed.

**Council Reports**

No report.

**Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor**

No report.

**Building- Ed Durbin**

No report.

**DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent**

**Request to purchase Pump and Electrical Services**

DPW Superintendent Bill Lang requested permission to purchase a semi-automatic storm pumpage system.

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to approve the request to purchase a semi-automatic storm pump system for the department, cost not to exceed \$10,000, funds in 101-441-788-000. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

**Fire- Kevin Wilseck, Chief**

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Sikora, to receive and file the resignation letter from Patrick Busch. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

**Police- Mike Reaves, Chief**

**National Police Week**

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Figurski, to approve the resolution proclaiming May 10-16 as National Police Week. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

**LCC Applications**

**Hyatt Place**

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Osladil, to recommend approval of the Liquor License for Hyatt Place as reviewed and recommended by the Police Department. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Barthelmeh, to recommend denial of the Liquor License for the Sunoco Station as Hall Road through the City is over saturated with liquor establishments. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

**Traffic Complaints**

Chief Reaves presented a packet of information regarding recent traffic complaints resulting in a request for a stop sign. Request was denied. No action required.

**PropertyRoom.com**

Chief Reaves presented information for Propertyroom.com; a company specializing selling/auctioning off of property. Participation in this group would help alleviate some of the space problem experienced by the department.

Motion by Kraft, seconded by Barthelmeh, to enter into an agreement with propertyroom.com for the disposal of property. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

**Clemis Maintenance Agreement**

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Kraft, to enter into the Maintenance Agreement with Clemis for all equipment including the Livescan equipment. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

**Treasurer- Philip Paternoster**

No report.

**Administration- Cathy McGrail, City Clerk**  
**Telegration and Business Communication Systems**

City Clerk Cathy McGrail informed Council of the support and assistance of both Telegration and Business Communication Systems on the new phone system; BCS even dispatched a technician at 3:00 a.m. when there was a potential problem. Both companies are local and Business Communication Systems are in Sterling Heights and have served the City well.

**Mayor's Exchange Schedule**

The schedule for Mayor's Exchange was distributed. No action required.

**Library- Marsha Doege, Director**

No report.

**Parks and Recreation Commission  
Chairman's Resignation**

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Kraft, to receive and file Barb Montag's letter of resignation as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

**Historic District Commission**

No report.

**City Attorney**

No report.

**Planning Commission**

**Conditional use, 45400 Utica Park Blvd.**

Burda Brothers had submitted conditional use application for a Halloween retail store and a fireworks store at 45400 Utica Park Blvd. Review by the planner, John Ambrose, indicated that the Halloween retail store could be approved but as in the past, no fireworks store is allowed. Planning Commission concurred.

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve conditional use for the Halloween retail store contingent upon site plan approval for 45400 Utica Park Blvd. and to deny the conditional use for a fireworks store at 45400 Utica Park Blvd. Voting by roll all ayes, motion CARRIED.

**Senior Housing Steering Committee**

Mayor Noonan indicated that Judith Kade has been hired to assist with the rentals of Riverside 175. No action taken.

**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**

No report.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Sikora, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

M. Catherine McGrail  
CITY OF UTICA  
City Clerk