

CITY OF CANAL FULTON

August 19, 2008

COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor John Grogan called the August 19, 2008 City Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Deans, Mrs. Downing, Mr. Losch, Mrs. Cihon, and Mr. Moellendick.

Absent: Anthony Crookston

Mrs. Cihon moved to excuse Anthony Crookston, seconded by Mr. Moellendick. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

Others Present Scott Fellmeth, Law Director; Mark Cozy, City Manager; Tammy Marthey, Clerk of Council; Daniel Mayberry, Director of Services; Dave Frisone, Police Chief; Ray Green, Fire Chief; Janet Deans, Rochelle Rossi, Linda Keillor, John Hatfield, Sandy May, Residents; Joan Porter, Repository.

CORRECTING/ADOPTING THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Mrs. Cihon moved to approve the August 5, 2008 record of proceedings, seconded by Mr. Deans. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES - None

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – AGENDA MATTERS - None

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

SENIOR CITIZENS (Nellie Cihon)

Card Party: Mrs. Cihon stated there will be a card party at the Center on August 26. There is a \$5 fee.

Swiss Steak Dinner: There is a dinner scheduled for September 13 and October 25. Reservations are required and may be done by calling the Center.

Greektown Trip: The Center will be hosting a bus trip to Greektown on September 16. The trip cost \$40 with \$20 back in coin. Call the Center for reservations.

Thrift Shop: Mrs. Cihon reported the thrift shop is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM and Friday from 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM. Donations of items are accepted at the Center.

Apple Dumplings: The Center will be selling baked, unbaked, and sugar-free apple dumplings.

COMMUNITY SERVICE (John Murphy) - None

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FIRE CHIEF (Ray Green):

Activity Report: Chief Green submitted his activity report. There were 72 incidents for the month of July.

Grants: Chief Green reported they haven't received word on the grants yet.

Safety Training: Chief Green reported the Department has done numerous trainings at daycares, the Safety City class, and participated in a safety fair.

Chief Green asked to be excused to attend another meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT (Dave Frisone, Police Chief.):

Safety Fair: Chief Frisone stated the department participated in a safety fair.

School: Chief Frisone stated the 2008-2009 school year will begin on August 25 and that the department has been working closely with the schools. They will be providing officers during the beginning of the school year to assist with the increased traffic that is expected due to no busing for the high school students. The Chief indicated to the schools that they would not be able to do this the entire school year.

The first football game will be a home game on Friday, August 29. The department, along with a joint effort from Lawrence Township, will provide security for the games.

ENGINEER/STREETS/PUBLIC UTILITIES (William Dorman/Daniel Mayberry):

OPWC Applications: Mr. Dorman stated he has been assisting administration with the preparation of grant paperwork for the High/Erie Street Project and the Marshallville Sanitary Sewer Project. If awarded, the monies could be awarded as early as January 1.

Mowing Equipment: Mr. Mayberry stated Jackson Township is selling some of their mowing equipment. The City will be putting in a bid for equipment.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Tank Painting: Mr. Mayberry stated the painting at the Wastewater Treatment Plant is complete. The contractor did a good job.

FINANCE DIRECTOR (Scott Svab)

MTD/YTD Revenue Report: Mr. Svab distributed a year-to-date revenue report and reviewed same. He stated the interest they have received to date has decreased by almost \$22,000 which is directly contributed to lower interest rates. He stated there has been an increase in EMS billing collections, income tax and auto registrations.

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Mr. Svab stated he feels they will be good at the end of the year and would like to use some of the money to reduce the debt on the park property.

He stated there aren't any purchase orders for this meeting.

CITY MANAGER (Mark Cozy)

Gas Aggregation: Mr. Cozy stated the City is still in the negotiating phase for the gas aggregation program. The target rate is \$10.00 per mcf. As of today the rate is \$10.85. The City has until the end of August to lock in a rate.

Stark County Regional Planning Commission (SCRPC): Mr. Cozy stated the City has entered into a contract with SCRPC to work on a Community Plan. A work session has been scheduled for August 26, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

New Franklin Water: Mr. Cozy stated New Franklin had asked for a proposal from the City to provide water to them. He stated representatives from the City recently visited water treatment plants in the area and were very impressed with ours. The City personnel should be commended. They had initially asked for a proposal for one million gallons a day. The City suggested that at this time, they would only need 100,000 per day. New Franklin would pay for building the waterline, which would run along State Route 93 from Canal Fulton.

Erie/High Street Project: Mr. Cozy stated administration is working with the engineer's office in preparation of the grant for the Erie/High Street Project. He would like input from Council tonight whether to move forward with this. The City would be responsible for 26% of the project. The county is partnering with the city for this project. The total cost for the City would be \$199,608.12, which would include widening the street in the area of the schools. He stated if funds aren't released by July 2009, the project would not be able to start until 2010. It is planned to do the project while school is not in session.

All of Council present was in agreement to move forward with the project.

REPORT OF MAYOR (John Grogan)

Trick or Treat: Mayor Grogan stated he would need a motion to set trick or treat for October 31 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Mrs. Cihon moved, seconded by Mr. Deans. ROLL: Yes, ALL.

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

LAW DIRECTOR (Scott Fellmeth)

Attorney Fellmeth stated he has recorded the transfer of the ownership of the Township Hall to Canal Fulton.

THIRD READINGS

The Mayor stated to let the record reflect that Ordinance 23-08 was on the agenda but had passed under its third reading at the August 5, 2008 meeting.

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SECOND READINGS

Resolution 16-08: A Resolution by the Council of the City of Canal Fulton to Continue the Franchise Fee on MCTV Basic Cable Revenue.

STANDS AS SECOND READING

FIRST READINGS

Resolution 18-08: A Resolution to Terminate the Existing 1 Mill Continuous Fire Levy, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Cihon moved to suspend the rules on Resolution 18-08, seconded by Mr. Losch. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

Mrs. Cihon moved for passage of Resolution 18-08 under suspension, seconded by Mr. Deans. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

Resolution 19-08: A Resolution to Terminate the Existing 1 Mill Continuous Police Levy, and Declaring an Emergency. Mrs. Cihon moved to suspend the rules on Resolution 19-08, seconded by Mr. Moellendick. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

Mrs. Cihon moved for passage of Resolution 19-08 under suspension, seconded by Mrs. Downing. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

PURCHASE ORDERS & BILLS

There wasn't any purchase orders.

BILLS: \$42,678.12 Mrs. Cihon moved to approve the bills in the amount of \$42,678.12, seconded by Mr. Moellendick. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

OLD/NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Deans stated they attended the Ghost Dinners event this past weekend and would like to say he is satisfied with what they are trying to do. There are numerous businesses that will be participating in the tour. He asked for participation from the City in contribution monies to help with the financing for advertising.

After a discussion, it was determined that public monies couldn't be used for private entities.

Mayor Grogan stated he needed a motion for receipt of the expense report for the month of July.

Mrs. Cihon moved that they are in receipt of the July financials, seconded by Mr. Moellendick. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

Mr. Cozy stated the 2 mills of taxes will be coming off the 2008 collections.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE (Anthony Crookston) - Not Present.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES - None

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CITIZENS COMMENTS-Open Discussion (Five-Minute Rule)

Linda Zahirsky: Mrs. Zahirsky stated she would like to comment on the issue of spending government funds on private entity. She stated she doesn't feel that this is a very good idea to use tax payers money to provide advertising for private enterprise, anymore than any other business in town.

Mrs. Zahirsky stated the Mayor's Court is stalled due to heavy workloads. It is hopeful to still have the program this year.

Mrs. Zahirsky stated she would like council to consider a sidewalk/bike path program to enable those from the Fulton East Shopping Plaza to get town to be able to use the trails. She stated it is very dangerous along Locust for bike riders, walkers and those in wheelchairs. She would like to see funds set aside yearly where homeowners can apply for a grant from the City for matching funds and to allow the residents to repay it over a number of years. She would like to really see them consider this and to have meetings with the residents along that area that they have set up funds and make them available on a first come basis.

John Hatfield: Mr. Hatfield stated he would like to state that the Historical & Art Festival went very good. They had a good crowd and had beautiful weather. He wanted to thank those that helped the Heritage Society. The boat ran for the event and they had a civil war re-enactments. The museum was open and tours were given at the Oberlin House and Blank House.

Mr. Hatfield stated they had some parking issues. He stated he was issued a ticket. He stated he was taping off areas so people were not close to the area of the re-enactments because of the noise. He was parked in the area that had a No Parking sign posted. Mr. Hatfield stated this area is for the Heritage Society to park.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Grogan adjourned the August 19, 2008 meeting. The next regular scheduled meeting is September 3, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

Tammy Marthey, Clerk of Council

John Grogan, Mayor