

## CITY OF CANAL FULTON

January 7, 2003

### **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:**

Mayor Shawn Kenney of the City of Canal Fulton, called the January 7, 2003 Council Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Present – Nellie Cihon, Bill Dane, Linda Zahirsky, Mike Mouse, Bob Szanto, and Mayor Shawn Kenney.

Mr. Dane made a motion that Mrs. Downing be excused do to illness. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cihon. Roll: Yes – ALL.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Marge Loretto, City Manager; Debbie Kerr, Finance Director; Dale Kincaid, Law Director; Mike McNeely, Chief of Police; Robert Hill, Fire Chief; Mark Stewart, Assistant Fire Chief; Rochelle Rossi, Bret Stephan, John Hatfield, Ken Roberts, Margarita Roberts, all residents; Joan Porter, The Repository.

### **CORRECTING / ADOPTING THE MINUTES**

The Mayor asked for a correcting of or adopting of the Minutes of December 17, 2002 Council meeting. Mrs. Zahirsky made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 17, 2002 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cihon. Roll: Yes – ALL.

Mr. Szanto then made a motion that Council adjourn into executive session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Zahirsky. Roll: Yes – ALL.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Szanto made a motion that Council adjourn the executive session and reconvene to the regular portion of the meeting. He stated that during the executive session Council discussed matters of personnel, contracts, and compensation. No legislative action will be taken as a result of that executive session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Zahirsky. Roll: Yes – ALL.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

Mayor Kenney introduced Ken and Margarita Roberts who will give a short presentation on their plans concerning the Communications Exhibit Building, which they have recently purchased.

Mr. Roberts stated he and his wife live in Canal Fulton and their office is also here. He said they have purchased the Communications Exhibit Building. He said they have been involved with downtown development for over twenty years. He went on to list their experience and accomplishments.

He stated that they will be putting in a high end antique mall and some restaurants. He said they have also offered free office space to the Canal Fulton Chamber of Commerce. He said they are also working with the Tourism Bureau and Stark Parks. He said they were dealing with 700 tour bus companies.

The Mayor asked what Mr. Roberts felt the City's role would be in assistance. Mr. Roberts said parking will be a big issue. He said there is a piece of land across the Canal that belongs to the City. He said he hopes they could partner with the City in some way to create additional parking there with a bridge.

The Mayor said he was 100% in favor of his concept. The Mayor said the only problem might be that the City-owned land Mr. Roberts is talking about is in a flood plain. He said the City Engineer will look into it.

Mr. Roberts said the best example of their efforts locally is Canal Place in Akron. He then discussed Canal Place.

Further discussion followed.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA MATTERS:**

#### **REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:**

Senior Citizens. No Report.

Community Service Coordinator. No Report.

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### Fire Chief.

Chief Hill said he had the year-end report. He said there were 566 total calls for the year. He said total squad calls in Canal Fulton were 323. Canal Fulton Fire Department took care of 270 of the 323 and Lawrence Township took care of 53 of the calls. He said there were no major fire losses this year. He said there were 56 fire-related calls.

He asked were the City stood on the billing. Mr. Kincaid stated it would be 30 days after the ordinance was passed, which would be January 16, 2003. Chief Hill said they would be soft billing our residents and soft billing non-residents also. Mr. Kincaid asked Chief Hill to call him.

Chief Hill then recommended to the Mayor to promote Ray Green from Lt. to Captain. The Mayor asked if there was a vacancy in the captain's position. Chief Hill said he split the captain's job and squad director's job, which opens up the vacancy. The Mayor then recommended the promotion to Council.

Mr. Szanto made a motion that Council approve the Mayor's recommendation to promote Ray Green to Captain. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cihon. Mr. Dane asked if there was any testing or additional training that these people go through before being promoted. Chief Hill said no. Mark Stewart stated Mr. Green is a state instructor for the Fire Cabinet. He is also a 240 professional firefighter/paramedic and has been doing the training for the fire department.

Roll: Yes – ALL.

Chief Hill then said he would like to put Ray Green in the newly established training officer's position. Mrs. Loretto said she thought that was taken back out of the ordinance. The Mayor stated that the law director would have to modify the ordinance to include that position.

Chief Hill then said he would like to promote Michelle Stewart from assistant squad director to squad director. The Mayor so recommended.

Mr. Szanto made a motion to approve the Mayor's recommendation to promote Michelle Stewart to squad director. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dane.

Mrs. Zahirsky asked if, in the future, the Chief could give these changes to Council ahead of time.

Roll: Yes – ALL.

Chief Hill then recommended Dave Pratt as the new assistant squad director. The Mayor asked Chief Hill to tell Council who he is and why the Chief is making the recommendation.

Chief Hill said Dave is one of their better people and has started paramedic school the day before. He is very involved in EMS. Chief Hill said he and Michelle Stewart will work very well together.

The Mayor stated that this time he would so recommend, but never in the future, unless the Chief lets Council know ahead of time.

Mrs. Zahirsky made a motion to approve the recommendation to make Dave Pratt as assistant squad director. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cihon. Roll: Yes – ALL.

### Police Chief.

### Engineer/Streets/Public Utilities

### Director of Finance.

### Report of Mayor.

### City Manager

### Parks.

### Law Director.

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**THIRD READINGS:**

**SECOND READINGS:**

**FIRST READINGS:**

**PURCHASE ORDERS & BILLS:**

Bills:

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**CITIZENS COMMENTS** (Open discussion, Five minute rule)

**REPORT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**ADJOURNMENT.**

The regular meeting was adjourned.

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Sharon Reiter, Clerk of Council

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Shawn Kenney, Mayor