

CITY OF CANAL FULTON

December 1, 2007

**COUNCIL MEETING**

President Pro Tempore Linda Zahirsky called the December 1, 2007 Special City Council meeting to order at 8:10 AM in Council Chambers at City Hall.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Diane Downing, James Deans, Linda Zahirsky, and Nellie Cihon.

Absent: Mayor John Grogan, Anthony Crookston and Victor Colaianni.

Mrs. Zahirsky reported that Mr. Crookston was absent due to his work schedule.

Mr. Cozy reported that Mr. Colaianni was absent due to his father being ill.

Others Present Mark Cozy, City Manager; Tammy Marthey, Clerk of Council; Chuck Kassinger, Police Officer; Ray Green, Fire Chief; Scott Svab, Finance Director; Laura Meade, The Signal.

**THIRD READINGS - None**

**SECOND READINGS-NONE**

**FIRST READINGS**

Ordinance 28-07: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 03-07, and Providing for the Transfer of Funds Within Various Accounts for the Purpose of Paying Various City Obligations, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Zahirsky asked that this be placed on the agenda for the December 4, 2007 meeting.

Ordinance 29-07: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into An Agreement for the Purchase of a Telephone System, and Declaring the Same to Be An Emergency.

Mrs. Cihon moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance 29-07, seconded by Mr. Deans. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

Mrs. Cihon moved for passage of Ordinance 29-07 under suspension, seconded by Mrs. Downing. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

**PURCHASE ORDERS & BILLS**

**P.O. 5022** to Craun Liebing Company for Lift Station Motor, Wear Plate and Assembly in the amount of \$4,815.18. Mrs. Cihon moved to approve P.O. 5022 in the amount of \$4,815.18, seconded by Mr. Deans. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

**P.O. 5056** to City of Massillon Auditor's Office for Prior Court Fees Assessed in the amount of \$3,322.38. Mrs. Cihon moved to approve P.O. 5056 in the amount of \$3,322.38, seconded by Mr. Deans. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

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Mr. Svab stated this bill is due to a previous deficit in the courts. All municipalities using the courts have to pay a percentage of the deficit based upon use.

**P.O. 5057** to The Bank of New York for the Principal and Interest for the Water Plant Expansion and the Downtown Improvements Bond in the amount of \$187,445.00. Mrs. Cihon moved to approve P.O. 5057 in the amount of \$187,445.00, seconded by Mrs. Downing. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

**P.O. 5058** to Huntington National Bank for the Land Acquisition Note, Park Property Interest on Note, Principal on Note in the amount of \$781,875.00. Mrs. Cihon moved to approve P.O. 5058 in the amount of \$781,875.00, seconded by Mr. Deans. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

**BILLS: \$117,634.47**

Mrs. Cihon moved to approve the bills in the amount of \$117,634.47, seconded by Mrs. Downing. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

### **OLD/NEW/OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Deans reported that the T.A.P. Committee will be forming a YMCA Board and any interested parties should contact him.

Mrs. Cihon moved to have a Personnel Committee meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 7:00 PM to discuss employee wages and any other business deemed necessary, seconded by Mrs. Downing. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

Mrs. Zahirsky stated regarding the JEDD with the Township for the schools, she would like to see the monies be required for both entities use it for capital purchases. There was lengthy discussion on the need of purchasing a quint fire truck and other equipment that could be shared.

Mrs. Zahirsky stated the Township wasn't giving any consideration for use to enter into a contract. She stated she would like to have the JEDD contract include as part of their consideration they would pay for one fireman for the midnight to 6:00 AM staffing. The City would also pay for one fireman for the midnight to 6:00 AM staffing. The monies from the JEDD would be earmarked for FIRE/EMS and they could include an expiration date.

Mrs. Zahirsky stated she will draft up a contract for the Township and for them to respond by December 19, 2007. Mr. Cozy was advised to get a letter to the Township on Monday, December 3 regarding this matter.

### **2008 Budget**

#### **Police Department**

1. Capital budget - \$50,000
2. The Chief has included a 3% pay increase for the officers. The union negotiations are still ongoing.
3. Chief would like to promote a lieutenant or sergeant
4. Elaine's salary
5. Purchase of another car-which was a planned purchase

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6. One item included in budget was a computer. Mrs. Zahirsky recommended on all replacement of computers for the City to be replaced with laptops with docking stations.

### Fire Department

1. Capital Budget - \$60,000
2. Air packs. Chief Green stated if the grant was approved, they would only have to 5%. He stated Mr. Gross is going to meet with a representative from Scot to see if they can upgrade the current equipment. If this is the case, the grant monies could be used toward other equipment.

Mr. Svab stated he would like to retire the squad payment.

Mr. Svab stated the EMS collections are down for the year.

### Parks & Recreation

1. Mr. Cozy stated the Salaries & Wages line item needs increased from \$38,000 to \$40,000.

### Streets

1. Request to hire an employee.

There was discussion on the Street Superintendent position. Currently the Assistant Superintendent is working as the Interim Superintendent. The position was not filled when one employee retired.

### Water/Sewer

1. Request to hire an employee. This employee would be primary in the Water/Sewer Department and could also assist in the Street Department.

### Council

1. Mrs. Zahirsky stated she would like to add \$1,000 for the purchase of software for equipment to record the meetings onto CD's.

### Mayor's Court

Mrs. Zahirsky stated it would cost approximately \$10,000-\$12,000 for the first year.

1. Clerks, Prosecutor, Magistrate and Bailiff.
2. Laptop
3. Software
4. Training

She stated the Magistrate would be at no cost until after June. The bailiff could be whichever officer is on duty or one of the part-time officers. There was discussion on possibly adding to the new Law Director's contract to be the prosecutor.

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Mr. Svab presented to Council regarding raises for the employees, his thoughts are to give a smaller percentage and then have employees set goals and if achieved they can earn bonuses quarterly. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this matter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Pro Tempore Zahirsky adjourned the December 1, 2007 meeting. The next regular scheduled meeting is December 4, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

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Tammy Marthey, Clerk of Council    Linda Zahirsky, President ProTempore