

City of Utica
City Council Minutes
April 8, 2008

The regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan at 7:10 p.m.

Members present: Barthelmeh, Sikora, Kraft, Figurski, Baker, Osladil, Noonan
Absent: None

Executive Session

Motion by Osladil, seconded by Kraft, to recess to executive session to discuss contract and personnel issues. Voting all ayes by roll, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting recessed to executive session at 7:11 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Kraft, to approve the minutes of 3/11/08 as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Public Hearing

45015 Van Dyke – Temporary Use

This item was tabled prior to the meeting.

7636 Auburn Road, Temporary Structures 5/2 to 5/8/08

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Sikora, to open the public hearing. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Public hearing opened at 7:48 p.m.

James Priestly, owner manager of Cactus Jack's, requested permission for a temporary structure, tent, over the open seating area of the patio from 5/2 thru 5/8/08 for the annual Cinco de Mayo event at the restaurant, also the use of porta johns. Review by Planning Commission recommended approval of the request.

As there were no comments from the public, motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Baker, to close the public hearing and to approve the request for the temporary structures for 7636 Auburn from 5/2 thru 5/8/08. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Unfinished Business

Place of Hope

Review and opinion of the Planner, John Ambrose, and the City Attorney is that the proposed use for 45534 Cass is not allowed in a single family residential district nor does the proposed use qualify for any special uses. If the petitioners wish to proceed, a rezoning petition must be filed with the Planning Commission and once reviewed, the matter would go to City Council to approve or deny. No action required.

Consent Business

None.

Correspondence

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Sikora, to receive and file the correspondence received from Ann Kay, Edward & Sharon Jeffery, Beckett & Raeder, Alex Silva. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

New Business

Department Reports

Mayor Noonan

Mayor Noonan reminded all that there are openings on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Municipal Building Authority, Downtown Development Authority and the Planning Commission. Interested parties should contact the Mayor.

UCS 15th Annual Career Focus, 4/30 and 5/1/08

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the resolution declaring 4/30 and 5/1/08 as UCS 15th Annual Career Focus Days in the City and to participate in the luncheon as a business sponsorship for 1 table. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Attending the luncheon on 5/1/08 will be Council members Figurski and Sikora.

Comcast PEG Update

Mayor Noonan updated all on the status of the Comcast PEG channels locations and subsequent litigations. No action taken.

MML Workers Comp Fund Dividend

Mayor Noonan informed Council that the MML Workers Comp Fund presented a dividend check of \$9608. No action taken.

Council Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Barthelmeh indicated that the turn out for the Easter Egg Hunt was very good and thanked the various departments for attending: DPW, PD, FD, Administration.

Councilman Osladil reported that the MML legislative conference was very good and asked Mayor to explain the Chamber of Commerce Step Above Award which was presented to Mayor Noonan.

Assessing – Nancy Strehl, Assessor

No report.

Building – Ed Durbin, Inspector

No report.

DPW – Bill Lang, Superintendent

DTE Tree Grant Award

DPW Superintendent informed Council that he has applied for the DTE Tree Grant to replenish the trees removed from Heritage Park due to the ash borer disease. If successful, the \$2000 will purchase 20-25 trees with the City agreeing to a 50% match.

Fire – John Clark, Chief

Fire Code Ordinance 157A

Chief Clark reviewed the various components to the ordinance amendment as recommended by the Committee of the Mayor, Fire Chief and the City Attorney.

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Sikora, to adopt Fire Code Ordinance 157A as presented. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Uniform Replacement Request

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Kraft, to approve the replacement purchase uniforms for non-probationary personnel from the FY 07/08 budget 101-336-723-000 as requested. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Police – Mike Reaves, Chief

Annual Shred Day

Chief Reaves reported that the 2nd Annual Community Shred Day is May 17 from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. No action taken.

Traffic Control Order 08-01

Motion by Osladil, seconded by Kraft, to approve the Traffic Control Order 08-01 as presented authorizing the Utica Police Department to enforce the provision of the UTC on all the private roads and parking lots of the Carriage House cooperative. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Intergovernmental Agreement

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Figurski, to enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement regarding General Purpose Vehicle provided our insurance carrier approves. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Treasurer – Philip Paternoster

No report.

Administration – Beth Ricketts, Deputy Clerk

Vadim Software Support Renewal

Motion by Kraft, seconded by Figurski, to approve the additional 3 month extension for software support as requested. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

MML Region I Educational Seminar, 4/18/08

Information was received from Wixom, host of the MML Region I Educational Seminar on 4/18/08. No action taken.

Library – Marsha Doege, Director

No report.

Parks and Recreation Commission

The P&R Commission will be hosting the following events: Fun Run, May 10 and the Michigan Week additional activities of the Heritage Luncheon on May 14 and the Student Government Day on May 16. Special thanks to Beth Manz for chairing the Easter Egg Hunt, Mayor Pro Tem Barthelmeh for his help on the Hunt and the Figurski Family for their help.

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 Sikora, seconded by Baker, to pay all bills as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Communication from the Public

None.

Adjournment

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Osladil, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Beth Ricketts
Deputy Clerk
/MCM