

CITY OF CANAL FULTON

October 25, 2005

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Grogan called the October 25, 2005 Special City Council meeting to order at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALLING OF THE ROLL

Present: Mayor John Grogan, Diane Downing, Linda Zahirsky, Victor Colaianni, Nellie Cihon and Bob Szanto (Mike Mouse arrived at 6:40 PM.)

OTHERS PRESENT

Dale Kincaid, Law Director; Patti Troccoli, Clerk of Council; Chief David Frisone, Police Department; Dan Mayberry, Interim City Manager/Director Public & Utility Services; Scott Svab, Interim Finance Director; Chris Pugh, The Independent; Tony Crookston, resident

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Szanto made a motion that Council adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition matters, requesting Mr. Kincaid, Mayor Grogan, Council, Mr. Svab, Mr. Mayberry, and Mr. Tony Crookston's attendance, expecting no legislative action to be taken; seconded by Mr. Colaianni. **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

It was noted that if Council President Mike Mouse arrives while Council is in Executive Session, he would be allowed into same at that time.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED

Mayor Grogan asked the record reflect Mr. Mouse arrived at 6:40 PM; attended Executive Session.

Mr. Szanto made a motion to reconvene the regular portion of the meeting; during Executive Session, Council discussed matters pertaining to the acquisition of property, and no legislative action was taken; seconded by Mrs. Cihon. **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

DISCUSSION: POLICE DEPT. BUDGET

Chief Frisone said he still owed Council and Mayor Grogan an assessment of the Police Department and would get the information to them ASAP.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the 2006 Police Department budget.

Police Department personnel matters surrounding shift changes were discussed, plus pay rates, poor condition and high mileage of some of the police cruisers, and the need for a used utility vehicle. The Mayor suggested contacting Skipco (who utilizes U.S. Marshall's seizures).

Radio, tower, and communication compatibility issues with the Fire Department were discussed, along with possibilities for joint applications that crossed jurisdictional boundaries.

The chief spoke about the need for Police officers to have the ability to receive voice mail messages. An answering machine or use of the city's new automated phone system was suggested. However, it was stated the call volume would be too high for an answering machine. It was unknown if the Police Department could hook into the automated phone system at City Hall; a call to CCI will be made regarding same.

The need for upgrading the department's weapons and training for specialized operations was talked about. Chief Frisone described as "minimal equipment" needs a door ram, vest and a .223 caliber rifle to ensure Police safety when entering a household, schoolroom, or business if necessary to respond to an incident where the Police could not possibly wait for additional help from a regional tactical team.

Chief Frisone discussed computer systems upgrades, lock-out tools, the immediate need for additional narcotic tests kits, and replacement of "expired" pepper spray. Also, the need for a combination printer/scanner/copier and miscellaneous equipment was mentioned.

Mayor Grogan told Chief Frisone he has "done an outstanding job presenting this budget."

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Szanto suggested giving Mr. Mayberry a temporary pay increase for his work as Interim City Manager. It was stated the increase be retroactive to August 1; no action was taken.

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OLD BUSINESS

The Mayor suggested setting a date for administrative, parks, and income tax budget meeting. Mr. Svab suggested a water and sewer budget meeting should be scheduled after the fire budget meeting.

Mr. Colaianni made a motion that Council set a budget meeting for administration, parks, and income tax on Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at 6:00 PM (prior to the regularly scheduled Council meeting); seconded by Mrs. Downing. *Discussion:* It was noted the meeting will be a Council Work Session. **ROLL CALL: Yes - ALL**

It was discussed that a water and sewer budget meeting needs to be set. Mrs. Zahirsky made a motion that Council has a Special Council Meeting for November 29, 2005 (Tuesday) at 6:30 PM; seconded by Mrs. Cihon. **ROLL CALL: Yes - ALL**

Mayor Grogan referenced a discussion during the last Council meeting involving employee Christmas gifts (hams/turkeys). Ms. Trocceli called Atty. Tscholl who advised against same.

Mr. Mouse said he attained a 27% discount for 44 wreath/light combinations from Wayne Mfg. for the downtown Historic District. Mr. Mouse made a motion that Council approves a purchase order for \$12,500 for Wayne Mfg. (Charleston, Iowa) for 44 Christmas wreaths for downtown; seconded by Mrs. Cihon. **ROLL CALL: Yes - 4 No - 2 (Mr. Colaianni, Mr. Szanto)**

Mayor Grogan received a letter from Mr. Ferreebe addressing a possible fleet maintenance position. There was a general discussion on how much money this would save the city, in addition to the pay structure for Mr. Ferreebe, and how he maintains concise maintenance logs on city vehicles. Mrs. Zahirsky said an ordinance needs to be created for the position.

OTHER BUSINESS - None

CITIZENS COMMENTS (*Open Discussion, Five-Minute Rule*) - None

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Cihon made a motion to adjourn. Mayor John Grogan adjourned the October 25, 2005 Special City Council meeting.

Patricia A. Trocceli, Clerk of Council

Mayor John Grogan