

CITY OF CANAL FULTON

March 20, 2007

**COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor John Grogan called the March 20, 2007 City Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: John Grogan, Nellie Cihon, Linda Zahirsky, and James Deans.

Absent: Tony Crookston, Diane Downing and Victor Colaianni.

Others Present: Dale Kincaid, Law Director; Mark Cozy, City Manager; Tammy Marthey, Clerk of Council; Scott Svab, Finance Director; David Frisone, Police Chief; Mark Stewart, Assistant Fire Chief; Amy Knapp, Independent; Joan Porter, Repository; Laura Jean Meade, The Canal Fulton Signal; Chell Rossi, and Bob Stopar.

There was not a quorum for this meeting. The Mayor called for a special council meeting to be held on March 24, 2007 at 9:30 AM. The Economic Development which was to be held at 6:00 PM also did not have a quorum and has been rescheduled for March 24, 2007 at 9:00 AM.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

No report.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS – AGENDA MATTERS** - None

**REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

***SENIOR CITIZENS (Nellie Cihon)*** – Swiss Steak Dinner: The next dinner is scheduled for April 14, 2007. Reservations are required.

***COMMUNITY SERVICE (Phil Kaster)*** – Not Present

***FIRE CHIEF (Assistant Mark Stewart)*** - No Report.

***POLICE CHIEF (David Frisone)***: Chief Frisone reported they assisted Summit County Sheriff's Office in apprehending a felon on Longview who was wanted for a felony, domestic violence and some drug offenses. He was staying in the City and Summit County asked for assistance in finding him. He was picked up without incidence.

The Chief passed around a \$100 counterfeit bill which was passed at the Marathon gas station. He showed it to the secret service and they were impressed. They may have a suspect. The Chief is working on a fact sheet to distribute to businesses as a reminder about counterfeit currency and some of the security measures to check.

***ENGINEER (Bill Dorman)*** – Not Present

***FINANCE DIRECTOR (Scott Svab)***: Mr. Svab reported that the fire station construction fund has been rolled over constantly in seven day short term CD's to make it available once they start construction. The rates went up to 5.1%.

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They were staying at 5.08%. They have been averaging \$5,500 in interest each month.

**CITY MANAGER (Mark Cozy):** Mr. Cozy stated they will be putting an ad in the paper for the staff at the Canalway Center. There is one individual from last year that will be coming back.

Mr. Cozy reported they have tentative lows for the contractors. They did have a low bidder who has withdrawn his bid due to some errors in his calculations. Mr. Cozy stated he felt they could go after the low bidder on his bond. The overall bids were lower bidding them out separately versus one general contractor doing the whole project.

Mr. Kincaid stated if the bidder is held liable, he is liable for 10% of his bond or the difference, whichever is lower. Mr. Kincaid stated if the bidder had an obvious mistake, he is excused. They will need to look further into this matter.

There was discussion on substituting wood stairs in lieu of concrete and metal stairs and delete one apparatus bay. Mayor Grogan stated he is not comfortable with the wood stairs with the amount of gear that is carried up and down the steps on a continuous basis.

Mrs. Zahirsky asked if they build the station with the concrete stairs and continue with the bays, wouldn't they be substantially over the funds that they have available to build the station?

Mr. Cozy stated they currently have \$1.4M and asked Mr. Svab if this was correct.

Mr. Svab stated he felt it was going to be close to \$56,000 difference not counting if they are going to be able to look at any other change orders or just the ones he projected with the wood stairs, the generator and some questions on some changes orders and have an additional savings of up to \$50,000. He stated there are different things that he has heard proposed. He stated he heard the carpeting had special design print that would have a lot of waste when trying to match at the seams and the carpet was only available from one specific manufacturer. It was felt they could substitute a similar product in a plain type material, could be a \$10-15,000 savings.

Mr. Cozy stated they had to accept the contact as bid and these items could be done as change orders. Mr. Cozy stated they have to approve the contact as bid, but some things could be done through change orders and be negotiated through the architect, the builder and the City. He stated there is room to knock some off the building, with one of the major things being the generator. He stated there is discussion right now that the existing generator they have at the fire station is enough to power the fire and police building together. If this is the case, they can take the generator at the police station and move it to the fire station. They need generator back up at all facilities. He stated they are going to continue using the station on Milan. He stated before they can go forward, they need to award to contact and then they begin negotiating change orders. There is no furniture allowance with the contact.

**MAYOR (John Grogan)** – No Report

**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD (Fred Fleming)** – Not Present

**LAW DIRECTOR (Dale Kincaid):** - No Report

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**REPORT OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE (Linda Zahirsky)** – None

**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES** - None

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Grogan adjourned the March 20, 2007 City Council meeting.

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Tammy Marthey, Clerk of Council

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John Grogan, Mayor