

CITY OF CANAL FULTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 20, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Richard Harbaugh called the November 20, 2012 City Council Meeting to order at 7:00pm in Council Chambers, City Hall, Canal Fulton, Ohio.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Richard Harbaugh, Council Members Paul Bagocius, Nellie Cihon, Danny Losch, Sue Mayberry, Scott Svab, Linda Zahirsky

Others Present: City Manager Mark Cozy, Law Director Scott Fellmeth, Fire Chief Ray Durkee, Police Chief Doug Swartz, Finance Director James Goffe, Service Director Dan Mayberry, Bill Dorman and Council Clerk Teresa Dolan

Also Present: Earl Minks, Rochelle Rossi and Joan Porter

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Sue Mayberry reported on the Public Service Committee in regards to changes to the City's Signage Code. The current Electronic Message Center sign ordinance was reviewed by the Planning Commission. The Public Service Committee agreed that all changes were agreed upon except for Item four, where they would like the time of movement for the message to remain five seconds. The Law Director will be notified to make the change and then the legislation will be on the next agenda.

Paul Bagocius reported on the Safety Committee on the noise ordinance. The committee suggested that the Law Director draft legislation similar to Massillon where a violation would be a minor misdemeanor.

Scott Svab reported on the Finance Committee in regards to their last meeting on November 13, 2012. The meeting covered the 2013 budget and salary increases. Minutes were also presented. James Goffe asked that there be changes made to the minutes to include the item Chip and Seal to the Hatfield Parking Lot be deleted and to include the \$60,000 for the water debt fund for the payment of the Northwest Waterline. The new budget packet does reflect that. All committee members present accepted with the changes.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – AGENDA MATTERS (Five Minutes per Individual – No Yield)

CORRECTING & ADOPTING THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

November 7, 2012 – Linda Zahirsky made a motion to approve the November 7, 2012 minutes, second by Nellie Cihon. Danny Losch abstained, all other Council Members voted yes, motion approved.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Senior Citizens – Dan Mayberry reported on the progress of the furnace and the roof to the Center. Scott Svab commented on the recent luncheon at the Senior Center for their volunteers. Scott said that we the Senior Center is a great benefit to our community and that we don't realize what we have.

Community Service Coordinator - Monthly Report was included in the Council Packet.

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Fire Chief - Monthly Report was included in the Council Packet. Chief Durkee reported on possibly putting a fourth person on duty at no increased cost to the City. The Chief also talked about dispatching from the Red Center and that he was doing research on the cost and details. Chief Durkee recommended and encouraged the City to look into setting up a Fire District.

Police Chief - Monthly Report was included in the Council Packet. Chief Doug Swartz commended the Fire Chief for looking into the Red Center for dispatching. With the increased officers in place the Department is able to work harder in looking for signs of drug activity. The Chief commended Officer Antonides and Officer Josh Barabasch on their recent detective work. Chief Swartz said that Mayor Harbaugh is for increased foot traffic with the officers in the City and with the hiring of the new full time officers the possibility of that is increasing.

Engineer/Streets/Public Utilities – Bill Dorman was not present. A written report from Service Director Dan Mayberry was included in the Council Packet. Mr. Mayberry reported that the last day for leaf pickup was November 21st, 2012. If the need be for residents to dispose of leaves, they may be dropped off at 980 Water Street. Mr. Mayberry also stated that a trenching course was also being offered at the City on December 6, 2012. Eleven members of the service department will attend. Nellie Cihon commended the department on an excellent job of leaf removal. Mr. Mayberry also stated that the Christmas Decorations were in progress and in the future we may have to consider getting some new decorations due to the deterioration of the existing ones. The wreaths are good for this year, but Council may want to consider looking into it.

Finance Director – Finance Director James Goffe reported that our income tax collection is up 7.8% year to date. Danny Losch asked Mr. Goffe if we could look into the estimated city manpower used for stamps, mailing and reminders of bills and readings. Mr. Losch would like the City to look into possibly doing some of these things online. Mr. Goffe said that he would do some research and get back with Mr. Losch.

City Manager – Written Report was included in the Council packet. City Manager Mark Cozy discussed the Dissolution of Milan Township and the Public Meeting in regards to the CEDA with Lawrence Township. He encouraged Council to look into the matter and asked Council in what direction they would like to go. Danny Losch said he would like to see the annexation move forward of Lock IV. Mayor Harbaugh wanted to know how that would benefit the City. Mr. Losch said that the benefit would be that the Park would be in the City. This would also bring marketing possibilities to the City. The City could work in conjunction with Stark Parks. The Mayor said if Mr. Losch could show the benefit then he would be for the annexation, but until then, he would not.

Sue Mayberry asked Mr. Cozy what the status on the LGIF grant was. Mr. Cozy stated that the grant was still pending.

Report of Mayor – No report.

Parks & Recreation Board – No report.

Law Director – Law Director Scott Fellmeth stated that he had no report. Mr. Fellmeth said he would be out of town from November 29 – December 7, 2012.

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He wanted to remind Council that Ordinances 29, 30, and 31 should be passed under suspension of the rules.

Sue Mayberry asked Mr. Fellmeth to draft legislation in regards to the sign ordinance.

THIRD READINGS – No third readings.

SECOND READINGS

Ordinance 28-12: An ordinance amending the codified ordinances of the utilities code of the City of Canal Fulton, Ohio to amend Chapter 933 Sewer Charge System and repealing any ordinances in conflict therewith.

Paul Bagocius made a motion to amend the Ordinance as written. Sue Mayberry seconded. Mr. Bagocius would like to amend the Ordinance to liken the four year scenario that the Finance Director had written out to lessen the blow on the citizens of Sewer rate increases. Dan Mayberry stated that he does not like revising rates, but we can't live in the past. Mr. Mayberry wants to see the infrastructure mature and build for the future. Nellie Cihon, Scott Svab, Danny Losch, Sue Mayberry and Linda Zahirsky all voted No. Paul Bagocius voted yes. Motion fails.

Sue Mayberry asked that the following be added in regards to the discussion on Ordinance 28-12: Mrs. Mayberry stated that she does not like raising rates, but we can't live in the past. She is not happy about the money that was spent on Marshallville and has not heard of anything that's going on up there that is in the works. She does not want to short change finances that we are going to need to protect the infrastructure. She said in the past, we didn't build up our reserves in the water and sewer fund as we should have, however, amending this legislation to realize revenue of \$250K instead of \$500K may not be sufficient.

Ordinance 29-12: An ordinance amending Ordinance 2-11, Rates of Pay for Full-time Non-Bargaining Employees, effective January 1, 2013 and repealing any ordinances in conflict therewith.

Ordinance 30-12: An ordinance amending Ordinance 6-12, Rates of Pay for Non-safety Forces Part-time Employees, effective January 1, 2013, and repealing any ordinances in conflict therewith.

Ordinance 31-12: An ordinance amending Ordinance 3-11, Rates of Pay for Safety Forces Part-time employees, effective January 1, 2013 and repealing any ordinances in conflict therewith.

Ordinance 32-12: An ordinance amending Ordinance 4-12, Rated of Pay for Canal Boat Employees, effective January 1, 2013, and repealing any ordinances in conflict therewith.

Ordinance 33-12: An ordinance by the Council of the City of Canal Fulton, Ohio to grant Teresa Dolan foreign service credit to determine vacation time under Administrative Code Chapter 141.18(b)

Ordinance 34-12: An ordinance by the Council of the City of Canal Fulton, Ohio to grant James Goffe foreign service credit to determine vacation time under Administrative Code Chapter 141.18(b)

FIRST READINGS

Ordinance 36-12: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 37-11, and Providing for Supplemental Appropriations for the Current Expenses and Other Expenditures

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of the City of Canal Fulton, County of Stark, Ohio, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2012.

Linda Zahirsky made a motion to suspend the rules, second by Nellie Cihon. All Council members voted yes, motion approved.

Linda Zahirsky made a motion to pass Ordinance 36-12, second by Nellie Cihon. All Council members voted yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 37-12: An Ordinance by the Council of the City of Canal Fulton, Ohio to hire a Full-time Police Officer for the Canal Fulton Police Department and declaring an emergency.

Linda Zahirsky made a motion to suspend the rules, second by Scott Svab. All Council members voted yes, motion approved.

Linda Zahirsky made a motion to pass Ordinance 37-12, second by Scott Svab. All Council members voted yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 38-12: An Ordinance by the Council of the City of Canal Fulton to hire a Full Time Street Operator C for the Canal Fulton Street Department and declaring an emergency.

Sue Mayberry made a motion to suspend the rules, second by Scott Svab. Nellie Cihon abstained all other Council members voted yes, motion approved.

Linda Zahirsky made a motion to pass Ordinance 38-12, second by Scott Svab. Nellie Cihon abstained, all other Council members voted yes, motion approved.

Ordinance 39-12: An Ordinance to Authorize Appropriations for the Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Canal Fulton, County of Stark, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2013.

Resolution 29-12: A Resolution by the Council of the City of Canal Fulton to enter into a contract with the local Government Services Section of Auditor of State to compile financial statements and declaring an emergency.

Scott Svab made a motion to suspend the rules, second by Linda Zahirsky. All Council members voted yes, motion approved.

Linda Zahirsky made a motion to pass Resolution 29-12, second by Nellie Cihon. All Council members voted yes, motion approved.

Resolution 30-12: A Resolution Establishing the Budget for the City of Canal Fulton, County of Stark, Ohio, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2013.

P.O.s

P.O.7520: to Huntington National Bank in the amount of \$43,887.50 for Fire Station Bond Series 2006-1

Scott Svab made a motion to approve Purchase Order 7520, second by Nellie Cihon. All Council members voted yes, motion approved.

P.O.7521: to Huntington National Bank in the amount of \$43,762.50 for Fire Station Bond Series 2006-2

Nellie Cihon made a motion to approve Purchase Order 7521, second by Sue Mayberry. All Council members voted yes, motion approved.

BILLS: No bills reported.

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OLD/NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

Council Clerk Teresa Dolan reported that the Canal Fulton Chamber of Commerce party was December 5, 2012 and that all the Council Members and City employees are invited.

Mrs. Dolan also reported on Christmas on the Canal and that this year the event was going to be huge. She commended Keri Lantz on her efforts this year. She also noted the efforts that were being made to help fund Christmas on the Canal next year such as the Gingerbread House Decorating Contest and the Cookie Walk. The proceeds from the Cookie Walk this year will go to next year's event.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE – No report. He did acknowledge Teresa Dolan on her efforts in applying and the award of the Solid Waste District Recycling Grant. He asked that some of the award go to education to the public on recycling. Mrs. Dolan stated that the education would be free and that a piece of the future City Newsletter will be designated for recycling information.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

CITIZENS COMMENTS – Open Discussion (Five Minute Rule)

Earl Mincks, 627 S. Canal, brought up that possibly the Seniors could help with fixing some of the Christmas decorations for next year.

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.