

City of Utica
Regular Council Meeting
January 8, 2008

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan at 7:25 p.m.

Members present: Figurski, Kraft, Sikora, Barthelmeh, Noonan

Absent: Baker, Osladil

Executive Session

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Figurski, to recess to executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Voting by roll, 5 ayes. 2 absent, motion **CARRIED**.

Meeting resumed at 7:43 p.m.

Audit of FY 2006/2007

Mark Zaleski, auditor from Paul V. Engstrom, presented the final audit for FY 2006-2007 and congratulated the Mayor, Council and Department Head for holding the line on spending and initiating the many grant applications which helped increase the fund balance for the year.

Minutes of 12/11/07

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the minutes of 12/11/07 as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Correspondence

Correspondence was received from the Family of Peggy Hahn and Community Services Walk for Warmth on 2/16/08. No action required.

New Business

Department Reports

Mayor Noonan

Board Assignments

The Board assignments are: Police Board – Council Members Baker and Kraft; Fire Board – Council Members Osladil and Barthelmeh; DPW Board – Council Members Figurski and Sikora; Library Board - Council Member Figurski; Administration – Mayor Noonan.

Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Noonan requested that Mary Figurski be appointed Mayor Pro Tem but Council Member Figurski respectfully declined the position and recommended Russ Barthelmeh be appointed.

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Sikora, to appoint Russ Barthelmeh as Mayor Pro Tem. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Budget Amendments

Budgets amendments are needed to allow both the Downtown Development Authority and the Parks and Recreation Commission to increase their matches for the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund Grant contributions to the City of Utica as previously approved by both bodies. Mayor Noonan explained to Council that the amendments were necessary in order to maintain the scope of services for the MNRTF grant as awarded.

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Figurski, to approve the budget amendments for DDA for an additional \$25,000 and P&R for an additional \$38,700, total of the budget amendments is \$63,700. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Miscellaneous

Mayor Noonan thanked the members of the Department of Public Works for their excellent work during the holidays on the water main break on 12/25 and the snowfall on 12/31. Residents were very appreciative for the quick response.

Council Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Barthelmeh thanked all members for the honor of serving as Mayor Pro Tem and he hopes to uphold their highest expectations.

Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor

No report.

Building- Ed Durbin

No report.

DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent

No report although DPW Superintendent Lang thanked the City of Sterling Heights, Messina Trucking, Auburn Supply and Shelby Underground for their continued support throughout the year but especially during emergencies.

Fire- John Clark, Chief

No report although Fire Chief Clark indicated that the number of runs is annually increasing from 786 in 2005, 808 in 2006, and 883 in 2007.

Police- Mike Reaves, Chief

No report although Police Chief Reaves reported that Utica police worked with 14 local and county departments recently in Operation Smack Down, project was successful and aimed at slowing down the sale of heroin.

Treasurer- Philip Paternoster

No report although Treasurer Paternoster indicated the last day to pay taxes is 2/29/08.

Administration- Cathy McGrail, City Clerk
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A resolution was received from County Clerk Sabaugh indicated that the date for the County Executive Election will be May 6, 2008. No action required.

MML Property and Liability Insurance Premium

The 2008 premium has been received and indicates a 4.8% reduction in the cost.

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Figurski, to pay the MML Property and Liability Insurance premium as presented and budgeted for in the 2007-08 budgets. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

National League of Cities

Notice was received from NLC for the 3/8-12/08 conference in Washington DC. As this is out of the state, no funds have been budgeted. No action required.

Library- Marsha Doege, Director

No report although Library Director Doege reminded everyone of the upcoming book sale on February 16 and 17, which will be held during the Ice Spectacular. Ms. Doege also indicated that the Utica Library is participating in the Macy's Museum Pass Program which runs until October 2008. Passes may be picked up at the Library.

Parks and Recreation Commission

No report.

Historic District Commission

No report.

City Attorney

No report.

Planning Commission

No report.

Senior Housing Steering Committee

No report.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

No report.

Bills Payable

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Sikora to pay the Paul V. Engstrom bill of \$32,000 as presented for the recent audit. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the payment of all bills, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Hanson's Annual Run

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Sonja Hanson was present to request permission for the Hanson Annual Run to be held on Saturday, March 22, 2008 route and times to be consistent with past years. The name of the run is being changed to the Bill Roney Memorial Run in memory of one of the most active runners. Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Sikora, to grant approval for the use of the city streets on 3/22//08 at 10:00 a.m. for the Bill Roney Memorial Run. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Communication from the Public

Lori Schmidt, Kensington resident, thanked the DPW for the recent snow and ice removal but asked why the section of Messmore from Van Dyke to Harry was so bad. Mayor explained that stretch is in Shelby Township and they rely on the Macomb County Road Commission to do their streets.

Adjournment

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Sikora, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

M. Catherine McGrail
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City Clerk