

CITY OF CANAL FULTON

March 18, 2008

COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor John Grogan called the March 18, 2007 City Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor John Grogan, Anthony Crookston, Matthew Moellendick, Nellie Cihon, Danny Losch.

Absent: Jim Deans and Diane Downing.

Mrs. Cihon moved to excuse Jim Deans and Diane Downing, seconded by Mr. Crookston. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

Others Present Scott Fellmeth, Law Director; Mark Cozy, City Manager; Tammy Marthey, Clerk of Council; David Frisone, Police Chief; Ray Green, Fire Chief; Glenn Boyd, Captain; Daniel P. Mayberry, Service Director; Brian Garber, Fire Department; Rachel Burkey, Fire Department; Chell Rossi, TAP; Michael Mouse, Resident; Paul Addressi and Ken Roberts, Business Owner; Joan and Robert Eicher, Visitors; Ivy and Anna Eicher, Recipients of Citizens of the Year Award; Family Members of the Eicher's; Laura Meade, Observer Reporter; Michael Freeze, Independent and Joan Porter, Repository.

CORRECTING/ADOPTING THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Mrs. Cihon moved to approve the March 5, 2008, as amended, seconded by Mr. Crookston. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

Mrs. Cihon stated to let the minutes reflect that Mrs. Downing was present at the March 5, 2008 meeting.

Mayor Grogan stated to let the minutes reflect that Council President Crookston adjourned the March 5, 2008 meeting and the date of the adjourned meeting should be March 5 and not February 19.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES - None

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – AGENDA MATTERS - None

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

SENIOR CITIZENS (Nellie Cihon)

Swiss Steak Dinner: The next dinner will be April 5, 2008, serving from 4-6:30 PM. Reservations may be made by calling the Center.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR

Mr. Mayberry reported interviews will be conducted the week of March 24, 2008. Five applicants will be interviewed.

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FIRE CHIEF (Ray Green, Chief) – Chief Green stated he would like to present this years Citizen of the Year Award.

Chief Green stated he has two young ladies that he would like to present the award to this year for their actions on June 20, 2007. He stated on that day, Canal Fulton and Lawrence Township Fire Departments were dispatched to a reported structure fire at 452 Bob Avenue in the City. He stated upon his arrival and the arrival of Officer Chuck Kassinger, they noticed smoke coming from an upstairs bedroom and one of the neighbors stated it was possible that a young teenager could be in the residence. Officer Kassinger kicked in the door and they were only able to make it a couple feet and had to back out and wait for assistance due to the smoke. They found the fire and was able to stop it from extending into the attic. The fire occurred in the upstairs of the end unit of an apartment complex building. Their concern was if it got into the attic, it would spread across the entire building and burn down the entire complex. It was close to this point. They were able to save the building due to aggressive fire fighting by Canal Fulton, Lawrence Township, North Lawrence, Jackson Township, and Clinton firefighters.

Chief Green stated none of this would have been possible had they not been alerted. The two young ladies that were responsible for making sure they were alerted, Anna and Ivy Eicher. They kept bugging their mom telling her they smelled smoke, mom we think we smell smoke and mom called 911.

With that being said, Anna and Ivy Eicher were presented with the Canal Fulton Fire Fighter Citizen(s) of the Year Award.

Chief Green stated that in addition to the plaque, their names will be added to a plaque that is hanging in the museum at the new fire station.

Mayor Grogan congratulated, Anna and Ivy Eicher.

Mayor Grogan stated on behalf of Chief Green he has two new officers he would like to submit to Council for approval for hire.

Brian Garber: Mr. Garber lives in the City of Canal Fulton and is a certified firefighter-level II and paramedic. He is currently employed with the City of Canton as a full-time fire/medic and has ten years of fire/EMT experience. He stated based upon the recommendation of Chief Green and the qualifications of Mr. Garber, he submits to Council the recommendation for employment to the Canal Fulton Fire Department.

Mrs. Cihon moved to hire Mr. Garber based upon the Mayor's recommendation, seconded by Mr. Crookston. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

Rachel Burkey: Miss Burkey is certified as a firefighter-level II and a basic EMT. She is currently employed part-time with the RED Center as a dispatcher and as a captain with Perry Township Fire Department. She comes well qualified and based upon the recommendation of the Chief, he submits Rachel Burkey for employment to the Canal Fulton Fire Department.

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Mr. Crookston moved to make a motion based on the Chief's and Mayor's recommendation for Rachel Burkey's appointment to the fire department, seconded by Mrs. Cihon. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

Mayor Grogan stated Miss Burkey will also be performing administrative duties for the department.

POLICE DEPARTMENT (David Frisone, Chief) Chief Frisone presented to Mayor Grogan an Above and Beyond Award from the Department of Defense, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. This award is given in limited numbers by state and territory ESGR Committees. It recognizes employers at the state and local level who have gone "Above and Beyond" the legal requirements for granting leave and providing support for military duty by their employees as defined by the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.

Chief Frisone stated they have received the D.A.R.E. grant in the amount of \$1,525 for the 2007-2008 school year.

ENGINEER/STREETS/PUBLIC UTILITIES (William Dorman/ Dan Mayberry): No Report

FINANCE DIRECTOR (Scott Svab)

Financial Statement: The February financial statement was distributed and Mr. Svab requested a voice motion for receipt of same.

Phone System: The system will be updated in all departments on Thursday, March 20, 2008.

Financial Revenue Report: Mr. Svab distributed the report, ending February 29, 2008. He reported there were a 4.7% increase in income tax collections and a 5% increase in the utility collections. He reported there are 350 residents who now receive the homestead credit and they will see a small decrease in revenue from this.

Street Department: Mr. Svab stated he would like to compliment the street department on the job they did during the snow storms. He also stated that in the news there were reports of road crews being out of salt. Due to Mr. Petersen's efficiency in keeping the salt bin full and not only filling it when they were out, the City did not have any issues.

CITY MANAGER (Mark Cozy)

Street Department: Mr. Cozy stated he received numerous compliments about our Street Department when he attended church. The department did an excellent job.

Request for Proposal: Mr. Cozy reported they are in receipt of a proposal from New Franklin to providing drinking water to their community. They are requesting to have the proposal by Monday, April 21, 2008.

Lawrence Township Joint Comprehensive Plan: Mr. Cozy distributed a letter he sent to the Trustees asking if they still wished to participate in the Comprehensive Plan with the assistance of Stark County Regional Planning. He gave them until March 31st to notify the City of their intent.

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REPORT OF MAYOR (John Grogan)

Vietnam Memorial Wall: Mayor Grogan stated Council previously approved to have a bench placed in the in the Vietnam Memorial Park; and he would like for the Finance Director to issue a check to them, at least for half the amount due.

It was recommended to place something in the next newsletter to have residents submit ideas of what they would like placed on the bench. Mrs. Cihon recommended they have a contest.

Ken Roberts: Mr. Roberts stated there is a meeting Wednesday, March 19 at 5:00 PM at the Warehouse. Mike Schnell from My 101.7 Radio Station will be there to do a presentation on small business community marketing opportunities which are designed to keep the advertising dollars down.

Street Department: The Mayor stated he received many calls from residents regarding the great job they did with snow removal during the recent snow storm. They are to be commended for their efforts.

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD (Fred Fleming) – Not Present.

LAW DIRECTOR (Scott Fellmeth) - Law Director Fellmeth stated he had the public record request from the Police Department and he will be reviewing it and responding to it accordingly.

THIRD READINGS - None

SECOND READINGS - None

FIRST READINGS

Ordinance 9-08: An Ordinance Amending of Funds Within Various Accounts for the Purpose of Paying Various City Obligations, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Crookston moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance 9-08, seconded by Mrs. Cihon. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

Mrs. Cihon moved for passage under suspension, seconded by Mr. Moellendick. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

PURCHASE ORDERS & BILLS

Mr. Crookston moved to rescind the motion for PO 5116 that was made at the previous meeting as the PO had approval at the January 15, 2008 meeting, seconded by Mr. Losch. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

P.O. 5199 to Huntington National Bank for Principal and Interest Payment for NW Water Line 2005 Capital Improvement Bond in the Amount of \$52,662.50. Mrs. Cihon moved to approve P.O. 5199, seconded by Mr. Crookston. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

P.O. 5204 to Enertech Electrical Inc. to Connect #4 High Service Pump to System Via SMC Flex Controller/Check Valve, Furnish Main Breaker and Materials and Labor in the Amount of \$11,505.54. Mr. Crookston moved to approve P.O. 5204, seconded by Mr. Moellendick. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

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P.O. 5207 to Greissing & Butterworth Survey for Annexation Plats and Legal Descriptions in the Amount of \$4,225.00. Mr. Crookston moved to approve P.O. 5207, seconded by Mrs. Cihon. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

BILLS: \$131,149.33 Mrs. Cihon moved to approve the bills in the amount of \$131,149.22, seconded by Mr. Moellendick. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

Mrs. Cihon made a motion of receipt of the February financials, seconded by Mr. Crookston. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

OLD/NEW/OTHER BUSINESS - None

REPORT OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE (Anthony Crookston) - None

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES - None

CITIZENS COMMENTS-Open Discussion (Five-Minute Rule)

Paul Addressi, 761 Elmridge Avenue: Mr. Addressi stated he is the owner of Maca Mold and Machines. He has plans to open a transport and land development company but is hesitant to do so. He stated he has had to deal with people using his parking lot, as well as blocking his driveway on Saturdays when Skipco's has the auction. He has lost business due to not being able to get out of his parking lot. He is asking for assistance from the City.

There was discussion on proposed ideas. It was determined that it is not only a problem for the business owners along that street, but also a safety factor because fire hydrants are also being blocked. Mayor Grogan stated Mr. Blowers needs to provide person(s) directing cars into his parking lot. No Parking signs will be placed on the east side of the street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Crookston moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:56 PM from the regular meeting for the purpose of the consideration of the appointment of a public employee or official; compensation of a public employee or official; purchase of real, personal, tangible or intangible property; and a conference with the law director or other retained counsel concerning pending or imminent court action and requested in the session is Mayor, Council, City Manager, Service Director, Finance Director, Law Director, Police Chief and the Clerk of Council, seconded by Mrs. Cihon. **ROLL: YES, ALL.**

Mr. Crookston moved to return to public session at 8:29 PM, seconded by Mrs. Cihon. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

As a result of the executive session, Mayor Grogan stated he would like to make the following provisional appointment to the Canal Fulton Police Department. Officer Dan Tickerhoof, is one of the City's first part-time officers, and as a result of the passage of the levy and the promise for another full-time officer, and the advent of the school system coming online soon with the annexation and the need for an additional officer to curtail the overtime, he would like to

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present to Council, Officer Dan Tickerhoof to a provisional appointment as full-time officer.

Mr. Crookston moved to appoint Mr. Tickerhoof based upon the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Mr. Tickerhoof, part-time officer, to a full-time provisional officer, seconded by **Mr. Losch. ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Grogan adjourned the March 18, 2008 meeting. The next regular scheduled meeting is April 1, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

Tammy Marthey, Clerk of Council

John Grogan, Mayor