

CITY OF CANAL FULTON

September 2, 2003

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

Mayor Shawn Kenney called the September 2, 2003 Council Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CALLING OF THE ROLL: Present: Bill Dane, Diane Downing, Nellie Cihon, Linda Zahirsky, Robert Szanto, Mike Mouse, Mayor Shawn Kenney. Mr. Szanto was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Marge Loretto, City Manager; Debbie Kerr, Finance Director; Dale Kincaid, Law Director; Chief Bob Hill, Fire Department; Chief Mike McNeely, Police Department, Julie Scheurer, The Independent; Joan Porter, The Repository; Rochelle Rossi, Victor Colaianni, Bret Stephan, and Donna Lemmon, all residents.

ADOPTING/CORRECTING OF MINUTES:

The Mayor asked for approval of the minutes of the August 19, 2003 regular Council meeting. Mrs. Zahirsky made a motion to approve the minutes of August 19, 2003. Mr. Dane seconded the motion.

Roll: Yes – 4. Mrs. Cihon abstained.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA MATTERS:

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

Senior Citizens.

Community Service Coordinator.

No Report.

Fire Chief.

Chief Hill stated that a Brewster firefighter passed away and they sent two Canal Fulton firefighters to cover their station while they had a memorial service.

Police Chief.

Chief McNeely asked Council to look at the ordinance that deals with junk and junk vehicles. He said the current ordinance says that if a car has current license plates, it does not fit the definition of a junk vehicle.

Law Director, Dale Kincaid, stated that there is a constitutional problem with changing that law.

Mr. Mouse asked Chief McNeely how often officers go to the park that has been vandalized to patrol that area. The Chief said probably once per shift.

Engineer/Streets/Public Utilities.

No Report.

Director of Finance.

Mrs. Kerr said she did not get the end-of-month reports done, but she will have them for the next meeting.

Mrs. Kerr said she has enjoyed working for the City. Everyone said she will be missed. She stated one of the reasons she was leaving was because the Charter Amendment scares her because of what may be down the road for the City and she needs to look to her future also.

Mr. Mouse asked why it scares her. Mrs. Kerr said that there is a rumor that this will lead to repeal of the income tax. She said the City would not be able to function.

Everyone wished Mrs. Kerr good luck.

Mayor's Report.

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No Report.

City Manager's Report.

Mrs. Loretto said she received a quote from Fred Hertzog regarding moving the generator from the fire station to City Hall in order to have back up power. She said they want to make an Emergency Command Center, but it wouldn't work without a backup power supply.

She also said she was sorry to see Debbie Kerr leave. Mrs. Loretto said an advertisement has already gone into three newspapers for a replacement.

She said they met last week with all parties regarding the parking lot at Sts. Philip and James. She said the issue looks like it will be resolved soon.

Mrs. Loretto also said they are re-applying for a grant to improve the Canal bank.

Parks.

No Report.

Law Director.

Mr. Kincaid passed out copies of a proposed contract with the Northwest Schools regarding the water line extension.

READING OF ORDINANCES:

THIRD READINGS:

No Third Readings.

SECOND READINGS:

No second readings.

FIRST READINGS:

No First Readings.

PURCHASE ORDERS AND BILLS:

Bills: Total, \$155,574.40.

Mr. Dane made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the list of bills. Mrs. Zahirsky seconded the motion. (Voice Vote). Yes – ALL.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Downing asked where Mr. Kincaid was on an ordinance for the snow ban. Mr. Kincaid said he would take care of it.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business.

OTHER BUSINESS:

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Mr. Colaianni said that in the minutes of the last meeting Mr. Mouse had talked about a "beer delivery driver" in comparing the article in the "Our Town" Newsletter. Mr. Colaianni asked if Mr. Mouse was addressing that comment to the Council Clerk or to the publication.

Mr. Mouse said his comment was that the Clerk had no reason to respond for Council or for any elected official and offer an opinion anymore than asking a delivery truck person what their opinion was, especially someone who is transient.

REPORT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

The meeting was adjourned.

Sharon Reiter, Clerk of Council

Shawn Kenney, Mayor