The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Dionne at 6:30 p.m.

**Members present:** Sikora, Osladil, Terenzi, Cuddington, Dionne, Sylvester (7:30 p.m.)
**Absent:** Czapski

**Executive Session**
Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to recess to executive session to discuss contract matters. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED.**

The City Council meeting was reconvened by Mayor Dionne, Charlie Borus, Boy Scout, led the pledge of allegiance at 7:30 p.m.

**Minutes of 5/15 & 5/31/18**
Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the minutes of 5/15/18 and 5/31/18. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED.**

**Public Comments for Items Listed on the Agenda**
None.

**Agenda Amendment**
Motion by Dionne, seconded by Sikora, to approve to move item V.14.a. to first on the agenda. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED.**

**DPW License Agreement with General Sports**
Dana Schmitt, Chief Operating Officer, was present to request entering into an agreement to lease the DPW multi-purpose room and lot at 7001 Moscone Dr. for the baseball season. Linda McGrail Belau, the City Attorney recommended a work session regarding the land to be developed by the ballpark.
Motion by Sikora, seconded by Sylvester, to approve the lease/ license agreement with General Sports, as presented. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED.**

**Unfinished Business**
**Donation of Funds for Legal Fees, City of Escanaba**
Motion by Dionne, seconded by Sylvester, to approve the donation of $1,000.00 to the City of Escanaba to help fight the “big box store” tax tribunal. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED.**

**Public Hearings- 7:45 p.m. 7566 Greeley Lot Size Variance**
Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to open the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion **CARRIED.**

7566 Greeley Variance
Dashamir Dajanaj, property owner, explained his variance request as the site is now zoned R2 for 7566 Greeley, a 15 ft. frontage variance from the required 75 ft. to 60 ft. and the minimum
lot size of 8,800 square ft. a reduction of 760 square ft. Planning Commission and the City
Planners recommend approval.
Motion by Terenzi, seconded by Sikora, to approve the lot size variances of 15 ft. frontage
and reduction of 760 square ft. total size variances for 7566 Greeley. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion CARRIED.

45351 Schoenherr Temp Use/Tent
As the petitioner was not present, motion by Dionne, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the
30x60 ft. tent at 45351 Schoenherr, subject to fire and building compliance. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion CARRIED.
As there were no other public comments, motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to close the
public hearings at 7:52 p.m. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion CARRIED.

Consent Business
None.

Correspondence
Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to receive and file the correspondence from UCS
Foundation Career Focus Luncheon thank you. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion CARRIED.

New Business
Appetite for Art Requests
Nancy Carter, Chairperson, was present to request permission to hold the 1st Appetite for Art
in downtown Utica on the Municipal property. There will be approximately 120 vendors,
food trucks, a beer/wine tent and entertainment, July 21-22, 2018. Permission to advertise 30
days prior with 4 A-frame signs at Schoenherr/ Northpointe; Van Dyke south of Hall Rd.;
Van Dyke north end of the City and Auburn/Utica Rd.
Discussion was held on parking, closing of the Library and time allotment of A-frame signs.
Motion by Sikora, seconded by Dionne, to approve the use of the Municipal grounds for the
Appetite for Art, July 21-22, 2018 and 4 A-frame signs for 2 weeks prior to the event. Voting
by roll 5 ayes, one nay (Terenzi) motion CARRIED.

Public Hearing- 8:00 p.m. Budget/ Millage Rate FY 18/19
Motion by Sikora, seconded by Cuddington, to open the public hearing at 8:07 p.m. Voting by
roll, all ayes, motion CARRIED.
Phil Paternoster, Treasurer, explained the Library spreadsheet dates are one year more than on
budget sheet header. He explained the proposed budgets and millage rates for fiscal year
2018/19:
General operating  16.8341
Public Safety     1.6831
Public Library    0.8414
Public Library    0.3998
Street Debt      1.5283
As there were no other public comments, motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to close the
public hearing at 8:27 p.m. voting by roll, all ayes, motion CARRIED.

Car Show Requests
Nancy Carter, Park & Rec representative, was present to request permission for the annual
Car Show on August 11, 2018. Cars to be parked on Auburn Road, gas show & swap meet
behind the fire station. Auburn Road to be closed from Cass to Utica Road from 8:00am to 5:00 pm. Also, permission to place 4 A-frames 2 weeks prior to the show, same as the Appetite for Art. 

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Cuddington, to approve the closing of Auburn Road, 4 A-frame signs and use of the property/parking lot behind 7605 Auburn for the Car show August 11, 2018. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion CARRIED.

**Zoning Amendment- Sign Regulations**

John Culcassi, the City planner, explained the proposed changes to the sign ordinance: 
- Simplification of ordinance language and the reduction of overall number of regulations; 
- Encouragement of improved sign design and construction materials; 
- Regulations that encourage traditional downtown sign design and development in the downtown district; 
- Added new “total number of sign” standards that are better adapted to modern sign needs; 
- Elimination of distracting and potentially hazardous signs; 
- Reorganized ordinances so that they are in a more appropriate and logical location within the ordinance; 
- Created an enforcement mechanism for poorly maintained and abandoned signs. The Planning Commission and Planners recommend approval. The Building Inspector would like to allow feather signs for 14 days, once quarterly. Discussion was held on feather signs and whether luminaire limits were incorporated. 

Motion by Dionne, seconded by Sikora, to table the Sign Regulation amendments. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion CARRIED.

**Utica Lions Club Presentation**

Bernie Hurchalla, president, Jean Prough, treasurer, and Jim Prough, member, were present to explain some fund raising that the Lions Club does through out the year. The presented the Utica Public Library and the Parks Commission with a $1,000.00 donation each. Thanks, were given for the gifts and all the hard work the Lions Club does.

**Encore Apartments Feather Flag Request**

Michael Furnari, owner, was present to request permission to have 8-10 feather flags and two banners on the Encore Apartment Parcel, advertising leasing available. 

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the request for banners and feather flags, along Utica Park Blvd. advertising apartment leasing, until Nov. 30, 2018. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion CARRIED.

**Department Reports**

**Mayor Dionne**

Mayor Dionne informed all that the south side of Van Dyke repaving is completed. He introduced Charlie Borus, boy scout, who is proposing the Dog Park and explained that Charlie would like to solicit funding for construction of the dog park. Linda McGrail Belau, city attorney, stated he could solicit pledges. 

Mayor Dionne also reminded all of the upcoming Food Truck Rallies, thanked Sam’s Club for the donation of hot dogs for the Memorial Day Celebration and congratulated Phil Paternoster, Treasurer on his 25th wedding anniversary. 

Mayor Dionne announced that State Representative Diana Farringston secured grant funding as follows: $100,000 Summers Street repaving, $25,000 Memorial Park upgrades, $150,000 Van Dyke curb replacement and $500,000 redevelopment of the old Packing Plant property at 7655 Chapoton.
Council Reports
Councilman Osladil informed all of the recent passing away of Joyce Kraft, former councilwoman and longtime resident. Councilman Sylvester stated he would like to continue work on the Capitol Improvement Plan in July.

Assessing- Thomas Agrusa, Assessor
Thom Agrusa, Assessor, stated that there is a house bill phasing out personal property taxes.

Building- Jerry Hicks
No report.

Fire- Kevin Wilseck, Chief

Police- Sean Coady, Chief

Fire Department Union Contract Tentative Agreement
Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the tentative agreement with the Fire Dept. Union. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion CARRIED.

DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent

Water/ Sewer Billing Request
Bill Lang, DPW Superintendent, requested to change the methodology used to bill for water and sewer services. He would like to change to a ready to serve fee based on meter size and bill for actual consumption, as recommended by the study done by Benzinski & Company. Councilman Cuddington questioned if this was a rate increase? No, not necessarily. Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the request to change the water/ sewer billing methodology to a ready to serve charge based on meter size and actual consumption. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion CARRIED.

Fund Request
Motion by Dionne, seconded by Sikora, to approve the dedication of funds from the Clinton River Canoe Contract and Pavilion Rentals to a Parks equipment replacement fund, allowing an act of Council to move funds in the future if needed. Beginning with FY18/19. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion CARRIED.

Treasurer- Philip Paternoster

Tax Millage Rate FY18/19
Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the FY18/19 millage rates, as presented. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion CARRIED.

Budget Adoption FY18/19
Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to table the adoption of the FY18/19 Budget. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion CARRIED.

Audit Engagement Approval Request
Motion by Dionne, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the engagement of Yeo & Yeo to perform our annual audit at a cost of $32,250.00. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion CARRIED.
Actuarial Valuation- Police & Fire Retirement System
Motion by Sikora, seconded by Osladil, to receive and file the actuarial valuation for the Police & Fire retirement system fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion CARRIED.

Budget Amendments FY 17/18
Motion by Sikora, seconded by Sylvester, to approve the budget amendments as follows:

General Fund #101
- Assessing Expenditures $2,400
- Clerk Expenditures $16,700
- Treasurer Expenditures $2,200
- Miscellaneous Administration Expenditures $2,100
- Ambulance Expenditures $39,400
- Planning Expenditures $3,000
- Parks & Recreation Expenditures $2,000

Building Code Enforcement Fund #249 Expenditures $78,000

Voting by roll, all ayes, motion CARRIED.

Encore Apartments Feather Flag Request
Motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to approve the request to have 10 feather flags and one banner until Nov. 30, 2018 advertising “for Lease” at phase II. Voting by roll, 6 ayes, one nay (Cuddington) motion CARRIED.

Administration- Beth Ricketts, City Clerk
Broadcast Upgrade Request
Beth Ricketts, City Clerk, explained the request to award the bid to Advanced Lighting & sound as they have the most municipal experience and positive references, as supported by Mayor Dionne.

Motion by Sikora, seconded by Sylvester, to award the Broadcast Upgrade for the Council chambers to Advanced Lighting & Sound at a cost of $28,135.00 plus the Comcast upgrade fee. Voting by roll, all ayes, motion CARRIED.

Library- Marsha Doege, Director
Marsha Doege, Director, thanked the Lions Club for their donation to the Library, announced the Summer Reading Program starts this Saturday and thanked Katherine Francis for organizing many programs along with all Library donors.

Downtown Development Authority
No report.
Parks and Recreation Commission
No report.

Historic District Commission
No report.

City Attorney- Linda McGrail Belau
No report.

Planning Commission
No report.

Senior Housing Steering Committee
No report.

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

Communication from the Public
Phil Paternoster stated he believes feather flags create to many problems and thinks they should not be allowed.

Adjournment
As there were no further comments from the public, motion by Sikora, seconded by Terenzi, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

Beth Ricketts
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City Clerk