

City of Utica
Special Council Meeting
May 6, 2008

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan at 4:34 p.m.

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

Absent: Sikora

Temporary Sergeant – Fire Department

Assistant Fire Chief Plante advised Council that on 4/23/08, the question regarding the lack of command officers was addressed by the department with the Fire Chief vacancy and the untimely illness of Sgt. DiAntonio. Both the Civil Service Ordinance and the Fire Department contract address the procedure for appointing a temporary officer in an emergency. As there is no current list to appoint from the process is to open it up to those interested parties and appoint the most appropriate candidate. Three candidates applied and the Assistant Chief and the Captain of the department reviewed the candidates and determined that Chris Rissman was the most appropriate candidate. Mayor Noonan indicated that FF Rissman is her son-in-law but that she had nothing to do with the candidate review.

The temporary appointment would be for 3 months, with possible extension of an additional 3 months.

Councilman Baker questioned Rissman as to the participation in the department due to his family being young and his regular work. Rissman replied that he would be spending more time in the department due to the promotion. Councilman Osladil asked Rissman if he understood that this was a temporary promotion, 3 months in length with a possible extension. Rissman acknowledged.

Motion by Baker, seconded by Barthelmeh, to accept the Mayor's recommendation and appoint Christopher L. Rissman as the temporary Sergeant for the Utica Fire, term to expire 7/31/08. Voting by roll, 6 ayes, 1 absent (Sikora), motion CARRIED.

Firefighter Rissman was sworn in by Mayor Noonan.

Communication from the Public

None.

Adjournment

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Baker, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

M. Catherine McGrail
CITY OF UTICA
City Clerk