

City of Utica
Regular Council Meeting
October 13, 2009

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan at 7:16 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Executive Session

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Figurski, to recess to executive session to discuss litigation and contract issues. Voting by roll all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Meeting recessed at 7:17 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:42 p.m. Mayor Noonan led the pledge of allegiance.

Police Department

Mayor Noonan presented Officer Thomas Bowman a resolution on the occasion of his retirement from the Police Department. Mayor Noonan also administered the Oath of Office to newly hired Michael Wilber. Both men received a round of applause for their dedication.

Minutes of 9/8 and 9/17/09

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Kraft, to approve the minutes of 9/8 and 9/17/09 as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Unfinished Business

Riverside 175 Parking Lot Update

Total Asphalt has begun the removal and paving of the two parking lots. Weather permitting, the project should be done within a week.

Riverside 175 Balcony Repairs

The DPW Superintendent Bill Lang and his department have begun the repairs to the balconies. Majority of the work will be done at the garage and installed on site.

Boyd Kraft, Sewer Bill

DPW Superintendent indicated that he is checking with Detroit regarding the waiver of the IWC charges. Otherwise, Mr. Kraft's bill stands as presented. No action required.

Consent Business

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the LCC 15 day notice for Sam's East, Inc. as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Correspondence

Motion by Osladil, seconded by Sikora, to receive and file correspondence received from Shelby Township Clerk's Office, Shelby Township Police Chief, LCC, Melissa Gladieux

of Henry Ford Hospital, Preston Staines and National League of Cities. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

New Business

Department Reports

Mayor Noonan

Senior Commission Appointment

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Kraft, to appoint Joseph Gall to the Senior Commission. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

MetLife Dental

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Sikora, to affirm the ratification of the unions for the change in the dental carrier to MetLife. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

Council Reports

Councilman Osladil congratulated the Utica High School on their parade, even though the weather did not cooperate, and he also congratulated the Fire Chief on the successful open house and the new truck.

Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor

Tax Tribunal

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Sikora, to approve the tax tribunal settlement for SS Utica LLC 103 (Simply Self Storage) as presented. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

Building- Ed Durbin

No report.

DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent

DPW Superintendent Bill Lang updated all on the completion of the annual hydrant flush, the closing of the comfort station at the park and notice that the Wayfinding signs installation will begin next week. No action required.

Fire- Kevin Wilseck, Chief

Fire Chief Wilseck notified all that the new engine has been delivered and the success of the recent Open House.

Police- Mike Reaves, Chief

Request to purchase Dispatch CAD Hardware

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Osladil, to approve the purchase of new Clemis CAD hardware for the dispatch area, cost to be funded by Police and Fire departments at \$463.74 each. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

Request to purchase Emergency Siren Equipment

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Kraft, to approve the purchase of the emergency siren equipment based upon the use of the 2007 USAI grant fund monies for the Union Court location. The cost of the project as bid by West Shore Services is \$7631.76 and will be reimbursed to the City at 100% through the USAI grant. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

Request to purchase Shredder

Motion by Kraft, seconded by Figurski, to approve the purchase of the Ricoh-USA #3103 centralized office shredder as required the LEIN Council administrative rules, funding to be from OWI fees and Towing fees. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Kraft, to amend the budget to increase the OWI fees by \$800 and the Towing fees by \$774.44, money to be transferred from fund equity into current budget. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

Treasurer- Philip Paternoster

No report.

Administration- Cathy McGrail, City Clerk

Uncollectible Bills

Motion by Barthelme, seconded by Figurski, to deem the following account totals as uncollectible and remove them from the books: Ambulance (American Credit) \$33,155.07, Ambulance \$18,724.68, Fire False Alarms \$2,753.48 and DPW Water Bills \$580.92. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

Budget Amendments

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to amend the current budget by transferring prior year's surplus to 101-336-959.000 for \$5535.00 and 101-299-956.000 for \$1932.00. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

Two items were approved for purchase at the June meeting but the City did not take possession of the SCBA cylinders and the call accounting software until this month.

NDS

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Sikora, to approve the payment to NDS for \$5783.00 for software license and support for the administration computers. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED.

Library- Marsha Doege, Director

Marsha Doege, Library Director, updated council and the public regarding the increase in circulation for the Library with an all time high circulation of 50,000. The Library enjoys the membership of the Suburban Library Cooperative which is funded through state aid. The state is currently proposing a 40% cut in the state aid for this use which will cripple the cooperative.

Parks and Recreation Commission

The annual Christmas Tree lighting will be on December 6, 2009 and all activities will be at the Fire Hall, including the band.

Historic District Commission

No report.

City Attorney

No report.

Planning Commission

No report.

Senior Housing Steering Committee

No report, although the Committee thanks the DPW Superintendent and the department for all their additional work.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

No report.

Compensation Commission

Minutes of the 9/22/09 meeting were presented to Council; the commission recommends no increases for the Mayor and City Council. Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Sikora, to receive and file the 9/22/09 recommendation of the Compensation Commission as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Bills Payable

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

Communication from the Public

A reminder to all seniors that the Great Lakes Barbeque Association will be hosting a barbeque at Riverside 175 on Saturday, October 17, 2009.

A reminder that absentee ballots can be requested at the Clerk's office.

Adjournment

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

M. Catherine McGrail
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City Clerk