

CITY OF CANAL FULTON

January 4, 2005

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor John Grogan called the January 4, 2005 City Council meeting to order at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALLING OF THE ROLL

Present: Victor Colaianni, Nellie Cihon, Mike Mouse, Diane Downing, Linda Zahirsky, and Bob Szanto

OTHERS PRESENT

Mayor John Grogan, Marge Loretto, City Manager; Dale Kincaid, Law Director; Mike Rodino, Finance Director; Chief Ray Green, Fire Dept; Ed Harbaugh, Police Dept; Dennis Mayberry, Street Dept; Paul & Mary Ellen Addressi, MACA Mold; Chris Pugh, The Independent; Joan Porter, The Repository; Fiona Ferguson, Ashley Ferguson, Debbie Green, Tom Messenger, Rochelle Rossi, and Robert (Terry) Kroeger (residents)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Mouse made a motion that Council go into Executive Session regarding personnel promotion, performance, and compensation, expecting action taken, and to include Council, the City Manager, and the Mayor; seconded by Mr. Colaianni. **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED

Mr. Colaianni made a motion to reconvene the regular session; seconded by Mr. Mouse. **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL RULES

Mrs. Zahirsky made a motion that Council approves the rules as they currently stand; seconded by Mrs. Cihon. **ROLL CALL: Yes - ALL**

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mrs. Downing made a motion to elect Mr. Mouse as President pro-tempore; seconded by Mr. Colaianni. **ROLL CALL: Yes - 3** (Mr. Colaianni, Mrs. Downing, Mr. Mouse) **No – 3** (Mrs. Cihon, Mr. Szanto, Mrs. Zahirsky) **Mayor Grogan voted “Yes” on the tied vote, then congratulated Mr. Mouse on becoming the new President of City Council.**

CORRECTING & ADOPTING THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Mrs. Zahirsky made a motion to accept the December 21, 2004 City Council meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Colaianni. **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON AGENDA MATTERS - None

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Senior Citizens (Mrs. Cihon Reporting)

For the Northwest Senior Center Board of Commissions, every two years the five members' term ends. The following accepted another two-year term: Bea Weaver, Scott Fellmeth, Ann Miller, Carol Jones, and Wilma Moore.

January 14	Bloodmobile	1:00 – 700 PM	
January 17	CENTER CLOSED DUE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY		
January 26	Gambling Trip to Greektown	Leaving 7:00 AM	Cost \$33 (\$23 Back)
January 29	Swiss Steak Dinner	Price: \$8 – Adults; \$4 – Children	

Community Service Coordinator – No Report

Fire Chief

Mayor Grogan stated that Chief Hill's retirement last year left a vacancy in the Fire Chief's position. The search for his replacement resulted in two of the three finalists coming from internally. Mr. Colaianni, Safety Chairman, was in on the interview process. They narrowed the selection down to Ray Green, who was highly recommended from other chiefs and co-workers. The Mayor

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submitted to Council for their approval his recommendation that Ray Green be hired for the Fire Chief's position of Canal Fulton Fire Department.

Mr. Colaianni made a motion to approve Ray Green as Chief of Canal Fulton Fire Department; seconded by Mr. Mouse. **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

After being congratulated, Chief Green was prepared and presented his first report as Fire Chief. Chief Green stated the Fire Department has acquired two ice rescue suits through a program with the U.S. Coast Guard, and he made some contacts to get training for same through the Stark County Park Rangers, should an ice rescue be necessary. The Mayor said after Mike Crable contacted the U.S. Coast Guard, they gave the City the suits at no cost.

Police Chief – No Report

Engineer – No Report

Finance Director – No Report

Mayor – No Report

City Manager

Regarding Patrol Officers, Mrs. Loretto stated they have scheduled a meeting with the new fact finder (Mark Winters) for Thursday, January 27, 2005 at 10:00 AM in Council Chambers.

Mrs. Loretto reviewed the Zoning Recap for 2004 with Council.

John Hatfield informed Mrs. Loretto that January 9, 2005 at 1:00 PM, they are going to meet at the Blank House for a tour, along with the Oberlin House, the Museum, and the property at Lock 4. Everyone is welcome to go on the tour.

Parks – No Report

Law Director

FIRST READINGS

Ordinance 01-05: An Ordinance Indicating What Services the City of Canal Fulton, Ohio, Will Provide to the Rumble Property, Upon Annexation, and Declaring an Emergency. (Requested by the City Manager) Mrs. Loretto suggested asking Jim Rosenblatt to come to the next Council meeting, so he could answer pertinent questions.

Resolution 01-05: A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with the City of Massillon Law Department for Legal services of the Prosecutor's Office, and Declaring an Emergency. (Requested by the City Manager)

Ordinance 02-05: An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Maca Mold & Machine Company for the Purpose of Tax Abatement in the Enterprise Zone, and Declaring an Emergency. (Requested by the City Manager)

Mr. and Mrs. (Mary Ellen) Paul Addressi, who owns Maca Mold, were present. Mayor Grogan asked them if they were looking at a three-to-four phase developmental process. Mr. Addressi said, "Yes, we've already acquired two acres in the Industrial Park, and the first two phases will be on the one piece of property. We kept them separate intentionally; the third phase actually crossed over, so that the two properties would be combined into one The fourth phase is just a small building to the back." Mayor Grogan thanked Mr. & Mrs. Addressi for looking at this area, as this would do a lot for Canal Fulton. Mr. Addressi said he is expecting to employ 20 people. The first phase, they'd probably have eight employees. Mr. Addressi explained Maca Mold's business for Council's benefit. Regarding tax abatement, Mr. Addressi has two pieces of equipment installed in Canal Fulton currently, but the tax abatement will be not be on those two pieces, and anything that is "prior" to when this is approved is outside the tax abatement. Mace Mold has initially asked for 75% abatement. Mr. Mouse said that this tax abatement is basically going to borne by the schools, and when tax abatement occurs, for each tax abated dollar, \$0.70 is supposed to go to the schools. That no longer goes to the schools and will have to be picked up at some point of time by the residents of the community in the school district. Mr. Mouse was reluctant to agree to the abatement, unless there is a clear benefit for our community. Mr. Addressi responded, "We are strong promoters of pulling young people out of the schools (vocational) and doing this type of coop apprenticeship-type training. The machines that we are buying today are nothing like the manual machines that we used years ago, and talented high school students who want to do this as a career and profession can operate these machines much better than any of us. They're computer smart, and that's pretty much where it's at. So, that's all part of the whole program. And, yes, we're aware of the tax abatement thing and the affect it has on schools, but there is another side to that coin too – is that if we can encourage younger people to get into this type of training

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program and to work with us, that's a plus." He said there's also another plus of bringing the jobs into the area, so it's something to weigh on both sides.

Ordinance 03-05: An Ordinance Providing an Additional \$750.00 per Month for the Acting Police Chief, and Declaring an Emergency. (Requested by the City Manager)

Mr. Szanto made a motion to suspend the rules on Ordinance 03-05; seconded by Mrs. Zahirsky. **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

Mr. Colaianni made a motion to pass Ordinance 03-05 under suspension; seconded by Mr. Szanto. *Discussion:* Mr. Szanto stated when they'd previously discussed this, they'd discussed an amount of \$500, and he was surprised to see the \$750 amount. The Mayor said Mrs. Loretto had asked him about it, and he thought the figure was between \$500 to \$1,000, so he split the difference at \$750.

Mr. Szanto made a motion to amend Ordinance 03-05 to change the amount in Section One and in the Title from \$750 to \$500 to Acting Chief Kassinger; seconded by Mr. Mouse. **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL** Mrs. Zahirsky made a motion to pass Ordinance 03-05 as amended under suspension; seconded by Mrs. Cihon. **ROLL CALL: Yes - ALL**

PURCHASE ORDERS & BILLS

P.O. 4151 in the amount of \$6,740 made out to North American Salt Company for Salt – Stark County Cooperative Purchasing. Mrs. Zahirsky made a motion to approve P.O. 4151 in the amount of \$6,740 made out to North American Salt Company; seconded by Mrs. Cihon.

ROLL CALL: YES - ALL

BILLS: No Bills Presented

NEW BUSINESS - None

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Mouse complimented the Street Department for their work scraping the snow off the street during the heavy snow days. He made a request that on their final pass that the men slow down and curl that snow because in the "older folks" allotment they had people asking if that could be done. Mr. Mayberry said, "We don't have time to slow down, not when there is a storm like that one." The Mayor stated, "Actually, you guys did a fantastic job keeping the roads clear."

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Colaianni stated that on January 25, 2005 at 7:00 PM, the Township has agreed to meet with Council to talk about joint fire issues. Mr. Stevens did confirm that he would be able to make it, as well as Chief Stull. He hasn't heard from North Lawrence yet.

Mr. Colaianni made a motion that Council holds a Special Council Meeting January 25, 2005 at 7:00 PM in Chambers jointly with Lawrence Township regarding joint fire issues and any other business Council deemed necessary; seconded by Mrs. Downing. **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

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

REPORT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT – No Report

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. Mouse wanted to set up a meeting to talk about water rates, but Mrs. Zahirsky said Council would have to start with the Committee on Committees. Mr. Colaianni stated that would be Council President, along with two other people, and then the Council President appoints the committees for the year; to be reported to Council by the second meeting of the year. Mr. Mouse asked Mrs. Cihon and Mr. Szanto to serve on the Committee of Committees, and to set a meeting for January 11, 2005 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Mr. Mouse nominated Mrs. Cihon and Mr. Szanto to serve on the Committee on Committees; seconded by Mr. Colaianni. **ROLL CALL: Yes – ALL**

Mr. Szanto brought up election of a new Council Vice President pro-tempore. The Mayor called for a motion from the floor for nominations for Council Vice President pro-tempore.

Mrs. Cihon made a motion to nominate Mrs. Zahirsky for the office of Vice President pro-tempore; seconded by Mr. Szanto. **ROLL CALL: Yes – 5** (Mrs. Cihon, Mrs. Downing, Mr. Mouse, Mr. Szanto, Mrs. Zahirsky) **No – 1** (Mr. Colaianni)

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ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Cihon made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Grogan adjourned the January 4, 2005 City Council meeting.

Patricia A. Schauwecker, Clerk of Council

Mayor John Grogan