

City of Utica
Special Council Meeting
July 7, 2009

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan at 6:20 p.m.

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

Absent: Barthelmeh

Farmer's Market

Tom Steeh, DDA Member, and Vernon McClain, entrepreneur, were present to discuss the proposed Farmer's Market to be located on Davis, south of Auburn Road. Mr. McClain is a long time resident of Shelby Twp, GM retiree, and current business owner of 45511 Woodward, Pontiac.

Mr. McClain has investigated a farmer's market and would like to lease the property to provide a market for the area residents. He will install a 40'x60' tent which could be reduced to 40'x40' if needed. He would be in charge of obtaining the produce and displaying it. An on site dumpster would be utilized as needed.

Questions from Council members ranged from #of employees, # of days/week, sides on tent, insurance, lease for 3 months. McClain indicated that # of employees is difficult to answer now, but he has the ability of hiring several people, possible operation of 5 days per week, yes sides on the tent will be possible if inclement weather, yes on insurance and would lease the property for 3 months, agreed to \$500 for the time frame.

Joe Mayernik, DDA Chairman, asked why rush this, why not slow down and do it next year.

No action taken by Council. The petitioner agreed to meet with the Planning Commission at the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Baker, seconded by Kraft, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

M. Catherine McGrail
CITY OF UTICA
City Clerk