

# CITY OF CANAL FULTON

February 5, 2007

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Grogan called the February 5, 2007 City Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor John Grogan, Tony Crookston, Nellie Cihon, Linda Zahirsky, Victor Colaianni, Jim Deans, and Diane Downing.

Others Present: Dale Kincaid, Law Director; Bill Dorman, Engineer; Dan Mayberry, Service Director; Tammy Marthey, Clerk of Council; Ray Green, Fire Chief; Theresa Wilson, Student-University of Akron; Mike Mouse, Paul Bagocius, Residents; Joan Porter, Repository; Chris Pugh, Independent.

## **CORRECTING/ADOPTING THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Mrs. Zahirsky moved to approve the January 16, 2007 City Council minutes, seconded by Mrs. Cihon. **ROLL: Mr. Crookston, Abstain; Yes-Mrs. Cihon, Mrs. Zahirsky, Mr. Colaianni, Mr. Deans and Mrs. Downing.**

Mrs. Cihon moved to approve the January 27, 2007 Special City Council minutes, seconded by Mr. Crookston. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Mrs. Zahirsky reported that the Public Utilities Committee recently met. As a result, they are recommending that water accounts shut-off for non-payment and turned back on shall incur a fee of \$25.00; contractors bonds for water connection shall be increased from \$1,500.00 to \$10,000; and there shall be a deposit on new accounts to non-homeowners of \$50.00 to be refunded after one year of timely payments. The refund will be issued 15 days after the final reading. They also discussed the five year plan for the water department. They are looking to extend the water line to the corporation limits, Canal/Locust Street loop via Millfield. These two projects are \$500,000. They are increasing from 6" lines to 12" lines.

## **CITIZENS' COMMENTS – AGENDA MATTERS**

Mike Mouse, 406 Riverview Street: Mr. Mouse made comments regarding Resolution 05-07 regarding the income tax increase.

## **REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

***SENIOR CITIZENS (Nellie Cihon):*** Mrs. Cihon reported the following:

Swiss Steak Dinner: The next dinner will be held on March 3 from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Reservations are required.

Tax Preparation: The Center will be doing tax preparation from February 7 through April 11 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM daily for individuals with an income up to \$60,000. Appointments are necessary.

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Trip: The Center is planning a trip on February 13 to a casino in Presque Isle, PA. This is a brand new facility and all are anxious to attend.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE (Phil Kaster)** – Mr. Kaster provided a written report and indicated there were 160 total community service man hours worked for the month of January.

**FIRE CHIEF (Chief Ray Green)** Chief Green reported there were eighteen calls this past weekend. There was a structure fire and they had 25 firefighters on scene (included manpower from other departments).

The new fire department is ready to be put out to bid. Bids will be closed on March 6. He stated Mr. Cozy has the schedule of when it is being advertised in the local newspapers and when the bid specs are available to be picked up for bidding. T

They have experienced some problems in the west side fire department due to the extreme cold weather. The heat source in the bays is inadequate. They will need to look at some heating options.

**POLICE CHIEF (Chief Dave Frisone)** – Chief Frisone submitted a written report and was unable to attend due to a schedule conflict and then was also ill. Officer Dennis Muntean and the Chief were invited to attend the Stark County Prosecutor's Crime Prevention Dinner in Canton. The department also received OVI Task Force Reimbursement for November 2006 of \$1,109.00. Anticipated reimbursement for December is \$1,274.00 and for January 2007 is \$702.00. This program continues to enable the department to put more officers on duty during peak DUI violation periods and no cost to the City.

The annual Crime prevention Breakfast will be held at 8:00 AM on February 6, 2007 at the Canton Negro Oldtimer's Activity Center. Both Dennis Montean and Garnet Thomas will be recognized at this function. Mrs. Thomas has requested that former Mayor Tom Messenger receive the award on her behalf.

**ENGINEER (Bill Dorman)** – No Report

**MAYOR (John Grogan)** – Mayor Grogan requested to have an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mrs. Thomas currently is a member of the board and recommended Rochelle Rossi. Mrs. Zahirsky moved to approve Rochelle Rossi as an alternate to the Zoning Boards of Appeals, based upon Mayor Grogan's recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Cihon. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

**PARKS & RECREATION B OARD (Fred Fleming)** – Not Present

**LAW DIRECTOR (Dale Kincaid)** – No Report

**THIRD READINGS**

**Resolution 01-07:** A Resolution Approving the Hare Annexation. Mr. Colaianni moved for passage of Resolution 01-07, seconded by Mr. Deans. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

**SECOND READINGS**

None

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**FIRST READINGS**

**Ordinance 01-07** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 143.01(c), The Codified Ordinances Entitled "FEES".

**Stands as First Reading**

**Ordinance 02-07** An Ordinance Amending Section 131.08(a) of the Canal Fulton Code by Deleting the Mileage Reimbursement, and Declaring an Emergency. Mrs. Zahirsky moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance 02-07, seconded by Mrs. Cihon. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

Mrs. Zahirsky stated they discussed this at the special meeting as a way to help cut the budget. They will continue to pay for the schooling and books.

Mrs. Zahirsky moved for passage of Ordinance 02-07, seconded by Mr. Crookston. **ROLL: Yes, ALL.**

**Resolution 05-07:** A Resolution Declaring the Necessity of the City of Canal Fulton to Amend City Code Section 181.03 by Amending SubSection (j) Levying a Surcharge of Four-Tenths of One Percent (0.4%) on Taxable Income as Defined in that Section for the Purpose of Providing Funds for Fire & Rescue Operations; Instructing the Stark County Board of Elections to Conduct an election on Said Proposal on May 8, 2007; and Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Crookston moved to suspend the rules on Resolution 05-07, seconded by Mr. Colaianni. **ROLL: No, ALL.**

**Stands as First Reading**

Mrs. Zahirsky stated the increase would be almost \$500,000. The Ordinance is currently written for all funds to be placed in the Fire Department budget. The current proposed fire department budget is \$389,000, excluding capital. Their capital budget is \$43,000. She feels it gives the department more than what they need. Mr. Kincaid stated the ordinance needs to specify where they put the funds. Mrs. Zahirsky stated she wants the increase to be split between the fire and police departments. The income tax revenue would mostly replace existing general fund money that supports the departments and would free general fund money that could be used for other expenses. Mrs. Zahirsky stated she was willing to donate the salary she gets the next couple of months for a pact in order to be able to fund the educational/information they need to send to people. She feels they have given up control if they give the Fire Department a levy that would generate \$500,000 or more if they go through annexation, more than what they need.

Mr. Colaianni stated it is felt by some in the community that there is 24-hour coverage when in fact there isn't.

Mr. Crookston stated he felt as a result of the discussions from the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting that the funds generated were going to be used for Safety Services.

Mrs. Zahirsky stated she felt the Ordinance needs to be amended to say for the "General Fund", with the understanding that it is going to go for safety. They either have to put it 2 and 2 and then one of them get voted down or they go .4 for the general fund with the understanding that whoever sits on council in 2008 will be the ones that decide whether \$300,000 goes to the Fire and \$200,000 to Police or the other way around.

Mr. Kincaid will check with the State Auditors on this matter.

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**FINANCE DIRECTOR (Scott Svab)** – Mr. Svab reviewed the combined estimated revenues. Mr. Svab suggested leaving the Street Superintendent position vacant for another six months. They discussed how to make more cuts for the upcoming budget.

Mr. Dan Mayberry requested they look at other ways to make some cuts instead of the Street Superintendent position. The previous superintendent was a working superintendent. They can't patch streets with only three employees, it creates safety issues.

Mrs. Zahirsky expressed her concerns about this cut, citing the citizens will notice this more than any other. Mayor Grogan agreed that the roads are as important as anything else.

The budget will be reviewed more and discussed at the next Council meeting.

**PURCHASE ORDERS & BILLS**

None presented. Mr. Svab stated the auditors have been here. Mayor Grogan asked for him to email to Council.

**BILLS: \$** - None presented.

**OLD/NEW/OTHER BUSINESS** - None

**REPORT OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE (Linda Zahirsky)** Mrs. Zahirsky stated they have been working on the budget and will continue to work more on it.

**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES** - None

**CITIZENS COMMENTS-Open Discussion (Five-Minute Rule)**

Mike Mouse, 406 Riverview Street: Mr. Mouse asked about Resolution 05-07 and if Council would vote on it with the knowledge of people's income being decreased and asked if anyone would like to respond.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor John Grogan moved to adjourn the February 5, 2007 City Council meeting.

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Tammy Marthey, Clerk of Council

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John Grogan, Mayor