

MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NORTH CANTON
MONDAY, February 12, 2018

1. Call to Order

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, I'd like to call to order the Council Meeting Monday, February 12, 2018, 7:10 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer - Reverend Emil Gretarsson, Holy Cross Lutheran Church gave the opening prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Medal of Honor - Recipient Colonel Donald E. Ballard

COLONEL DONALD E BALLARD: You know, it's always a great time to get out and see how the communities function and how they exist amongst all the challenges that we have in the world today. It's even more impressive to come into a community that's, that loves God, and listens to his word. So, I'd like to start my little speech out tonight with a moment of silence to remember our guys, our guys in arms way, that's defending us all around the world. And the ones that have died that's given up their freedom, so we can enjoy this evening. So if you'll share a moment of silence with me. Each time I do that, I reflect back on my experiences, not only in combat, but other times. I've spent a total of 35 years in the service. I did that because of out of love, and most of it was, I joined the service originally to avoid the draft. You know, that we had motivation to get in the service back then, it was called the draft. And I want to thank these kids today, in your community that step up and volunteer. I was totally against the all-volunteer service, when we tried to engage it. I've changed my opinion after serving with them, and understanding that they're actually better patriots than we were. And they join today knowing that there's a good chance that they're going to have to fight, and that they're going to have to risk their life. So, my hat's off to all your veterans out of our community. We lost a lot of your community members in Vietnam. I see the wall, I read the wall, I share the emotions. And you know I'm here tonight really to thank you as a community, because of the efforts that you have displayed, the attitudes that you have, the help that you extend to your community. It's tough, some community members don't care what you do, as long as they get theirs. It's a terrible thing to have to fight against your own people. But you clearly demonstrated your support for your community. Because I hear on, because I represent a couple of what I believe to be good boards. One is with Dr. Tim Novelli, and the Patriots Project. He currently has more Medal of Honor recipients that volunteer their time to support his cause than any other cause that we have. I've been in the organization 50 years, and I have never supported much of anything. I mean it's like the rest of us, we all have a job to do, we all try to raise our families. And it's, time is very important to us. But when you get to that part in life, when you can do the things you want to do, because it makes you feel good, then that's where I am. And have been for about 20 years. Is that I don't do anything unless it makes me feel good. And tonight I feel good. And thanking Dr. Novelli, he gives up his time, energy and money, as well as resources, when he doesn't have to. In a situation that helps the veterans in a way that most of us cannot identify with, and that is helping us get off drugs. Helping us stay off drugs, helping us adapt, transition, and feel good about ourselves, when we don't have to worry about dragging a leg, or in pain all the time. I was never a big supporter of chiropractors, I told him when I first met him. You know, he has a way introducing you to something you may not like, but once he got me on the table, I felt damn glad to get up off that table. But shortly after that, you know, as you have to do in your jobs, you have to kind of investigate and feel is there really some substance here, is there really something going on? A lot of our Medal of Honor recipients that day, he came to one of our events, and was providing free chiropractic care. Okay, well, like I said, I didn't stand in any line for that. But I'm back here tonight, I came up two days early so I could get the treatment, you see. I've fallen in love with him, and his project, of giving, you know, when we started I think we had less than 50 doctors across the country. Today, we have over 7,500 doctors, 7,500 doctors that gives well over \$10 million worth, I may be wrong on the numbers, but \$10 million free medical treatment. That our government is not burdened with, you know how that is, when government isn't burden. Secondly, they're more available, more readily available when the veteran needs it. You know it's a terrible thing to have a chiropractor appointment, and not need it. You know what I mean? I needed it yesterday, where was he yesterday? I couldn't get out of bed, today I'm feeling okay. But to have it right there in your own backyard, in your own little communities. I want to support him, and his efforts, because it has, every time, again, I don't lend my name to much, but I'm proud to represent this patriot that can't do enough for our veterans. So thank you, Dr. The second issue that I'd like to bring up to you, is commend you on your ability, and your wiliness to help our own community. I sit on a board with Woody Williams, who's a Medal of Honor recipient, the last one to serve, the last one alive that served in Iwo Jima. He's 93 years old, he's about my size, and he's got more energy than I do. So, I always look up to him. But he's, he's had some involvement throughout his career, and his life, where he felt the need to thank and remember the Gold Star Families. So, when we recognize the Gold Star Mothers, as we should, because they've given the most in, you know, when they lost their son, or their husband, or whatever. So, he started the initiative to have a Gold Star Family Memorial developed. And the whole purpose behind it is community service, and reflection, and help healing, start the healing process for those individuals. And every visit I've ever been with, every town that I've been in, after we've dedicated and been back to support it, it's a tremendous beacon of light for those families. They have renewed conviction. They know the communities care about them that they would go out of their way, I don't care about bricks and mortar. You know, I've been in real estate too. But the whole issue is, this has got nothing to do with the bricks and mortar. It's symbolic of the healing process. And to bring a family in that understands, he may have all kinds of problems dealing with the City Council, but the minute he can go and feel like the City Council has approved and appreciated him and his family for the service to this great community, it eliminates all the barriers, and helps the communication. And again, I've reached out after we first got started in that, wanting to have a real life evaluation, everything comes back positive. All the families appreciate the efforts that the cities do, and the communities do, to help embrace them

with the challenges, and embrace them with a positive attitude of thankfulness., So, I commend you on your ability and desire to build a, I drove by the park, it's a beautiful setting. I think it will be a tremendous asset for you, and I think in years to come, you'll see the benefits of that decision you're making. So I thank you for that. So I'll applaud you for that. And I'm going to sit down before I fall down. But anyways, thank you very much for having me tonight, appreciate you.

5. Roll Call

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Clerk, please call the roll.

Roll call found the following Council members in attendance: Cerreta, Foltz, Fonte, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt and Werren.

Thus having 7 in attendance.

Also present: Mayor Held, Director DeOrio, Law Director Fox, Engineer Graham and Finance Director Brown.

6. Consideration

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. For your consideration may I have a motion and a second to approve as presented:

Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes: January 16, 2018
Public Hearing Minutes: January 16, 2018
Executive Session Minutes: January 22, 2018
Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes: January 22, 2018
Council Meeting Minutes: January 22, 2018
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes: February 5, 2018
Financial Reports: January 2018
New Liquor License for GS Sheera LLC 550 N Main Street North Canton, OH 44720

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: And Mr. President, just for the record, Member Fonte indicated to me, so we can place it on the record, he wishes to abstain on the very last item only, the new liquor license.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Motion to approve as presented.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 to approve the above minutes and reports, and 6 yes, and 1 abstain the new liquor license. Fonte abstained the new liquor license.

7. Recognition of Visitors:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, very good. At this time, if you wish to address Council please step forward, state your name and address.

MELANIE J ROLL: (read from a prepared statement) 308 Portage St NW. I would like to begin this evening, by reading the meaning of decent, the holding or expression of opinion at variance with those commonly or officially held. You have asserted that I am against government. That narrative is false. Actually, I am a proponent of government, and that includes the federal government, the state government, and the local government. At the federal level there has been landmark legislation in my lifetime. One is the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Along with that legislation, there were rallies, marches, decent. In January of 2017, folks to the streets to protest the current president with rallies and marches, decent. And all reported by the free press. At the state level, the Ohio Secretary of State has taken an aggressive attempt to purge the state's voter records. If one has not voted in a four period, your name could be purged. We should all be alarmed at this practice. Again, the right to vote. Fundamental to our democracy. And rallies were held outside the Supreme Court during oral arguments. Again, decent. The state legislature has crafted a May ballot issue, to allow for a new map for congressional seats to be drawn after the 2020 consensus. Would that have happened if citizens had not initiated signature gathering for redistricting? Probably not. And we happen to have someone in the audience a citizen who helped with that signature gathering. At the local level, you are annoyed at people that express their views at public speaks. This is our decent. You are further annoyed at having to express your opinion at what's coming before this body at the reports section of the meetings. And perhaps it's time to consider, are you suited for public office? Those of us who come to City Hall each Monday and listen to the 12 of you, do so because we want to know what government is doing or not doing in the community where we reside. I have three short comments on the Water Board. First is, there are too many parallels between CRA program and North Ridge. Second, if I had not gotten up here and asked repeated about when the Water Board was going to meet or haven't met, I don't think that I would have gotten that phone call of last December's meeting. And third, and most important, I think the City is foregoing an opportunity to annex a property that sits at our western doorstep. And with that comes jobs, and income tax revenue. In conclusion, I will continue to speak in this public forum on issues that could impact North Canton citizens. I will attempt to abide by the five minute rule, and I will do so in a civil manner. And that should be the objective of us all. For those of you who have listened, there is a thread through these remarks.

And that thread is voting rights, and decent. Two pillars of government and democracy. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, anyone else?

CHUCK OSBORNE: (read from a prepared statement) 307 Fairview Street SE, North Canton, Ohio. I would like to speak to Ordinance No. 10 – 2018, that’s on your legislative agenda tonight. The proposed ordinance is titled as an Industrial and Commercial Occupancy Grant Agreement, by and between the City of North Canton, and Children’s Hospital Medical Center of Akron. Sadly, the legislation simply makes North Canton City government a participant in the manipulation of its income tax policy to structure a contrive donation by Akron Children’s Hospital, that will take advantage of tax laws that benefit Children’s Hospital. Now these tax benefits that the hospital will gain with the active participation of North Canton City officials, will come about on the backs of the hospital’s employees, through their payment of North Canton City income taxes. Is this laundering of tax dollars really needed? City officials always defend their corporate charity by saying the particular entity could chose to locate elsewhere. Not likely this time, and I will tell you why. In a May 2, 2013 Repository story titled Stark Facility Teams Up with Akron Children’s Hospital.” The story reports that, and I quote “Aultman had signed a letter of intent for Akron Children’s to operate the inpatient pediatric unit at Aultman”. That was nearly five years ago. The 2013 story goes on to say, and I quote “for the last five years, Aultman has collaborated with Akron Children’s to operate the inpatient pediatric unit at Aultman”. Akron Children’s Hospital and Aultman Hospital have collaborated for 10 years at this North Canton location. And your argument is that tax incentives are needed to keep Children’s Hospital from building elsewhere. I think you as members of City Council and the Held Administration should explain yourselves. And say why you are playing musical chairs with North Canton income tax receipts. So it is your intention to collect income taxes from the employees of Children’s Hospital, and then return those income tax dollars to the hospital. And out of the goodness of their corporate profit motivated heart, Children’s Hospital will donate \$250,000.00, a portion of their returned income taxes toward the upgrade of facilities at Dogwood Park. The \$250,000.00 is and was already the City’s tax dollars collected by hospital employees. And from this contrive donation of income tax dollars, paid by hospital employees, Children’s Hospital can realize tax benefits and garner undeserved PR. The moving of income tax dollars from Akron Children’s Hospital employees, then to the City’s coffers, then returning those same collected tax dollars back to Children’s Hospital for them to return those tax dollars back to the City, under the guise of a donation, reminds me of those stupid shell games at the carnival. If one looks up the definition of shell game on a site called “the free dictionary,” one would find the following; 1) a game in which an object is placed under one of three cups or shells, which are then moved around. The person playing the game must guess the final location of the object. The second definition of the game, sums up what is taking place with this legislation. By extension, a method of deception that involves hiding or obscuring the truth. This legislation is nothing but a play on an old confidence trick by pretending to change things, or pretending to change things that will afford tax breaks for Akron Children’s Hospital. Explain the movement of the money to an adult, or even a child, and both would look at you and wonder if you are either out of your head, or an out and out crook. I would urge each of you the next time you are up for reelection to tell voters that this legislation was one of your proudest moments. When you perpetrated a fraud using City tax dollars. That you engaged in needless legislation to provide tax benefits to a corporation on the backs of the employees of that corporation. The nearly \$1 million secret tax abatement for North Ridge, the recent decision of the Water Board, foregoing annexation of property expected to have 75 healthcare jobs. And now the manipulation of income tax for Akron City Hospital does not bode well for the future of North Canton. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, anyone else wish to address Council? Okay, we’ll move onto new business. May I have a motion and second to read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 6 – 2018.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: So moved.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 6 - 2018.

8. New Business

9. Ordinance No. 6 - 2018

Personnel and Safety Committee

An ordinance amending Section 20 COMPENSATION, of Chapter 155 Personnel Regulations, Part One - Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton, to adjust the titles and compensation of certain employees, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you. Couple highlights, this removes the automatic Sunday overtime for part time Police, Fire and EMS, Dispatch. The positions listed in the schedule are to be advertised for a minimum of two weeks. And then once we get our legs underneath this, as far as human resources functions over in the Finance Department, we will have a position description on file for each of these positions. So, any questions? I’ll entertain a motion to adopt the first reading.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 6 - 2018.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: May I have a motion and a second to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Ordinance No. 6 – 2018?

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 yes to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Ordinance No. 6 - 2018

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: May I have a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 6 - 2018?

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 6 - 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 6 - 2018 WAS PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF 7 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: All right, thank you. May I have a motion and second to read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 7 - 2018.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 7 - 2018.

10. Ordinance No. 7 - 2018

Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 100 - 2017 authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton to enter into a contract by and between the City of North Canton and the City of Canton for the purpose of providing legal representation in the Canton Municipal Court for the prosecution of criminal cases, by increasing the total cost not to exceed from \$19,500 per year to \$22,000 per year, for a period of two years beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019, amending appropriations to cover the increased costs, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Chairwoman Werren?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: So we've talked about this before, and we talked about in 2017, and now 2018. And the reason for this and the amending is because the price went up by \$2,500. And so we do this every single year, providing legal representation from the Canton Municipal Court for prosecution of criminal cases. And this is an emergency, as well. So I move to adopt if there are no other questions.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 7 - 2018.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: May I have a motion and a second to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Ordinance No. 7 - 2018?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 yes to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Ordinance No. 7 - 2018

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: May I have a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 7 - 2018?

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 7 - 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 7 - 2018 WAS PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF 7 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: All right, thank you. May I have a motion and second to read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 8 - 2018.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: So moved.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 8 - 2018.

11. Ordinance No. 8 - 2018

Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Administration of the City of North Canton to advertise and receive bids according to specifications now on file in the Director's office, and authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton, upon Board of Control approval, to enter into an agreement for the purchase of two marked cruisers from a vendor or, in the alternative, pursuant to the Ohio Cooperative Purchase Act, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Chairwoman Werren.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: This just allows the Director of Administration to advertise and receive bids on the purchase of two marked cruisers. And we had already put this in the budget, so again, it's pretty routine. This is also an emergency. Any questions? I think we talked about this when we going through the budget. I move to adopt.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 8 - 2018.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: May I have a motion and a second to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Ordinance No. 8 - 2018?

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 yes to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Ordinance No. 8 - 2018

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: May I have a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 8 - 2018?

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 8 - 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 8 - 2018 WAS PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF 7 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: All right, thank you. May I have a motion and second to read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 9 - 2018.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 6 yes, 1 abstain to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 8 - 2018. Kiesling abstained.

12. Ordinance No. 9 - 2018

Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the supplemental appropriation of funds of the City of North Canton, to be appropriated from the unappropriated resources of the Fire Operating Fund to the Misc. Grant Expenditures Account in the amount of \$49,980.00 for the current expenses during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Chairwoman Werren?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Laura, you explained this last week. And it's just kind of a reallocation from the Fire Fund to the Misc. Grant Expenditures Account. Do you want to say anything else?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: Sure, this is just appropriating the money that we received through a grant. So at the beginning of the year when we did the budget, we didn't know we'd receive this. Now that the State's granted it to us, then we just have to turn around and appropriate it, so the Fire Department can spend the grant. Yes, sir?

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: Mr. Peters, would the record reflect that Member Kiesling wishes to abstain on Item 13, not Item 12.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: We'll make that adjustment.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: Need a motion to adopt. So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 9 - 2018.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: May I have a motion and a second to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Ordinance No. 9 – 2018?

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 yes to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Ordinance No. 9 - 2018

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: May I have a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 9 - 2018?

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 9 - 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 9 – 2018 WAS PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF 7 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: All right, thank you. May I have a motion and second to read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 10 - 2018.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: So moved.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 6 yes, 1 abstain to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 10 - 2018. Kiesling abstained

13. Ordinance No. 10 - 2018

Community and Economic Development Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton to enter into an Industrial and Commercial Occupancy Grant Agreement ("Agreement") by and between the City of North Canton and Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron ("Children's Hospital"), and declaring the same to be an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Mark, do you want to take that?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: I'll take that then. This is, we discussed this last week, this has been in the process now for almost a year. And has come to a fantastic ending here. I want to thank first of all, Pat and Doug Lane for kind of leading this thing, Laura and Tim was on it, and all the Council people who put some time into this. This will bring significant jobs, significant tax dollars to both our school and our City. And a significant Park project. So, we're really looking forward to that. Any other discussion, any other comments. Any other discussion, any other comments? Okay, I open up for a motion to approve.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: So moved.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 6 yes, 1 abstain to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 10 - 2018. Kiesling abstained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: May I have a motion and a second to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Ordinance No. 10 - 2018?

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 6 yes, 1 abstain to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Ordinance No. 10 – 2018. Kiesling abstained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: May I have a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 10 - 2018?

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: So moved.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 6 yes, 1 abstain to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 10 - 2018. Kiesling abstained.

ORDINANCE NO. 10 - 2018 WAS PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE OF 6 YES, 1 ABSTAIN. KIESLING ABSTAINED.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: All right, thank you. May I have a motion and second to read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 3 - 2018.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: So moved.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 to read by title only the first reading of Resolution No. 3 - 2018.

14. Resolution No. 3 - 2018

Park and Recreation Committee

A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by and between the City of North Canton and the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, Hershel Woody Williams Medal of Honor Foundation, for the purpose of constructing, erecting, and dedicating a Gold Star Families Memorial in the City of North Canton, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Chairman Foltz.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: As we heard tonight from Colonel Donald Ballard, an excellent presentation and discussion about what this means to families. And we're very fortunate to have it here in North Canton. With Dr. Novelli's help and Councilman Cerreta's help also, and the Administration and everybody else. If you look in the packet, we did, I think there was some clarifications, or some other words used to address Member Revoldt's question about water. I think in Item 9, "City will relocate, remove, or replace tree, shrubbery and manmade structures that might interfere with the monument's final placement". I'm hoping that was the intent Administrator DeOrio. (Yes) Obviously it's a great thing to have this done, and we're hoping for a July 7th dedication. So will there be any other questions from Council, on this? Regarding the language, the Memorandum of Understanding, to move this forward?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Do you think the deadline could be by July, we'd have that project?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: We're working that deadline back. So we need the weather to work with us. Councilman Cerreta, do you have something else to add, as far as the donation?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Yeah, I just heard this week, the Huth Concrete folks are going to donate the concrete. So, that's a big deal too. So people are, just like we expected, this is something that is really honorable for our community, and people are going to jump on board with it.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: This is the only one in the state, correct?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Correct.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: That's a good honor.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Mr. Pucci is doing the labor work, so everybody's, you're going to have more of this I think, as we gain momentum toward when the weather breaks. So with that I'll ask for a motion to approve.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Resolution No. 3 - 2018.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: May I have a motion and a second to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Resolution No. 3 - 2018?

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: So moved.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 yes to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Resolution No. 3 - 2018

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: May I have a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules Resolution No. 3 - 2018?

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: So moved.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules Resolution No. 3 - 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 - 2018 WAS PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF 7 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: All right, thank you. Reports, Member Fonte, you're up.

15. Reports – Council

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Three quick things. Rob shot me a list of the streets, we have 18 streets on the 2018 group. And hopefully if there's any other ones that we need, we can maybe squeeze them in somehow. I'm sure there's extra money laying around for that, right Rob? The second thing is...

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Dom, could I stop you there for a minute? Did we get emails on that?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Okay, well I'll get it, I just got it. So I'll make sure we get it out to you, on our rough draft list. I said 18, I was hoping it was like 28.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: It will probably grow, once the weather...

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I've got a feeling my ward definitely needs it.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: There's some I want to put on, looking at the list.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: So, local businesses, if you haven't had a chance, stop out at PAVs, try some ice cream. Stop at Mama Guzzardi's, check out our local businesses. Make sure you invite your friends and family and support those local businesses, our business partners. And the third thing is, this is just something I was just thinking, couple people brought up to me about whenever we have things on emergency, that they think a fire truck emergency. So, I'm just wondering if we need to put like a definition of what the emergencies are. What it really means, it's not like a fire truck emergency. And maybe sometime Tim will explain it one more time, why we do things on an emergency. That's all I have to report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Member Fonte. Member Werren?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Okay, last Friday I was honored to attend the Walsh University Joe and Marlene Toot Center dedication. Doug, you were there as well. And it was really a neat building, it was just such a nice dedication. They had many, many people attend. Great community event. While I was there, Matthew Parker, who is the executive director for the Renacci Center for Civic Engagement, was there. And I think he's talked to you, Mark, he said about possibly having a meeting there. And they have it kind of it was very Greek kind of oriented. They wanted it to be an open space for people to come in and he's going to have a class there. It was just a really, really neat center, and just so nice to see when an important part of our community, again, that is, and all the different things they're doing. And President Jusseaume was very pleased that we were there. And it just felt very good to be there. So I'm thankful for Walsh and all that they do, and all of our jobs that they've created. And quite a community also. I would like to thank Mike Battershell again, I thanked the last time, but we had more snow and we had more mailboxes that went down. And Mike's person stopped, like the woman came out and it happens at the end of a run. So, really, and the way our mailboxes are hung, they're hung with two pegs. And the snow just shoves it. It's not like they're being careless and knocking them down. It's the snow, it's really so much it knocks it over. And he couldn't have been nicer and more polite and hospitable, and you know, we talk about that in customer service. So, thanks to Mike's guys for doing that. And then Mike answered emails from two of the residents in this area. Very quickly, and timely, and I just want to say thanks, it's been a long winter for people. This was the day that snow storm hit at like 4 in the morning, all the schools were legitimately closed that day. So, that was great. And one last thing, for Leadership Stark County, we had our education day this week, and I was able to be at Orchard Hill and Hoover High School, and the superintendent spoke, the assistant superintendent, the principals, and they just rolled out the red carpet for us. And we have five different schools throughout the area, but just how fortunate we are to have these schools in our community. But Orchard Hill, oh my gosh, what they're doing there, and as

a goal, a Blue Ribbon school. Just the things that they're doing and accomplishing. It's an amazing asset that we have with our schools. So, that's it. Good week.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Good stuff. Member Kiesling?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: I'm excited to say we have a new business coming into town on Schneider Street, down in my area. Its, they're taking over that warehouse, and it's called FIT Company, Frame, Inspire, Transform. And they actually got a small business loan, which is pretty exciting, as well. So, can't want to see that open up and get moving.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Yeah, absolutely. Member Revoldt?

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: I think that we're going to have public policy issues where we're going to have legitimate disagreements. And we heard tonight, from Chuck, about this particular economic development project we have. I guess I'd like to have read into the record the observation of one of my former colleagues with 25 years of economic development experience. I called him tonight, because I was interested with the State's Job Creation Tax Rate was. To see, you know, just one final gut check, if we were inline. And my colleague called this particular project "perfect, perfect." And I think it's perfect because, and it's a good way, because Pat and Mark did a great job moving this through, over a year. They worked with the development board, they worked with the chamber. It was a team effort. They assembled, frankly a very reasonable incentive package. Pat issued a commitment letter that defined the project and the incentives. And I think what's been lost in some of this discussion, is that the City was mindful of one of our most important constituents. Our school system. The fact of the matter is, the school will receive roughly \$160,000.00 a year, correct? When this building is completed. Economic development in many ways is like playing poker. Where you don't know what the opposing opponent has in his hands. If you were to go to a site selection list, there's usually 10 criteria, state, local taxes is always one of them. And I know Chuck and I have had some conversations about this. And first of all I would say this, is that Chuck is reflecting a school that does exist in economic development. And trust me, it does have very prominent proponents. But unfortunately, when you have an opportunity, sometimes you don't have the luxury of waiting. And so, for a very, very modest cost, roughly \$257,000.00 in free income tax, that's school is going to collect \$167,000.00 a year. And I know that Jeff and I have had the privilege of sitting in the Superintendent's Ed Hawk, finance committee meetings, that school needs revenue. And this project goes a small way to delivering a very significant chunk of money to that school system. What was the cut on the, of the City's cut on the property tax, which we do not abate? Do you have it handy?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: About \$22,000.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: Okay, so when you take, so if you're 100%, its \$41,200, and we're going to collect \$21,000. That's not a bad exchange. And again, when you look at the big picture, with what the school is going to receive out this, I think all of us would agree, that's a pretty good deal. You know, economic development isn't perfect, I'll tell you, I've been around a lot of bad deals, in my short career. But this is a pretty good one. And it's defensible on any number of fronts. Again, I come back to what my colleague said, this was perfect. A 100 feet, 200 feet across the street was basically a tax free zone. Income tax free zone. And if income tax doesn't matter, you don't think it matters, watch what happens in Canton. It is going to be something, it maybe something to behold. So again, I come back to the job that our team did, Patrick, Mark, back stop by Laura with the numbers, Doug, Ray Hexamer. We have a project today, you have don't have to wait for it, it's here. And I think that is in the end, that's a pretty critical element. We're not waiting for some small development, we have one that's quite substantial. So, that's my long report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Well said. Member Cerreta.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Thank you for those kind words, but I think more than anything, we want people to know that our arms are open. We want your businesses here. And we will look at new ways to get it here. If it's good for everybody. This just happens to be a win, win, win, win, we want it to be that way. So, that's a note to everyone. We're ready for it. Come on in.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: I would add one final comment. And this goes to Melanie's earlier statement. I think it's absolutely critical that we do have constituents who look at this. I was in a meeting today, and my comment was, "it's got to pass public muster." It has to pass public muster. Are we going to have disagreements? The answer is, yes we are. But I think if we go into this, and we're prudent, as best we can be, I think we'll have better outcomes. But we need the criticism, we should always be mindful. And I mean criticism, in a positive way.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Couple things here. Probably last time I talk about this, I know you're getting sick of it. We did have the christening of the guard shack. It was a nice little crowd, a lot of Heritage Society folks there, it was like freezing. So Pat did a nice job of having the City crew kind of plow away for the, so we could have the nice little event. And it was on that day, because that was the actual day, a 100 years ago that we became New Berlin became North Canton. So that was really nice that those folks set that up. We do have a Water Board meeting on Wednesday, that Wednesday morning at 9:00, it will be in the fishbowl over there. We have a few people that want our water, and a few folks that need some help because they had too much excess water, somehow. So we'll be discussing those items.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I was just wondering, like if we sell water outside, that's not annexed in, could we benefit as citizens that pay taxes to get a discount on our water rates? You know, like we ever do sell outside, the benefit would come back to the citizens that pay taxes, that we get a slight discount?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: We do, we pay less than they do.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: No, no, no, I mean, the more we sell the more less we get.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: He means more of a discount.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: You will in the manner of the more we sell outside, we won't have to raise rates on inside folks. So, yeah....

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I was just, I didn't know where that was. I just know my bill is a lot more lately, and I don't know if that's because my son's taking long showers. I really don't know.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: That's all I have. Thanks.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Foltz?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Thank you. Comment from Melanie Roll, I appreciate you're voting rights and decent discussion. That was very good. I don't know if she's still here, I can't see her. And I always appreciate when people come up, even with the different point of view that are civil and that's what this is about. You know, to act any other way but that. We try to run a good forum here, and it's reflective of our community. So thank you for that. Another consideration with Pat's hard work, everybody involved, is that \$250,000.00 is going towards the park. We know how near and dear that is to everyone here, especially me. When you think about that, we have hopefully state officials working on our behalf, and Pat put together that great presentation on all those capital improvements. And when you look at competitiveness for grant dollars, or even just local and state money, the more collaboration or partners you have, the better off you're going to be. Those are actual points on a grant criteria, if you go through and fill one out. So that's critical, to say that this new group coming in the City is part of this project. And that's going to help us, for other grant opportunities down the road. So, lets, before North Canton used to be, we had money, we didn't apply for grants. Those days are gone, I applaud this Administration and Council to get behind more grant opportunities. I've been pretty success in doing that in other places. I think we need to do that here. That's a win, as Mark says, win, win, win, win for the parks, too. And to applaud our Road Department, our services, their snowplowing. We're known for it. But if you drove around, I drove these streets at 5 in the morning, all throughout the town, townships and the county, and it's just refreshing to know that we get wet pavement. We're known for it, and I applaud our workers, make sure we tell them that during the meetings. And it's been a tough winter. It snows and a couple days later it's snowing again. Its freezing rain, or it's iced up, there's a black ice. There's a lot going on out there. To Dominic's point, unfortunately, we're probably going to add some roads to that list that you're not even maybe considering right now once we get to spring. So hopefully we'll free up more money. Because it's going to happen. So those are my thoughts, thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thanks for that, I had two phone calls about some road issues. I just wanted to make you guys aware of it, this one has been ongoing for quite a while. On Weber, between Hower and Maple NE, these ironically are all in my ward. Be a little self-serving here. Its right underneath that big tree, I'm not sure what kind of a tree it is. But that big patch, that's a problem. So if we could get that looked at. Witwer, next to the fire station, moving east, is horrible. I mean you literally have to drive down the middle of that road. It's, it's pretty bad. Orchard, you and I, Rob, talked about this, northeast just south of 5th Street. Did you guys have a chance to go out there and look at those driveway aprons?

ENGINEER GRAHAM: Yes, Mr. DeOrio and I have looked at them.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, so, you've a plan in place for that. Cool. And lastly, 7th Street, right almost in front of Dogwood Shelter we have a big crater starting to create, and the buses coming up and down there making that worse. I don't know if you guys have seen that, but with basketball games and whatnot, it's highly traveled. So, if we could get someone out there to fill that in, it's getting bad. And I've noticed it getting worse over the last couple of days. So, and that's it. Little self-serving report, but, I make no apologies. Director of Law?

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LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Yes sir, Member Revoldt very clearly and eloquently explained the economic development opportunity that's available to us. So, there's really no way to buttress that, other than perhaps the technical aspect in that, this evening it was challenged and called a shell game. And essentially, called Council and anyone established or involved with this a bunch of charlatans. But what I wish to point out, is that this Economic Development Program is state sponsored. It's a state statute, and it's been in effect for over 25 years. So, to that extent, if you feel that it's some sort of shenanigans that goes on to promote economic development, your argument is not with North Canton. It's simply taking advantage of a program when it believes it's appropriate and in the City's best interest. If you wish to prevent this program from continuing, your argument is with the General Assembly the State of Ohio. That's all I have. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Director of Finance.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: Thank you. Just wanted to give an update on the website project. It's been a while since we've talked about that. But we are quickly coming towards the deadline for our new site to go live. That should happen towards the

end of March. The first full week of March, we'll have our training. We have a three day web based training with the company that's helping us develop that. I've invited the Clerk of Council to that, as well as someone from Administration, and then Shanna and myself and we'll go through all the features of the site. I think there's a lot of things we'll really be able to use, such as email blasts, we can alert people of things if they want to sign up for meeting notices, minutes, agendas. The calendar will work much better, there is something Mr. Fonte will like, which is a business directory, we can set up. Over the long term, you know, start building things like that through the website. So I think it will be very nice. Over the next few weeks, if anyone goes on our site and you see things that are missing or broken, that's intentional. We're trying to pull the bad information off before we move over to the good. So...

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Laura, on the directional mics, when can we expect to have those in place?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: Those have been ordered, there's a couple of parts that are back ordered on the mics of what we need to hook them into the system. So, we're, as soon as that comes from back order, we'll have those. That's all I have.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: All right, thank you. Director of Administration?

DIRECTOR DEORIO: Yes, before I go over the couple items that I have on my list. Just to comment on a few things that were discussed here, in relation to snow plowing. And, you know, it's not something not that's widely known, but just to let you know the challenges that we face, or other communities face as well. That it comes in relations to filling those holes that are created that you also talked about. And previously we were able to, we were able to get, you know, hot patch available from a, you know, nearby distributor. And we were, you know, I guess everybody was notified a few weeks back that they've shut their doors, they're not making any more patch. So, if you want patch, you've got to drive to Kent, to get it. They're limiting it to one truck a day. And by the time it gets back from Kent, it's not so hot anymore. Patch is cold, in this cold weather. So, it sometimes it seems futile, we're shoveling, you know, sand in the ocean by putting the patch in. But, you know, if it gives us relief for a couple of days, until we're able to get into some better weather where the temperature's going to hold. So I just want you to be aware, that, you know, Mr. Battershell's working very diligently at it, just as I'm sure other communities are as well. We're fortunate that we don't have as many roadways, miles as other communities.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Pat, I have a quick question on that one.

DIRECTOR DEORIO: Yes.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Are there weather restrictions to use in our Dura Patcher?

DIRECTOR DEORIO: The Dura Patcher is not, yes, I'll answer it that way. It's not optimal in these types of conditions.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Is that the same as the hot box?

DIRECTOR DEORIO: Yes.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Okay.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: What's the cost of a patch plant? Let's say we could form an alliance with Lake, Plain, Jackson, maybe Canton, and maybe get somebody like Dick Hizer to host it. We pay for it, is it feasible? I don't know, running to Kent isn't very productive, practical.

DIRECTOR DEORIO: It's unusual that we, you know, this is the first time we've had to do it, I just wanted to make mention of it. You know, I suspect that the market conditions will change and then someone will step into the void to do that. But it's something worth talking to our neighbors about. I know our neighbors have been calling us regarding the next item on our agenda. "Do you have any salt, you can sell us?" Because also, we've had our, I'm sure, residents feel our fair share of snow, and that. But north of us, in the Cleveland area, there was a period there where it snowed every day for 22 days. And the trucks are being limited as to how much salt they're willing to sell you. And you're allowed two trucks, you know, per community. And those communities have a higher priority than the ones here. So, that's why we're seeing some of those townships that you just mentioned, have run out of salt, and they don't have any place to go. You know, fortunately our salt bin was filled to the gills. And I think everybody around knows that. But we should note that, you know, we've worked our way probably two-thirds of the way through that salt pile. And we figure how many salt events we might have before we get to spring. I think we calculated that to be around 15 or so, you know, snow events that we would want to drop salt on. So, you know, we're praying for some relief to the weather, and give us a chance to get caught up with that. But, just so that you know, salt is very restricted, as is the asphalt, this time.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Maybe we could barter salt for asphalt.

DIRECTOR DEORIO: We did have a meeting, I'm sure all of you are aware, but just for the sake of saying it, since this is our first Council meeting that I could do a report. Since we had the meeting with the AEP folks, Councilman Peters and Councilmember Werren, we had some of their constituents come in and talk about what this American Electric Power upgrade means to them. Timetables to get it done. That type of thing. It's about a yearlong project. Residents asked lots of questions, they were all answered, and I think the result was, that they all felt very good when they left, that, you know, the City was concerned about the aesthetics. We've taken steps to address some of the aesthetics on a permanent basis that makes it more palpable in the

neighborhoods, it doesn't stand out as much. So just let you be aware of that.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: And Pat, thank you for doing that. Organizing that, and I thought AEP just did a great job. We didn't have a ton of people, but to have Mr. Wheeler there, and to have the five of them up there giving information. It certainly made those around the area, feel a lot better. So, thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: And the fact that they were able to actually touch something too, the fencing, that was outstanding. So, we're excited. Well done.

DIRECTOR DEORIO: It was beautiful, yep, thank you. Just an FYI, for those of you, who ever wanted to attend a competitive bid submission. An opening, but didn't find time in your agenda to do so. There was a change in the Ohio Revised Code that we were notified of that says that, you know, materials submitted to a public office in response to a competitive solicitation should not be considered public records for purposes of this section, until the date the public office announcing the award of a contract based on the solicitation. So, before when we would open up bids, we would spread them out around the table and let everybody kind of come up and look at them, and that kind of thing. But, because of the changes in the law, we were notified by Columbus that practice is not allowed anymore. So, after the bid is awarded, then we're able to make those documents available. Just FYI. There was an inquiry this week about a traffic light at an intersection at Whipple and Glenwood. As it turns out, that traffic light is not in the City that is a County light. And there was some issues with it, we went ahead, at the request of Councilman Fonte, who had notified us of it, to let the County know, they promptly dispatched some crews out there to take care of that. And I believe that was addressed. We went ahead and then just prepared a list, didn't know if you wanted me to email it to any of you, of the intersection that belong to the City of North Canton, the intersections that belong to the County. And there's an intersection that also belongs to the state. So, if any of you wanted that, I have that available, I can email it to those that, do with it as you see fit. In conjunction with Finance Department, and the website development, the Building Department, under the leadership of John Stigalt has, is moving forward with a public access module. So that the builders or the people that are pulling permits or these kind of things, would be able to integrate and get access to these through our website, and fill them out, make it a lot quicker. And then email those documents to us. We were unable to do that before, because we didn't have the software in house, from a Building Department standpoint, let alone the website. Your interesting tidbit information that the BIA recently published the report of the 2017 housing permits for Stark County, by subdivision. North Canton had 26 housing permits pulled for the 2017, which I thought was really good. Considering that we're land locked, mostly built out. As comparison, Jackson Township had 112, Lake Township had 46. So you'd expect those areas to be ahead. The City of Canton had 11. The Stark County Health Department is holding their annual District Advisory Council Meeting on Thursday, March 1 at their headquarters at Convenient Circle. This is something we are required to attend. The Mayor has asked me to attend for him instead, which is permitted under rules, but for those of you that would like to attend, FYI. The Ohio Municipal League, this affects all of you, is once again asking for your assistance. As in the past, during even numbered years, the Ohio Municipal League conducts seminars for elected Councilmembers, after the municipal election year. These seminars are held regionally, and on Saturdays for convenience. So we have a list of locations, I'll forward that over to the Clerk's office. But, you know, for those of you that didn't attend one for a long time, this would be a good opportunity to refresh yourselves on that. And the list goes on. Did you see the editorial in the Plain Dealer? On January 28, they posted a very strongly worded editorial, one of the strongest I've seen about, they recommend that Mayor's Courts in Ohio should be abolished. So, I thought that was interesting, and they gave a lot of reasons why. But we are well ahead of the game. Just two final things. One is, that we did have a preconstruction meeting regarding the portico. You remember the portico? So, we opted to do a spring start on that. We're looking to start the first week of March. So, in about two weeks. So we assembled all the team together, to start talking about how we're going to lay this out. There's some things that our employees are going to do ahead of that, to kind of prepare that site and get them ready so that they can get in, do the work, and get out. The timetable for construction starting the beginning the March, if all goes well, we would finished around Mother's Day. So mid-May. And we're hoping that for the Memorial Day parade, we have a grand opening, and that we can use the facility as a viewing area for the parade. It will work out real well. They'll be taking some precautions during this time, we will be boarding up the windows in the front of City Hall, because the cement that's going to be coming out, may have to be jackhammered, or lifted out. And just so they don't damage any of the windows in that respect. So, those of you who might be driving by City Hall and see that happen in the next few weeks that you understand. So I'll keep you advised of those developments. And finally, it was a fun moment last week, on Friday, when, and I shared this with Councilman Peters. We had a little talk about, there was a group of grade schoolers, middle schoolers from North Canton here at the building about 15 to 20 of them in all. They were doing a community service visit, and they were here to, you know, see the real heroes our community, Police Department, the Fire Department, and I didn't want to leave out us. So, after they visited the Police Department, I asked them if they would like to come upstairs and dangle out the carrot that they could see the Mayor's office. But I really wanted to them to come in here, so brought them up, brought them in here, I said "this is City Council, and this what a City Council does." And the kids were really into it. And so on the spur of the moment I just said "Well, how you like to hold a mock Council Meeting?" And just going up there and sit at the dais, grab a seat, and you be the person behind whose nameplate you're sitting. And they were a little confused at first thinking this was a court of law, and not a City Council Meeting. Because we kept getting objections, overruled, and all that kind of stuff. But once they got it into it, I thought it would be good to then just present an issue to the community, that they could talk about, and get their opinions on. And so we, the issue, and I chose the role of being the concerned citizen, and bringing the issue to the forum. They started the meeting, visitors were permitted, I came up and spoke about community cats. And explained the problem with community cats, and it was something that, you know, was eye opening to them, they did not think these were types of problems that we have to deal with. And then I just went around with them and said "Well, you know, Councilman Peters, I live in ward 2, and I'm concerned about these cats, and how are you going to address it?" And then as they answered it, then I pulled somebody else in and it was just a gas. Laura was here to help with it, it was a lot of fun. So, I mentioned this to Councilman Peters, and he had a great idea, of, you know,

why don't we as the time rolls on here talk to our contacts at the school, and see if that's something that they would want to do.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Pat, that story can be found on our Facebook page. Some great pictures.

DIRECTOR DEORIO: Thank you, that's all.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thanks, Pat. Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR HELD: Yes, you know, its, as I'm listening to the Council meeting tonight. There's so many positive things going on in the City. And when I think back to like the days back in like 2006, 2007, 2008, when we were on the receiving end of a lot of bad business, a lot of bad circumstances. I mean it was just a tough, tough time. And most all of you were in that room at that same time. I think our sitting actually even changed too. But you know, I think it really reflects the transformation that the City has gone through. And you can see how we handle conflict now, in the City, with the employees within the Administration, within our various departments, within our Council. There's plenty of conflict, but everybody's embracing the conflict. And we serve to refine each other in those arguments, and those positions, whether we're talking out bringing Akron Children's here, or the Gold Star Memorial, or replacing the waterlines with the County. I mean, there's all these different challenges that we have, and it's just great to see everybody working together. It really is nice. I think our word for the year is collaboration. Because we're so much effective when we embrace the conflict and when we're collaborating with each other. There's so much less energy that we spend, and we're getting so much more success. So we have communities that are struggling to keep businesses in, we're bringing in new businesses right now. But I think we've learned a lot over the years. When I look back on myself, the decisions that we made back 10, 12 years ago, we would not take the same approach that we're taking now. Because we've learned a lot. So, I appreciate everything that Mark Cerreta, Pat DeOrio, Laura Brown, on the Children's Hospital. Also Doug Lane. I mean that was a year in the making. And Councilman Revoldt, you couldn't have stated it any better. I mean, what a great success. And then, also I want to congratulate Doug Foltz. We're going to be able to spread our wisdom in Park and Recreation on down at the City of Canton. As Doug has accepted the position of the City of Canton Park and Recreation Director. Very nice, very nice. Just remember to keep that grant funding coming here to North Canton first, and we'll be alright.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: We might be in competition now.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Always 60/40 Doug, always 60/40.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: We'll have to collaborate on the grants now.

MAYOR HELD: Good idea, that's positive. And then we also have Judge Forchione, we talk about collaboration. He's headed up the Heroine Symposium that's going to be taking place on March 1st. Its' called the Stop Heroine from Killing Committee, to provide answers for the, for people that are struggling with drug addiction. It's a real, real serious problem. I had the opportunity to listen on YouTube, this symposium that they had at Perry High School. I wasn't able to attend, but I heard such great things about it, I listened to it on YouTube. I'll tell you, anybody that is a parent, anybody that's a grandparent, if you listen to the presentation that was given at Perry High School by the nurse and the doctors that attended that. It was excellent. So I would highly recommend it. So I'm sure this symposium that we're going to have, which is March 1st from 6 to 8 pm at the Malone University, Johnson Center. I'm sure that will be a great program also. And then lastly, I mean, what more could we ask for to end off the evening, Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Donald Ballard. I mean, he's a man that had jumped, threw himself on a hand grenade to save his fellow soldiers. Now, when you think about service, somebody like him, that is willing to give his life for other people. You can't ask for any other greater act of service or love, than somebody like that. And the grenade didn't go off. And that's why he's still here. But for somebody who is willing to do that, there's, that takes an incredible person. And so to have him here, and have him come and honor us, as elected officials, is really, really inspiring to me. So, that brings to me the last item, which is the Gold Star Memorial, another example of collaboration. We looked at various sites, we looked at a number of different techniques as far as how to place it, where to place it, how to go about it, who's going to maintain it, how we're going to raise the money. That's coming together, and with Dr. Novelli, and the Doc Ballard, I really don't even know what else to say. It's just, it's a good evening. So I appreciate everybody's cooperation, and more collaboration. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Mr. Engineer.

ENGINEER GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. We opened bids for a couple projects back on Friday, February 2nd in here. The first, they both went real well. The first one was actually the rebid of our Eastwood Tennis Courts. That's the one where we bid last year, we just had one bidder, and our bidder was like around \$143,000.00. This year we had five bidders, and we estimated \$150,000.00. Our low price was \$127,990.00. So, Board of Control beforehand tonight awarded that to North Star Asphalt. We also opened the Price Park Storm Sewer Phase II bid. We had 11 bidders for that one, which is another huge number. We had \$250,000.00 in the budget, and the cost estimate that our consultant had was little over \$300,000.00, which I thought was conservative. But our low bidder was Central Allied Enterprises at \$199,919.00. So, Board of Control also awarded that one. Stark County Engineer is bidding Everhard, Thursday. They put it in the newspaper, so they'll open bids in roughly a month. And we have a clause in there, because you know we're collaborating with the County on that one, and they're repaving Everhard Road in the City. From the railroad tracks to corporate lines, east to South Main Street. And we've asked that be done by September 30th of this year. Because it's so bad, it can't wait till year two.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you. Madam Clerk?

COUNCIL CLERK BAILEY: No report.

17. Final Call for New Business:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you very much.

18. February's Meeting Schedule

- **Monday, February 19, 2018 - no meeting
- Monday, February 26, 2018 - Council meeting
- Monday, March 5, 2018 - Committee of the Whole meeting
- Monday, March 12, 2018 - Council meeting
- Monday, March 19, 2018 - Committee of the Whole meeting
- Monday, March 26, 2018 - Council meeting

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, the February, March meeting schedule moving forward. Next Monday the 19th there will be no meeting. February 26th will be a regular Council meeting. And then moving into March, March 5 and the 19 will be Committee of the Whole, and the 12th and the 26th will be regular Council meeting.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Mark, will you be here the 26th?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: No, that's spring break, I won't be here.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: I won't either, I won't be here the 26th either.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: March 26th?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Yeah, the last week in March is always spring break for our schools.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, so we're going to have two that are out.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Maybe we could double it the week before.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Yeah, maybe we could move that into the 19th. Let's just say right now tentatively we're, Committee of the Whole meeting for the 19th, with the possibility of moving that Council meeting, maybe into that week. Or back a week. Okay, good, thank you, I forgot about that. I'll make a motion on that one as well. All right, final call for new business?

19. Adjourn:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: All right with that, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

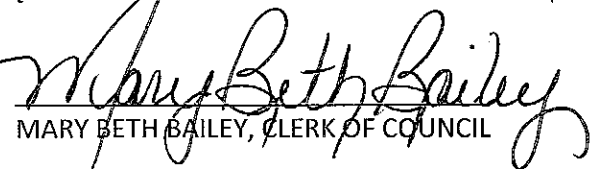
COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Motion to adjourn.

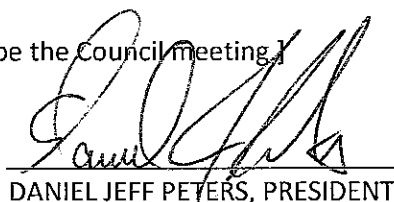
COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 to adjourn.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, we are adjourned.

[Let the record reflect Charles Osborne set up a tripod and appeared to videotape the Council meeting.]


MARY BETH BAILEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL


DANIEL JEFF PETERS, PRESIDENT