

CITY OF CANAL FULTON

January 2, 2008

PUBLIC HEARING (Discussion of One Way Street-North Canal)

Mayor Grogan called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall.

The purpose of the public hearing was to allow discussion on the current parking along North Canal Street in an attempt to provide additional parking spaces. William Dorman, City Engineer, provided a layout showing the area utilizing a back-in layout, at a 45° angle to the curb, with spaces 21'-11" long by 9'-6" wide. The layout will provide a total of 37 spaces, a gain of 8 from the existing layout.

Ken Roberts, Warehouse on the Canal: Mr. Roberts stated he is in favor of the angle parking. He stated in the Historic District code, under Purpose, it reads "Parking is an essential concern for the ongoing economic vitality of the Historic District and should be of primary concern. He stated he has spoken with most of the business owners in the area, as well as the school superintendent.

Mr. Roberts stated in reviewing the scenario, they could be here forever trying to find a common ground and it isn't going to happen. He thinks when you look at the layout, it is a resourceful use of the assets that they have at hand. The City doesn't have the funds to widen streets and tearing down buildings. In looking at the need and what they have to work with, he feels this is a resourceful way to address a problem that they have.

Tom Hardgrove, Business Owner: Mr. Hardgrove opposes the angle parking. He sees the need for additional parking but doesn't feel this is the solution. He feels there will be a lot of wrecks and that it is just a bad idea. Mr. Hardgrove stated business owner's park in front of their businesses and this is part of the problem.

Greg Spencer, VFW: Mr. Spencer stated the VFW is all for more parking spaces but at this time doesn't feel this is the solution. They have concerns about commercial deliveries due to they are not always in the morning and feels the street could be blocked.

Mr. Spencer stated they have already had three accidents by the VFW due to parking, cars kicking out of gear.

Hartley Grimm, Memory Productions: He stated he has not had the opportunity to study any of the plans. He stated with just the increase of one parking space would be worth all the hassles in the world. He stated he surveyed about 30 of his customers from this past year, all of which are not from the City of Canal Fulton. They all felt the additional parking would be a benefit and greater ease for them.

John Hatfield, Business Owner: Mr. Hatfield stated he has worked on getting more parking for years. He has tried to get Walnut Street surveyed so they can get more parking. He said business owners are required to furnish their employees parking off the street, which is difficult to do. He said he thought maybe people would lease a spot in his parking lot and no one has done that. He stated in the next six months to year, he is going to begin working on economic development in downtown. He feels Mr. Dorman has done a good job at looking at this matter, but there are some problems. He stated maybe the street could be widened under certain circumstances and this would help. There were parallel parking years ago

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and the accident rate was extremely high. He feels with some work, this could work. He feels the plan presented is a good plan. He stated anything that is going to help the downtown, to do it. He appreciates them not having the angle parking in front of his business.

Mike Mahaney: Mr. Mahaney asked if the alley between Mr. Hardgrove's properties is not an essential or arterial passageway, if it could be vacated to eliminate the problems with parking at Mr. Hardgrove's business.

Mayor Grogan asked Mr. Dorman if this is an option. There would need to be further review.

Mr. Hatfield stated he felt it would not be a good idea and it would create a lot of problems.

Mayor Grogan stated he feels this issue needs addressed again and recommended the Public Service Committee review this and have another public meeting.

The Mayor stated this concludes this portion of the meeting and they will move to the Council portion of the meeting.

The public meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM and the Regular Council meeting was called to order.

COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor John Grogan called the December 19, 2007 City Council meeting to order at 7:10 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Jim Deans

Mrs. Cihon moved to excuse Mr. Dean's absence due to a personal illness.

Others Present: Mark Cozy, City Manager; Tammy Marthey, Clerk of Council; David Frisone, Police Chief; Daniel Mayberry, Service Director; William Dorman, City Engineer; Scott Svab, Finance Director; Mike Mahaney, Lawrence Township Resident; Ken and Margarita Roberts, Warehouse on the Canal; Gregory Spencer, 9795 VFW; Hartley and Lindsay Grimm, John Hatfield, and Tom Hardgrove, Business Owners; Linda Zahirsky, Resident; Michael Freeze, Independent; Laura Meade, Observer Reporter; and Joan Porter, Repository.

CORRECTING/ADOPTING THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Mrs. Cihon moved to approve the December 19, 2007 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Crookston. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

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ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mrs. Downing moved to nominate Mr. Crookston as President Council, seconded by Mrs. Cihon. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

Mr. Crookston accepted the nomination.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES MEMBERS

Mrs. Cihon and Mrs. Downing stated they would be willing to serve on this Committee.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED COUNCIL RULES

Mayor Grogan asked if they had a motion to accept the Council Rules as stands. Mrs. Cihon moved to accept the Council Rules as submitted, seconded by Mr. Crookston. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – AGENDA MATTERS - None

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

SENIOR CITIZENS (Nellie Cihon)

Swiss Steak Dinner: The next dinner will be held on January 26, 2008, serving from 4:00 PM-6:30 PM and to call the Center for reservations.

COMMUNITY SERVICE – No Report Submitted.

FIRE CHIEF (Mike Crable, Assistant Chief) – Assistant Chief Crable stated the end of the month report would be submitted at the next Council meeting. He also reported that Rob Wagner and Matt Litner graduated from Paramedic school.

POLICE DEPARTMENT (David Frisone, Chief) - Chief Frisone had to leave the meeting due to power outage in the City.

ENGINEER/STREETS/PUBLIC UTILITIES (William Dorman/ Dan Mayberry) – Mr. Dorman reported he has been working on paperwork for Milan Township. Construction is at a standstill due to the weather.

Mr. Mayberry had to leave the meeting due to the power outage in the City.

FINANCE DIRECTOR (Scott Svab): Mr. Svab stated he has distributed two purchase orders. He has included Ordinance 01-08, which is an ordinance for the temporary budget. He is requesting suspension of the rules and passage of this ordinance this evening.

CITY MANAGER (Mark Cozy)

Canal: Mr. Cozy stated representatives from the City had a meeting with Stark Parks and Stark County Engineer's office regarding information from the Heritage Society about the canal boat rubbing the bottom of the canal causing damage to the boat. They have a tentative agreement in place with Stark Parks and the Engineer's office to lower the water level of the

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canal to explore some of the areas. At that point, they will get together with the Heritage Society again to look at the areas. The Engineer's office has agreed to access the canal from the towpath and try to knock off the high spots as a temporary fix until they can plan a larger project. The primary concern is to enable the canal boat to navigate through the canal.

Fire Station: Mr. Cozy stated he received some preliminary numbers from the main contractor. He stated they have deducted \$43,000 from the project. The final contract amount will be \$1,060,797.16 He is going to work with Mr. Svab to see if that is the numbers we have. He feels this is really good that they were able to deduct \$43,000 just from the general contractor. He is the only one at this point that is complete with his job.

Mr. Cozy stated they received the Certificate of Occupancy from the Stark County Building Department today.

REPORT OF MAYOR (John Grogan) - No Report

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD (Fred Fleming) – Not Present

LAW DIRECTOR

THIRD READINGS

Ordinance 30-07: An Ordinance Establishing a Mayor's Court within the City of Canal Fulton. Mr. Crookston moved for passage of Ordinance 30-07, seconded by Mrs. Cihon. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

SECOND READINGS - None

FIRST READINGS

Ordinance 1-08: An Ordinance to Make Temporary Appropriations for the Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Canal Fulton, County of Stark, Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2008, and Declaring an Emergency. Mrs. Cihon moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance 1-08, seconded by Mr. Crookston. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.** Mrs. Cihon moved for passage of Ordinance 1-08 under suspension, seconded by Mr. Moellendick. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

PURCHASE ORDERS & BILLS

P.O. 5082 to Ohio Public Works Commission for Ohio Public Works Commission Loans for Market Street, Canal Street and Milan Street Water Line, Water Treatment Plant Expansion, Solids Handling Improvement and Denshire Sewer Project in the amount of \$54,278.77. Mrs. Cihon moved to approve P.O. 5082 in the amount of \$54,278.77, seconded by Mr. Crookston. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

P.O. 5103 to Cargill Inc. for 150 Ton Street Salt at \$36.33 Per Ton in the amount of \$5,449.50. Mrs. Cihon moved to approve P.O. 5103 in the amount of \$5,449.50, seconded by Mr. Moellendick. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

BILLS: No Bills Were Presented

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OLD/NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Cihon moved to have a Committee on Committees meeting on January 9, 2008 at 6:00 PM for the purpose of selecting the members of the Standing Committees and other business matters necessary seconded by Mrs. Downing. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

REPORT OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE (Anthony Crookston) -
None

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES - None

CITIZENS COMMENTS-Open Discussion (Five-Minute Rule) - None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Grogan adjourned the January 2, 2008 meeting. The next regular scheduled meeting is January 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Tammy Marthey, Clerk of Council John Grogan, Mayor