

# CITY OF CANAL FULTON

February 3, 2004

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:**

Mayor John Grogan called the February 3, 2004 Council Meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**CALLING OF THE ROLL:** Present: Victor Colaianni, Nellie Cihon, Linda Zahirsky, Mike Mouse, Robert Szanto, Diane Downing, and Mayor John Grogan.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Marge Loretto, City Manager; Dale Kincaid, Law Director; Chief Mike McNeely, Police Department; Chief Bob Hill, Fire Department; Michael Rodino, Finance Director; Director; Joan Porter, The Repository; Julie Schaeffer, The Independent; Donna Lemmon, Canal Fulton Chamber of Commerce; Angela Rabatin, Our town Canal Fulton; Ray Martinez, Ohio Edison; Kevin Lemmon, Rochelle Rossi, Ken Roberts, Leila Rohr, Tom Messenger, Fred Etheridge, Bret Stephan, all residents.

## **ADOPTING OF MINUTES.**

Mrs. Cihon made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting of January 20, 2004. Mrs. Downing seconded the motion. Roll: Yes – ALL.

The Mayor then made a recommendation to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Szanto made a motion to adjourn the regular portion of the meeting to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel performance and wages. The Mayor asked that the Law Director and all elected officials be present at that meeting. Mr. Szanto stated that legislative action may be taken as a result of the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Colaianni. Roll: Yes – ALL.

## **The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session.**

Mr. Szanto made a motion to reconvene the regular portion of the meeting. He stated that during the Executive Session matters of personnel performance and wages were discussed. There will be no legislative action taken as a result of the Executive Session. Mr. Colaianni seconded the motion to reconvene. Roll: Yes – ALL.

## **CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON AGENDA MATTERS.**

No comments.

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS.**

None.

## **REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS.**

### Senior Citizens.

Mrs. Cihon said that the Northwest Senior Center will be doing a casino trip. The cost is \$27.00. She said the next Swiss steak dinner is March 13. She said there are 138 reservations as of this date. She said May 10, 11, and 12 there will be a trip to Macinack Island. The cost is \$275.00.

Mrs. Cihon also stated that the Center will have income tax service on February 18 and March 18. She said people from A.A.R.P. will be donating this service.

### Community Service Coordinator.

No report.

### Fire Chief.

Chief Hill said there were approximately 72 calls in January. Mr. Colaianni pointed out that the Fire Department had been commended for their response to an accident that occurred on Locust Street when it was 10 degrees below zero. They had to cut someone out of their car.

The Mayor said he was contacted by the Chief of Police of Green. He said they have an ambulance they would be willing to sell for about \$10,000.00. The Mayor said Chief Hill may want to contact him. Chief Hill said he would investigate it.

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### Police Chief.

Chief McNeely said the Massillon Law Department is doing a good job for the City as far as prosecutorial services are concerned. He said there is a resolution on the agenda this evening to re-enter into a contract with them and he supports it.

Mr. Mouse asked about the Police Department's purchase order for computers. He said he would like to get a further breakdown on what the 40 hours of labor consists of. He said he does not feel it is necessary to have 8 computers and 8 printers. He said he felt 4 could serve the department.

The Mayor said Mr. Colaianni had contacted a city resident who is a professor at Stark Tech regarding this. Mr. Colaianni said on September 30 an analysis had been done regarding the Police Department computer system. He said the estimate at that time, before labor, was \$19,000.00. He said part of the labor for this new estimate from Stark Tech has to do with the fact that students at Stark Tech have to do internships, part of which is going out and setting up a network system. He said this would be \$3,000 – 4,000.00 cheaper by doing it this way. Mr. Colaianni said the going rate for doing a network system in a municipality is about \$65-\$75.00 an hour, and this proposal is way under that. He also said this is a budgeted item.

Mr. Mouse said he would still like a written estimate of what will be done. Mrs. Zahirsky also stated that when the Police Department first approached Council that they were having problems with the server, she said the problem was there was not enough space left on the Police clerk's server. She said if that is the issue, you buy a larger hard drive, which is \$150.00.

Chief McNeely said that in his budget documents he submitted to Council during the budget hearings, there was an analysis provided by the City's computer consultant who did city Hall. The Chief said the consultant outlined the problems and then the professor from Stark State came out and verified that the consultant's analysis was correct.

Further discussion followed.

### Engineer.

No Report.

### Finance Director Report.

Mr. Rodino said that the State Auditor's have come in and have begun working on the GAP conversion this past week and that the majority of it will be done by the end of February.

### Report of the Mayor.

The Mayor said in the Our Town Canal Fulton newsletter there has always been a Mayor's column. He said he has opted to implement an employee of the month for this column. He said he hopes this will continue every month. He said he would like the community to get to know their employees.

### City Manager's Report.

Mrs. Loretto explained that the City found out that a portion of the storm sewer line that runs across Locust needs to be replaced. She said the contractor said if the next phase of his development goes ahead, he would need that portion to be replaced and asked if the City would help with this. She asked Council to take it under advisement.

She then spoke about the fencing of the water treatment facility. She said they have two estimates on the fencing. Mr. Mouse said originally they had just talked about enclosing the buildings themselves. He said the residents were concerned about a "compound" look.

The Mayor asked if the purpose of the fence is to secure the treatment or the source. It was answered, both. Mrs. Loretto said there had been a mandated feasibility study done. It was determined that the water treatment plant and wells needed to be fenced in.

The Mayor asked if the possibility was looked at to just secure the individual wells and the treatment building itself, so it does not have the "compound" look.

Mr. Szanto said one of the issues was to deny access to the well field. He said each well head is supposed to have a three hundred foot radius well head protection.

The Mayor said that they do have a responsibility to the citizens to secure and provide to them safe water.

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Further discussion followed.

Mrs. Loretto also said there are forty signs up regarding the Snow Ban. She said there were five cars towed. She said she would like to complement the Street Department on the job they have been doing.

Mr. Mouse said he had received complaints from residents because, in his neighborhood, the Street Department took about five to six feet of curb off. He said it seems to him that the trucks are going too fast and the faster the plows go, the further up into yards the snow will go.

Parks. No Report.

Law Director.

Mr. Kincaid said he would like to make a comment on the resolution regarding the Massillon Prosecutor's services. He said they had been paying the City of Massillon \$18,000.00 per year for prosecutorial services. He said for two years Massillon has asked for a modest raise to \$19,000.00. He said he feels this is reasonable.

### **THIRD READINGS:**

No Third Readings.

### **SECOND READINGS:**

**Ordinance 2-04:** An Ordinance Amending Ordinances 7-02, 14-02, 14-03, and 28-03 establishing Rates of Pay for Various Part-Time Positions within the City of Canal Fulton and Declaring an Emergency.

**Ordinance 3-04:** An Ordinance Establishing New Rates of Pay and Salaries for Employees of Canal Fulton, effective January 1, 2004, Repealing any Ordinances in Conflict Therewith, and Declaring an Emergency.

**Resolution 2-04:** A Resolution authorizing a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Stark County Park District for Police Protection.

### **FIRST READINGS:**

**Ordinance 4-04:** An Ordinance vacating Rutger Place and Rice Place from Locust Street to Dakota Street and Dakota Street from the Boundary between Outlot 39 and Lot 470 to the North Corner of Lot 361.

Mr. Kincaid said this particular petition was presented by all the adjoining property owners so it is not mandatory that Council has a public hearing, but they can if they wish.

It was discussed that the City may want to reserve an easement for future utilities. It was decided to amend the Ordinance and it will be presented at the next Council meeting.

**Ordinance 5-04:** An Ordinance Naming an Extension of Tuscarawas Street in the City of Canal Fulton.

**Resolution 3-04:** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Contract with the City of Massillon Law Department for Legal Services of the Prosecutor's Office and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Zahirsky made a motion to suspend the rules on Resolution 3-04. Mrs. Cihon seconded the motion. Roll: Yes – ALL.

Mrs. Zahirsky then made a motion to pass Resolution 3-04 under suspension. Mrs. Cihon seconded the motion. Roll: Yes – ALL.

### **Purchase Orders and Bills:**

Mrs. Cihon made a motion to accept the bills in the amount of \$207,447.47. Mr. Colaianni seconded the motion. Roll: Yes – ALL.

Purchase Order #3796 in the amount of \$9,665.00 for Police Department Computers.

It was decided that further information was needed. Further discussion followed. Mr. Mouse made a motion to table P.O. #3796. Mrs. Zahirsky seconded the motion. Mr. Szanto said he does not want to beat this to death and he does not want five lock ups a week going on at the

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Police Department. He suggested that if any council person has any questions that they be put in writing and given to the Mayor. Roll: Yes – 5. Mr. Colaianni voted No. The purchase order was tabled.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Loretto mentioned that if anyone is interested in going to the Stark County Regional Planning Commission meeting and luncheon, please get it in to City Hall as soon as possible.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Colaianni asked Mrs. Loretto if there was strip mining going on behind Chapanar's property. Mrs. Loretto said there had been, but it was stopped last summer.

Mr. Colaianni asked if there is a way to Email City Hall via the City's website. Mrs. Reiter said she would call the City's website provider and look into the matter.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

Mr. Fred Etheridge stated that he felt Canal Fulton was rarely represented at the Stark County Regional Planning Commission meetings. He said he checked the attendance and last year there were only two meetings at which Canal Fulton was represented. He said he felt the City should be participating more in Stark County Regional Planning.

Mrs. Loretto said she would check this out.

### **REPORT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

Mrs. Zahirsky said she would like the Personnel/Rules Committee to meet on February 24, 2004. It was decided to meet at 6:30 P.M. It was also decided to re-schedule the Finance Committee meeting for February 24, 2004 at 7:15 P.M.

### **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

No Report.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Sharon Reiter, Clerk of Council

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John Grogan, Mayor