

# CITY OF CANAL FULTON

June 18, 2002

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:**

Mayor Shawn Kenney of the City of Canal Fulton, called the June 18, 2002 Council Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Present – Nellie Cihon, Bill Dane, Diane Downing, Linda Zahirsky, Bob Szanto and Mike Mouse.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Marge Loretto, City Manager; Debbie Kerr, Finance Director; Dale Kincaid, Law Director; Fire Chief Bob Hill; Joan Porter, Repository; James Lerch, Melba Lerch, Rochelle Rossi, Bret Stephan, and John Hatfield, all residents.

## **CORRECTING / ADOPTING THE MINUTES**

Mrs. Zahirsky made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 4, 2002. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cihon. There was one correction: Both Nellie Cihon and Linda Zahirsky abstained from approving the minutes of May 21, 2002, because they were absent.

With this correction, the Roll was called: Yes – ALL.

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

Mayor Kenney had a Proclamation. "Whereas, James Lerch has been a lifelong resident of Canal Fulton; Whereas his grandfather, also a resident of Canal Fulton, owned the very property on which the current City Hall now sits. Mr. Lerch's father owned a grocery store and was Mayor of Canal Fulton for more than twenty years. Whereas, James Lerch, in keeping with family tradition and service to community above self has distinguished himself by volunteering for numerous community activities: to wit, Mr. Lerch has been president of the Union Cemetery Board of Trustees since 1976. Mr. Lerch was commander of the Canal Fulton VFW, Post 9795, for over ten years. He was concession chairman for the Olde Canal Days Festival for over ten years. Mr. Lerch has also served on the Canal Fulton City Council. Now, Therefore, be It Proclaimed: That James Lerch be recognized as an honored citizen and volunteer of the City of Canal Fulton, and that his years of service above self be a beacon for others to follow."

## **CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA MATTERS:**

## **REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:**

Senior Citizens. No Report.

Community Service Coordinator. No Report.

Fire Chief.

The Mayor asked Chief Hill if he knows what the status is of the Lawrence Township Trustees and North Lawrence contract. Chief Hill said he hasn't heard anything. Mrs. Loretto said there was something in the paper on the amount of the contract which was around \$75,000.

Chief Hill said that one of his people was going to Lawrence Township to work part time.

Police Chief. No Report.

Engineer/Streets/Public Utilities.

No Report.

Director of Finance.

Debbie Kerr presented the April and May bank reconciliations and the May financial end-of-month reports. A motion was made by Mr. Szanto to let the record show that Council was receiving the April and May bank reconciliations from the Finance Director. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dane. Roll: Yes – ALL.

Report of Mayor. No Report.

City Manager's Report.

Mrs. Loretto said she had the information listed in her written report which is the authorization for us to proceed with trying to get the grant for Discovery Park. She said that she has received a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control because we have a new restaurant coming into town. The notice informed us that he is coming with a liquor license

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and asked if Council wanted a meeting regarding this. The letter also stated that the meeting could be in Columbus or at the County Seat. The City also has the option to forego a meeting. Mrs. Loretto said that most of the time there is no meeting unless the municipality has a problem.

Mrs. Loretto said the new restaurant will be in the strip mall behind Citgo. A short discussion followed.

Mrs. Loretto was asked to find out whether this is a new liquor license or a transfer from an existing one. She said she would look into it and get back with Council.

Mrs. Loretto then said that the City has \$9,800 left from the Boardwalk which has to be designated to be spent in some way for the Canal. We would like to put in a fountain with lights on the North side. This would cost \$3,800. She showed a picture of what the fountain will look like.

Mr. Szanto asked if this was grant money or local share money and if we don't spend it what happens to it. Mrs. Loretto said the money is there for us to use.

Mr. Mouse then asked Mrs. Loretto if she was applying for a grant for \$72,000 for Discovery Park. Mrs. Loretto said the project is \$72,000, and the 80/20 grant is being applied for. She said a 10% inflation increase has been added to the request.

Mr. Mouse asked if this was for the original plan. Mrs. Loretto said yes. Mr. Mouse said the original plan did not have a walking path around the pond and that the man from Echoing Ridge was amenable to including their property along with ours. A short discussion followed.

Mrs. Loretto said she would check into Echoing Ridge donating the property to us or them paying for the walking path that is on their part of the property.

Mr. Mouse stated that the plan does not fully realize the potential of that area. A short discussion followed.

The Mayor stated that any amount we can get from this grant will be a good thing. Further discussion followed.

Mrs. Loretto announced that the City is hosting the Community Health Board meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June, at 8:00 a.m. She said we are notifying people who would be concerned such as the school, library, the fire chief, police chief, or any Council member is welcome to attend. This is where we had gotten the \$18,000+ grant for the fire department last year.

Parks. No Report.

Law Director.

### **PURCHASE ORDERS.**

Mr. Szanto made a motion to approve the bills as presented, second by Mrs. Cihon. Mr. Mouse wanted to know if there was a way to get additional information before the meeting on some of the bills. Ms. Pentello said if he would call and request this information, she would give it to him. Mr. Szanto asked about check #24883. This was for Pop's Septic to clean the grease pit at the Senior Center for \$80. Roll: Yes, all.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA MATTERS**

Mr. Hatfield commented on the minutes and statements that were made at the last meeting that he felt were incorrect. He said the statement in the minutes of January 8, 2002, "As far as matters regarding the Council Rules, Section 4.02 of our Charter would supercede any Council Rules and this answers concerns Mr. Mouse and Mr. Hatfield have," is not true. "This should be used in conjunction with Council Rule No. 18 and Rule 3.05 of the Charter." He further expressed his concerns regarding this issue.

### **SENIOR CITIZENS**

Bea Weaver advised that all the commissioners have accepted to be on the commission again for two years. She recommended the reappointment of Betty Stephan, Del Rohr, Wilma Hardgrove, and Elizabeth Fender. The Mayor so recommended these appointments. Mrs. Zahirsky made a motion to approve those individuals indicated to the Senior Citizens Commission, second by Mr. Szanto. Roll: Yes, all.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATOR** - No report.

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## **FIRE CHIEF**

Chief Hill presented an application for employment from Debra Greene as a probationary fireman. She worked for the City at one time, part time. She already has her fire training and EMT card. He recommended the Mayor approve hiring her as a probationary fireman. The Mayor so recommended, subject to a physical and drug test. Mr. Szanto made a motion to approve the Mayor's recommendation, second by Mrs. Zahirsky. Roll: Yes, all.

## **POLICE CHIEF**

Chief McNeely added that the individual from Akron involved in the high speed chase is facing six felony counts within the City. Damage to the cruiser was \$1,800. He commended officer Kassinger for using good judgment and decision making in the incident. He thanked Council for their support over the years in providing video cameras for the cruisers that make for a great evidentiary value in court. "We watched the video and the officer followed all policies correctly."

He also reported that they were awarded a \$400 grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety for a program in the elementary schools and obtained a \$4,000 grant from a law enforcement foundation in Ohio for a management program at Ohio State.

The Chief advised that a citizen who advertised about her lost dog in the local newspaper was contacted by a prison inmate in Lucasville about the dog and engaged her in sexual conversation. The authorities in Lucasville are putting him in isolation. If any members of the community receive this type of call, please notify the police.

Mr. Mouse commented to the Chief that last week there were three officers in uniform besides him at the meeting. "Were they all on duty?" Chief McNeely said yes. Mr. Mouse asked if it was his procedure to allow them to come to a Council meeting and sit while they are on duty. Chief McNeely said they had a legitimate interest in attending that meeting regarding the \$30,000 they were to have received in pay raises that Mr. Mouse had discussed with the public. Mr. Mouse said they have been in Council meetings before when they have been on duty, "Does that happen at any other police department in this County that you know of?" Chief McNeely said, "They are taxpayers and I don't have a problem with them being here on duty within the City of Canal Fulton. The only police department I can address where police officers attend council meetings is in Washington D.C. From time to time officers will attend Council meetings to address members of Council with issues relating to their employment and livelihood, which I feel was appropriate."

**ENGINEER/STREETS/PUBLIC UTILITIES** – No report.

## **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE / COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Pentello reported that the Income Tax Department, along with cooperation from the Police Department, has filed 21 cases for income tax criminal charges.

Mr. Mouse asked what dollar amount those 21 cases represent. She did not have that number. "The criminal charges are for people who have not filed, so we would not have any information of what those numbers would be – they have not been filed yet."

## **REPORT OF MAYOR**

Mayor Kenney indicated that he has to make two appointments to the Tax Incentive Review Commission and Council has to make two as well. The School Board and Planning Commission have to appoint one. Those six then appoint seven. The Mayor appointed himself and Mr. Victor Colaianni who had applied. Rochelle Rossi and Jim Deans also applied. The Stark County Tax Incentive Review Commission needs to know our appointments and will be meeting in February and April on a countywide basis to discuss whether or not companies are in compliance with whatever tax abatements have been granted to them.

Mrs. Zahirsky made a motion to appoint Rochelle Rossi and Jim Deans to the Tax Incentive Review Commission as Council representatives, second by Mrs. Cihon. Roll: Yes, all except for Mr. Mouse who voted no.

Mayor Kenney read a complimentary letter from the Canal Fulton Public Library thanking Dan Mayberry for helping them unload and place the 220 pound book return containers. The Street Department helped in this effort.

The Mayor also received a thank you letter from the Northwest Local School District for taking the time to meet with them and the Lawrence Township Trustees regarding getting water to the schools.

## **CITY MANAGER**

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Mrs. Loretto received information about the part time administrative assistant Council had requested from Chief Hill and included it in her report.

Regarding the McLaughlin dry dock, she said we had hoped to get \$50,000, if the project comes in at \$100,000. "They have only allotted \$40,000 that would mean an extra \$10,000 for us if the project went to \$100,000. We along with Stark Parks are taking out some of the signage in hopes it will come in less than \$100,000. At this time to proceed with the project, we have to say that we will have the extra \$10,000 available, although we are going to try to bring the project in lower. We need to wait for the bidding process to begin to see what that project will be. This project is in the Engineering process right now."

Mrs. Loretto said she met with Avalon Enterprises and the School Board and Avalon is going to ask for tax abatement. They will build their new office facility in Canal Fulton with the understanding that three years down the road, they will tear it down and expand their warehouse. Construction will start the end of March.

**PARKS** – No report.

Mayor Kenney said the Park Board had a special meeting at the Senior Center; residents were invited, to see what they would like to see in the parks and how to fund it. Three people showed up which was disappointing.

**LAW DIRECTOR** – No report.

## **THIRD READING**

**Ordinance 55-01:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 181 of the Canal Fulton Code (Income Tax) by Conforming it to Changes in Ohio State Statues, and Making Other Changes Providing for, Inter Alia, Modifying Forms and Providing for the Reporting of Information on Tenants.

Mrs. Zahirsky made a motion to approve Ordinance 55-01, second by Mr. Szanto. Mrs. Loretto asked Mr. Kincaid, with this Ordinance going into effect two months into the year, and a lot of this is State Law beginning January 1, 2002, wouldn't we treat it as January 1 even if it says two months later? Mr. Kincaid said he doubts there would be a problem – there is no change in rates or anything of the sort. If anything comes up, Mr. Kincaid will make an interpretation. "I hope there is nothing in this except housekeeping. I don't want to second-guess the consultant who has done this probably 50 times." Roll: Yes, all.

## **SECOND READINGS**

**Ordinance 1-02:** An Ordinance Granting Pay Increases to Exempt Full-Time City Employees, Effective January 1, 2002.

## **FIRST READINGS**

**Ordinance 5-02:** An Ordinance Accepting Streets and Public Utilities in the Colonial Hills Phase No. 12.

**Ordinance 6-02:** An Ordinance Accepting Streets and Public Utilities in the Beverly Avenue Station 13+96.3 to 18+00.70.

**Ordinance 7-02:** An Ordinance Establishing Rates of Pay for Various Part-Time Positions Within the City of Canal Fulton, Repealing such Sections, or Parts of the Sections of the Codified Ordinances as May Be in Conflict Therewith, and Declaring an Emergency.

**Ordinance 8-02:** An Ordinance Requiring Sidewalks in Business Zones. This is a change in a zoning ordinance and requires a public hearing. A Public Hearing notice needs to be advertised in the paper 30 days before the hearing.

Mr. Szanto made a motion to set a public hearing regarding Ordinance 8-02 on March 5, 2002 at 8:00 PM, second by Mrs. Cihon. Roll: Yes, all. Mr. Szanto said we are dealing with sidewalks in a meets and bounds rather than in a development type situation. He asked Council to consider having the same requirements for residential areas. Mr. Kincaid said this is a fundamental difference from the intent of this ordinance. "This should originate from the Planning Commission and should be a separate ordinance." Mrs. Downing will take this issue to Planning.

**Resolution 2-02:** A Resolution Amending 18-01 Passed on September 5, 2001 by Providing a Local Share of 40% (\$40,000.00) In Lieu of 30% (\$30,000), and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Szanto made a motion to suspend the rules on Resolution 2-02, second by Mrs. Zahirsky. Roll: Yes, all except for Mrs. Downing and Mr. Mouse who voted no. The rules are not suspended.

**Resolution 3-02:** A Resolution Entering Into A Contract with M-E Companies for \$12,000.000 for Improvements to McLaughlin Dry Dock, and Appropriating Funds Therefore,

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and Declaring an Emergency.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs. Zahirsky asked the Law Director when Council can send something to the electorate for an advisory opinion. "I believe you told me the Stark County law director said that Council cannot send an advisory opinion such as a tax credit to the people to vote on. Is that correct?" Mr. Kincaid said Council cannot send it out for an advisory opinion. "The voters can, by initiative, as they did a year ago. Last year there was discussion about an ordinance that combined an adjustment in the credit with an adjustment in the rate. I took this to Mr. Horowitz's staff and all I got was "a scratch on the head" with that. That was a mixed ordinance and I am sure they would have come back and said to separate it. As to the credit itself, that is a matter within Council's bailiwick only and we cannot send that out to the voters for an advisory opinion."

Mayor Kenney said, "We couldn't have voted to have a half percent credit on the ballot." Mr. Kincaid agreed, "The Board of Elections does not accept those, on the advise of Mr. Horowitz."

Mr. Mouse asked Mr. Kincaid if it is correct that Council could have put an issue on the ballot over one percent with a credit? Mr. Kincaid said that is one of the mixed questions that Mr. Breitenstein and I discussed last fall. "When you go over one percent, remember Council has no power so that is not the same issue as the credit. The credit is solely Council's power subject to initiative and referendum. A rate over one percent, Council has no power at all."

Mr. Mouse asked again about Council being able to put an issue on the ballot which goes over 1.1 percent or any fraction thereof with a credit. Mr. Kincaid said that is an issue where Council has some role and the public has some role – "I do not know how Mr. Horowitz would rule on it. I have a suspicion, based on my conversation with him, that this would not be accepted. They would say to do it separately - submit a 1.1 percent rate to the electorate and deal with the credit in Council Chambers."

Mr. Szanto asked Mr. Kincaid about the issue he and Mr. Hatfield addressed at the last meeting. "When the Charter calls out for a certain process, can our Council rules be different than that? Can Council rules add restrictions to the process? I would like a full opinion on this." Mr. Kincaid said he would do so. Mr. Szanto and Mr. Hatfield had further discussion on Rule 18 and 19 in the Council rules.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Chief McNeely advised that the Law Enforcement Management Program requires him to interview a community activist and he asked Mr. Mouse if he would be willing to be interviewed for this project. Mr. Mouse asked for a list of questions.

Roger Masters complained about the Denshire Project going on near where he lives. He asked when the concrete fixtures and pipes were going to be removed because they were never going to be used and wanted to know when this project was going to be completed.

Dan Mayberry advised that these concrete fixtures and pipes will be used, and Mayor Kenney went into great detail about the history of this project - the reason for the added expense, and when completion can be expected.

Mrs. Hanus expressed her concerns about police department statistics printed on a flyer. She indicated this flyer said there should be 1.8 police per 1,000 people. She said, "Canal Fulton has 5,061 people and 8 police officers – statistics – that means 6.25. Our math isn't too good." Mayor Kenney advised her that 1.8 times 5 is 9. She went on to say, "If the math is that bad on this one item, it may be the problem with some other departments and some other matters with the City." She said the problems we are facing now is because of the income tax and that Council took away a right from people. "A lot of people have called me and said they would be willing to pay the income tax in Canal Fulton even though they pay someplace else, if you could show them that you needed the money and weren't wasting their money."

Mrs. Stauffer asked Councilman Mouse, "I keep hearing that you believe that the Senior Citizens should pay rent for their building. I would like you to clarify this. Can you tell me if this is so?" Mr. Mouse said, "It's false. I have never made a statement like that. Obviously someone else is trying to say that so it will discredit me."

Mr. Hatfield said he agreed with just about everything the Mayor said about Denshire. "However, there should have been impact fees. The only person not taken in by this was the developer. He put a pump station out there that anybody, if they would have calculated anything, knows you are not going to go out there to redevelop that without putting in sewer lines."

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Mr. Hatfield also voiced his concerns about the appointments to the Tax Incentive Review Board. "The Enterprise Zone was established on December 21, 1999 by Ordinance 61-99. I have heard a lot about the Tax Incentive Review Board and have complained about it. Everyone has forgotten that we have an Enterprise Zone. When I chaired the committee to get this done, I promised the people we would not do what they did before – set this stuff up and then neglect it. I have contacted my attorney. If this doesn't take place he has advised me that the first step is to contact the law director, correct this, or proceed from there. There is an Enterprise Zone and a CRA – you need two people at the County and you need them quick and qualified."

Next, Mr. Weinreb addressed Council and said he has not seen anything in the paper about what has been going on. "I didn't even know about the recall until I got information in the mail." He was told that the City does advertise in the Repository, Independent, and the Akron Beacon Journal. He asked about the recall and overruling the people. He questioned the tax abatement the City is giving to the businesses and Mayor Kenney explained briefly the tax abatement process. Mr. Szanto also addressed his concerns and Mr. Kincaid addressed his issue about overturning the peoples' vote. Mr. Kincaid indicated that the credit issue was proposed by the people in an initiative. "We cannot submit the issue of a credit to the people – we are not permitted to do that." Mr. Weinreb said, "You are not permitted to submit the issue to the people, but you are permitted to go against their wishes?" Mr. Kincaid said, "Yes, we are. Council has the authority to address the credit issue but Council cannot refer that issue out. The issue can be begun by the taxpayers, as an initiative. The taxpayers can also overrule a Council ordinance by referendum. We cannot, as a City, propose an advisory opinion – the Stark County Prosecutor tells us that, who is the attorney for the Board of Elections. There has never been an advisory opinion in this County since this prosecutor has been in office. A credit can be proposed by initiative. In fact that was done a little over a year ago. The credit issue can only begin with the people."

Mr. Mouse added that the Mayor was against the tax credit from day one. "In Canal Fulton we had a ¾% tax rate. That was the lowest tax burden of any municipality in Stark County. When the income was increased from ¾ to 1% and reduced to ½ percent credit, by Council, I don't know how except one politician gave another politician the power to do something like that." Mr. Weinreb said, "If a community turns down a school levy, they have to put it back on the ballot again. I would think the same thing would have to go with the tax credit." Mr. Mouse said he agreed with him 100%.

Mr. Kincaid interjected that this is an exception to the advisory opinion. "State law requires any municipality or local government that wants a levy has to go to the people. That does not apply to issues like a tax credit, it applies to tax levies."

Mr. Mouse thinks there is a slight misconception here. "All the communities in Stark County have a tax credit. I doubt seriously where any of them originated from the voters like ours did. They came from council. It was put on the ballot or it was given to the people in their respective communities. I proposed that what could have been done is they could have increased it any proportion over 1% because once you go over 1%, that tax issue has to be voted upon. You can tie it right with the credit." Mr. Kincaid is going to look into this. Mr. Mouse continued, "Currently, we have more money available to the community right now with the tax at 1% and a ½% credit than what we did at ¾% before the tax issue. All the school administrators I have talked to are not in favor of tax abatement. It's literally reaching into the schools pocket, taking money out and saying you don't need this."

Mr. Hatfield made a comment about Mr. Kincaid and Mr. Kincaid asked him to state again. Mr. Hatfield restated, "Nobody tried to correct, or the words you used, and you know that I sat here and presented programs and people came to me and signed a petition and I still have all the information. I took it and you said you would do it on a separate - not for the Village not for the City - and you sat on it for six months and I called you three or four times and said where's this initiative so I can get it voted on. When I resigned from Council I came back down there and picked it up and I can produce the thing tomorrow." Mr. Kincaid responded, "And your instructions to me then were just as confused as your speech now. That's why it never happened. You never gave me any numbers, John. You have to give me one number, not several."

Mr. Etheridge said he has never seen the town as polarized as it is right now. "You can talk about your tax abatement and CRA, but it isn't going to really make any difference because I am not going to be able to bring anybody to this town if we continue our present demeanor. I had a prime client for the enterprise zone which we lost. We need to get this behind us. Also, that lift station was built under the auspicious of Stark County – that allotment was a County/Township allotment and not a City allotment at first. The County bears the responsibility for the lift station or any shortcomings in design of that lift station – not the City. If we continue on our present course, we will become like Marshallville or Clinton. I want to make it clear that my family and I support Mayor Kenney, Linda Zahirsky, and Bill Dane even though it appears they cannot walk on water. We have "at large" Council people and it is

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their fiducially responsibility to represent the entire City in a constituency of the entire City, not any interest groups of any kind. As far as the police protection ratios, I want the best police protection I can get – I want to be better than someplace else. I don't want to be equal to or less than."

Mrs. Harbaugh asked Mr. Mouse if he was successful this Friday with the removal of two fine Council people and Mayor, who was he going to recommend take the vacant Council positions?" Mr. Mouse said he has let his feelings be known that he favors the process like Lawrence Township did when they had their trustee vacancy because it eliminated politics. Mrs. Harbaugh asked if he thought it was important for the community to know who potentially could be sitting on Council? Mr. Mouse said he could not predict that. Mrs. Harbaugh then asked, "If you are successful on Friday, what are your intention with the tax credit?" Mr. Mouse said that's an issue until the Council makeup changes or something else changes.

She went on to say that she works outside Canal Fulton and she supports what Council did by going to the ½%. She wants all the services she is receiving to continue. "How dare you or anyone else take this away from me or other residents because you do not want to pay for the privilege to live here in this fine community. You have commented in the past that we have too many officers on duty at the same time and have too many on the force." Mr. Mouse said her first statement was correct, not the second. Mrs. Harbaugh continued, "Six years ago, on April 17, 1995, Mr. Messenger and Mr. Szanto promised me that they would have two officers riding together for safety reasons. I show you this bullet that was pulled out of my husband after he was shot four times in the line of duty. I do not hold a grudge nor do I hold them personally responsible for not keeping their promise. I understand that financially we cannot have two officers riding together during every shift." Regarding the credit, she asked him if he would reverse it, or would he lay off officers instead of finding other alternatives for funding?

Mr. Mouse responded that she has misunderstood something about the American electoral process. "It's not whether I am successful. Everything that I have done has been placed in front of the voters for their approval. That is what this country is all about. About three or four years ago they had the COPS grant from the Federal Government. I sat right here in a meeting and one councilman proposed hiring two or three new cops under the grant. Grant money lasts for a certain period of time and after that period of time, it drops off and you, as a community, have to pick up that salary. My question to the councilperson at that time was what are you going to do after the grant expires? I was told we could lay them off. I said, lay them off after they come in with a family and then lay them off? She said, yes. Is that true Mrs. Zahirsky? Did someone say that?" Mrs. Zahirsky said she would like to see the minutes on that. Mr. Mouse added that it wasn't Mrs. Zahirsky who said it.

Mr. Stephan said the people who sit around this table care a great deal about the community. "If people bothered to take the time to show up and learn the inter-workings of this town and what goes on, you wouldn't have to accuse."

**REPORT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Mr. Szanto commented that the Committee on Committees met and made their selections. Everyone was given a copy of the committee appointments. Each committee needs to select its chairman. He asked that the senior members on each committee to organize an initial meeting of the committee and discuss what they intend to do for the year, elect a chairman, and report back.

Mr. Szanto commended the Mayor for allowing citizen speaks to go longer than for five minutes.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES** - No report.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES** – No report.

Meeting was adjourned.

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Sue Menefee, Clerk of Council

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Shawn F. Kenney, Mayor