

**CITY OF CANAL FULTON  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 20, 2004**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:**

Mayor Grogan called the March 20, 2004 City Council meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**CALLING OF THE ROLL:** Present: Victor Colaianni, Nellie Cihon, Linda Zahirsky, Mike Mouse, Robert Szanto, Diane Downing, Mayor John Grogan.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dale Kincaid, Law Director; Chief Robert Hill, Chief Mike McNeely, Assistant Fire Chief, Mark Stewart; Amy Geier, Rochelle Rossi.

**ADOPTING OF MINUTES.**

Mrs. Cihon made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting of March 1 2004. Mr. Colaianni seconded the motion. Roll: Yes – ALL.

**SECOND READINGS:**

**Ordinance 9-04:** An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map for Changing 0.5783 Acres in Lot 1073 from Zone B-1 to Zone B-2.

**FIRST READINGS:**

**Resolution 8-04:** A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Contract with the YMCA of Central Stark County for the 2004 Summer Recreation Program, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mrs. Zahirsky made a motion to suspend the rules on Resolution 8-04. Mrs. Cihon seconded the motion. Roll: Yes – ALL.

Mrs. Zahirsky then made a motion to pass Resolution 8-04 under suspension. Mrs. Downing seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Mrs. Zahirsky said Mr. Mouse had requested that in the future the cost of the contract be included on the front.

**Roll:** Yes – ALL.

Mrs. Zahirsky made a motion to go into Executive Session the purpose of which is to discuss personnel performance. She said she would like the Law Director, the Mayor, Council members, and each of the witnesses who have been requested to be present. She also said she would like Christine Abergast, court reporter, to be present.

Mr. Kincaid also said he would like to discuss pending litigation.

Mr. Colaianni seconded the motion. Roll: Yes – ALL.

**Meeting Adjourned into Executive Session.**

Mrs. Zahirsky made a motion to re-convene the regular portion of the meeting. She stated that in the Executive Session possible litigation was discussed and personnel matters regarding performance. She said no action was taken. Mrs. Cihon seconded the motion. Roll: Yes – ALL.

**Meeting Re-convened to the Regular Meeting.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Zahirsky said she would like to discuss the computer system at the Police Department. She said she had the networking experts at BWXT look through the quotes the City received. She said she will put copies of the evaluations in Council boxes. She said the lead expert was not impressed with any of them. She said, for example, Mr. Patris was going to charge the City \$700.00 for a switch that the City can go out and buy for \$200.00. She said there is another item Mr. Patris is charging \$200.00 for and the City can purchase it for \$59.00.

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Mrs. Zahirsky said she is suggesting that they look at a proposal where there is a networking computer. She said they need to decide how many computers to purchase. She said she does not have that quote back yet as far as what this system will cost.

Mrs. Zahirsky said she called several police departments to see how they have theirs arranged and how many officers use one computer. She said it was as high as twelve on one computer in Monroe Falls and as low as three or four to a computer in other cities. She said none of them had one computer for each officer. She said it is not done anywhere.

Further discussion followed.

Mr. Colaianni said there is a situation right now that when the Police Department runs criminal histories, they enter a number and it comes out with wrong results. He said, for example, one came out as a local minister - none of the information matches and there are warrants on it for drug paraphernalia .

Mrs. Zahirsky said they could set up a special time to review everything or they can wait until April 6<sup>th</sup>, the next regular meeting.

Mr. Mouse said the Police Department's request from the beginning should have stated exactly what and why they needed it.

Mr. Colaianni said those questions were asked at the Safety Committee meeting, but were not reflected verbatim in the minutes.

The Mayor said he had a letter sent to him by Echoing Ridge Residential Center and would like it read into the minutes.

"We would like Canal Fulton to declare March Disability Awareness Month as it has been declared across the nation." He said Echoing Ridge is going to have a "Think Ability First" celebration on March 28, 2004. He said a press release has also been sent out declaring March Disability Awareness Month in Canal Fulton.

There was a discussion regarding meeting with Senator Schuring for a discussion on SETA. Mr. Mouse asked why they are going to meet regarding a SETA. The Mayor said Senator Schuring has basically written the legislation and the meeting would be for informational purposes.

Mr. Szanto asked if there was a way to expand the City's tax base without annexation. It was stated that SETA's do that.

It was decided to set a meeting after the next Council meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>. April 13<sup>th</sup> or the 27<sup>th</sup> were suggested. It was decided to see if Senator Schuring would be available on either date. Mrs. Zahirsky reminded everyone that it would have to be brought up at the next meeting and to vote on it.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Colaianni said he attended the Regional Planning meeting two weeks ago. He said he had copies of the current CDBG grant monies and where they are going if anyone would like a copy. He said he and the Mayor attended the tax abatement meeting regarding Metaldyne, Hamilton Safe, and Avalon Foods. He said their abatements were renewed. Mr. Colaianni said that Metaldyne has secured a contract with Ford Motor Co. and will be the sole supplier for one of the parts on the new Mustang and one of the parts on the new trucks. He said there will be ten to fifteen new jobs created and the plant is going to be expanded.

Mr. Mouse said from an educator's standpoint, the Ohio State Supreme Court has said again and again that the State legislature does not adequately fund a child's education. He said the legislature has ducked and ducked. Mr. Mouse said if they took the stack of money that has been given in tax abatement and compared it to the stack of money that the schools are short, he wonders which stack would be larger.

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Mr. Szanto pointed out that the meeting the Mayor and Mr. Colaianni attended was a yearly review by the County.

Mrs. Cihon asked Mr. Colaianni if he looked into the grants he said he would investigate regarding sidewalks. Mr. Colaianni said he will receive the paper work by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Sharon Reiter, Clerk of Council

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John Grogan, Mayor