

City of Utica
Special Council Meeting
November 22, 2011

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan at 3:03 p.m.

Members present: Figurski, Kraft, Osladil, Carter, Noonan

Absent: Barthelmeh, Sikora

Executive Session

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Kraft, to recess to executive session to discuss employee contracts at the request of the employees. Voting by roll, 5 ayes, 2 absent (Barthelmeh, Sikora). Motion CARRIED.

Meeting reconvened at 3:50 p.m.

Health Care Benefits

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Figurski, to enter into agreement with BCBS for Simply Blue HRA 4000 and to endorse Section 8 of Act No. 152 of Public Acts of 2011 allowing the City of Utica to exempt itself from the requirements of the act for the next succeeding year with a 2/3 vote. Voting by roll, 5 ayes, 2 absent, motion CARRIED.

Chamber of Commerce

Wayne Oehmke, Sterling Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry Director, was present to explain the Riverwalk Festival, previously discussed with DDA for July 6-8, 2012. Also present was Lisa Edwards, Ron Current, John Sattmann, Wade Shows representative Janice. The event would be a 60-40 split after all costs have been met; Lisa Edwards has experience in municipal events (New Baltimore Fish Fly Carnival), Janice has chaired the Hamburg Family Fun Festival, Ron and Wayne have had many years of working on Sterling Fest.

Discussion included carnival on property owned by DDA in front of DPW, river for possible piggy or ducky race, possible entertainment in Memorial Park, car show, log rolling contest; no beer tent and no fireworks are discussed. A Taste Fest is being discussed to kick off the event the night before.

Councilwoman Figurski wants to see Heritage Park involved.

All departments had been asked prior to the meeting regarding their support of the proposal and all departments and employees favored the proposal.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Figurski, to endorse the Riverwalk Festival July 6-8, 2012 on the property owned by the DDA in front of the DPW. Voting by roll, all ayes, 2 absent (Barthelmeh, Sikora), motion CARRIED.

Adjournment

As there were no comments from the public, motion by Kraft, seconded by Osladil, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

M. Catherine McGrail
CITY OF UTICA
City Clerk