

City of Utica
Regular Council Meeting
January 12, 2016

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan at 7:26 p.m.

Members present: Sikora, Osladil, Montag, Cuddington, Czapski, Noonan

Absent: Terenzi

Executive Session

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Montag, to recess to executive session to discuss personnel matters. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

The City Council meeting was reconvened by Mayor Noonan, who led the pledge of allegiance at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of 12/8/15

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Cuddington, to approve the minutes of 12/8/15. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Unfinished Business

None.

Consent Business

Utica Lions Club Lucky Leprechaun Race Request 3/12/16

Jerry Noonan, President and Chris Harris, of the Utica Lions Club, were present to request permission to hold the Annual Lucky Leprechaun Race on 3/12/16 in downtown Utica. Motion by Montag, seconded by Sikora, to approve the request to hold the Luck Leprechaun Race on 3/12/16 on the streets of Utica. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive 3/18-20

A request to solicit funds in store fronts and road ways was received from the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus on 3/18/16 to 3/20/16.

Discussion was held concerning soliciting on City streets and the status of the committee reviewing soliciting. The committee has not met to date. Motion by Osladil, seconded by Sikora, to table this request. Voting by roll, 3 ayes, 3 nays, motion fails for lack of support. Councilwoman Montag stated she does not feel this petitioner should not be penalized as the committee has not met. Motion by Montag, seconded by Noonan, to approve the solicitation request from St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus. Voting by roll, 3 ayes, 3 nays, motion fails for lack of support.

Correspondence

Motion by Montag, seconded by Sikora, to receive and file the correspondence from: Fire Department thank you to John Sattmann, Governor Rick Snyder congratulations on the Hike & Bike Trail, Marilyn Gilfillan thank you, Police Department praise, Keith

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McCormack, HRC Engineer and Daniel Pisarski donation. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED.**

New Business

Department Reports

Mayor Noonan

Building Department Appointments

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Cuddington, to approve the appointment of Jason Rhoades as Building Official and Rick Thomas as Electrical Inspector, as recommended by Mayor Noonan. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED.**

Steve Cassin Proclamation – Retirement

A copy of the proclamation for Steve Cassin's retirement was filed. No action necessary.

Fire Department Thank You to John Sattmann

Chris Harris, MAFF president, presented a thank you plaque to John Sattmann for the first fund raiser held at Hogs Hollow. A donation of \$1000.00 was given to the Fire Department.

Public Hearing- 7:45 p.m. Temporary Tent Requests- 45108 Cass & 7715 Auburn & Ice Festival

Temporary Structures- 7655 Chapoton

Motion by Montag, seconded by Osladil, to open the public hearing at 7:47 p.m. voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED.**

Mr. Urbin and Mr. Spors, Lanzo Construction, were present to request permission to install 9 temporary structures for office use and the storage of materials on the vacant property of 7655 Chapoton. They are working on the OMID sewer rehabilitation project in Oakland and Macomb counties. Harry Rafelski, 45581 Brownell, asked if these were temporary, yes. As there were no other public comments, motion to close the public hearing at 7:53 p.m. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED.** Motion by Montag, seconded by Sikora, to approve the request to have 9 temporary structures at 7655 Chapoton. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED.**

Temporary Tent Requests- Ice Festival 2/12-14/16

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to open the public hearing at 7:54 p.m. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED.**

Linda Davis-Kirksey and John Sattmann, chairpersons, were present to request 2 temporary tents, the ice rink, warming shelters, a search light and fireworks for the Ice Festival of 2/12/16 to 2/14/16. One tent will be at 45108 Cass for the amateur ice carvers and the second will be in the Municipal parking lot for entertainment. As there were no comments from the public, Motion by Czapski, seconded by Sikora, to approve the temporary tents and all items as necessary for the Ice Festival. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED.**

Temporary Tent Requests- 45108 Cass and 7715 Auburn, St. Patrick's Day

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John Sattmann, owner, was present to request a temporary tent at 45108 Cass for the St. Patrick's Day celebration. The tent will be adjacent to the building, encroaching on the sidewalk and parking area as in years past. Joe Mayernik, owner, also requested a temporary tent over his enclosed patio area. As there were no other public comments, motion by Sikora, seconded by Cuddington to close the public hearings at 8:04 p.m. and approve the request for a temporary tent at 45108 Cass and 7715 Auburn from 3/15/16 to 3/18/16, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Council Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Sikora thanked the Dept. of Public Works on another fine snowplowing.

Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor

Property Split Request- Tiburon, Encore Townhomes

Mayor Noonan explained the donation of a portion of land for a possible Fire Station in the Encore Townhome complex. Jim McGrail explained we are under no obligation to build anything. Motion by Montag, seconded by Czapski, to approve the property split and accept the donation of property from parcel 07-35-300-057, as presented. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Building-

No report.

Fire- Kevin Wilseck, Chief

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to approve the request to hire from Chief Wilseck. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Chief Wilseck informed Council that they have applied for Grant funding for new air packs, ambulance and equipment. He also thanked R. Bawkon and B. Orlowski for all their hard work on the grant application preparation.

Police- Dave Faber, Chief

No report.

DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent

Bill Lang, Superintendent, reminded all to keep the roads clear of cars when it snows for ease of plowing the streets.

Treasurer- Philip Paternoster

MDOT Grant Funds Resolution

Phil Paternoster, Treasurer, explained that we have grant funds from MDOT left over of approximately \$70,000.00 for road repair. In order to spend the funds we need to amend the original contracts scope of work. Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to approve the resolution to amend contract no. 2014-0923/A1 for road improvements. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Monthly Financial Summary

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Phil Paternoster explained the monthly revenue and expenditure report, which is new at the request of residents.

Senior Housing Bio-hazard Clean Up Request

Motion by Montag, seconded by Osladil, to approve the request emergency funds not to exceed \$2,500.00 for bio-hazard clean up at 7650 Greeley. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Administration- Beth Ricketts, City Clerk

MML Liability & Property Pool Insurance Renewal

Beth Ricketts, City Clerk, requested approval to renew the MML Liability & Property Pool Insurance at a cost of \$116,109 a decrease of \$387 plus a dividend refund of \$13,400.

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to approve the renewal of the MML Liability & Property Pool Insurance for the City at a cost of \$116,109, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Library- Marsha Doege, Director

Bake Sale Thank You

Marsha Doege, Director, thanked all who donated goods at the recent bake sale. The event rose over \$1,000. Along with thanks to Council members Cuddington, Terenzi and Montag.

Book Sale

Marsha Doege, Director, reminded all of the upcoming annual Book Sale on 2/13 and 2/14 with bag sale running the following week. A special thank you was given to the library employees, especially Kathy Lootens for her dedication and hard work over 30 years with the Library.

Parks and Recreation Commission

No report.

Historic District Commission

No report.

City Attorney- James McGrail

Jim McGrail, City Attorney, explained that the lawsuit with Eastside Outdoor has been dismissed.

Planning Commission

Jeff Schroeder, Macomb County Planning, invited all to attend the Master Plan Public Input Session, Tuesday, 2/19/16 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

Senior Housing Steering Committee

No report.

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Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

No report.

Rezoning Request C-2 to R-3- 44750 Van Dyke

Motion by Noonan, seconded by Sikora, to table this request. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Tiburon, Encore Townhomes Accessory Building Use Request

This item requires special conditional use with a public hearing. No action taken.

Bills Payable

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

Mayor Noonan thanked all who attend the recent City retreat.

Communication from the Public

Councilman Osladil announced that a New Baltimore Councilman passed away and could the City send their sympathy.

Adjournment

As there were no further comments from the public, motion by Montag, seconded by Sikora, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Beth Ricketts
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City Clerk