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Minutes of

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON

REGULAR

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held Monday, February 23 7:00 p.m. 20 09

CALL TO ORDER:

- 1. The meeting was called to order Monday, February 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. by President of Council Daryl Revoldt.
- 2. The opening prayer was delivered by Ms. Kristi Woods, Director of Development St. Lukes Community.
- 3. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

- 4. Mr. Revoldt: Clerk, would you please call the roll.

The following members of Council responded to roll call: Davies, DeOrio, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, and Snyder. Council Member Foltz was not present for the meeting. Also present were: Mayor Held, Director of Administration Wise, Director of Law McFarren, Director of Finance Zumbar, City Engineer Benekos, Director of Economic Development Bowles, Superintendent of Utilities, Services and Recreation Chufar, Police Chief Grimes, Fire/EMS Chief Bacon, Equipment Operator Queen and Clerk of Council Kalpac.

Mr. Revoldt: May I have a motion to excuse Member Foltz?

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Davies seconded to excuse the absence of Council Member Foltz.

All members present voting:

Yes: DeOrio, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies.

No: 0

- 5. Consideration

Council Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2009

Financial Statement – January, 2009

Mr. Revoldt: We have for your consideration minutes of the council meeting of February 9, 2009 as well as the financial statement for January, 2009. Are there any questions or amendments - corrections of those documents?

Mrs. Kiesling: They're good.

Mr. Revoldt: May I have a motion to approve the minutes of the council meeting for February 9 and the financial statement for January.

Mr. Snyder: So moved.

Mr. Revoldt: Do I have a second?

Mr. Davies: Second.

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Davies seconded to approve the minutes of the council meeting and the financial statement as presented. All members present voting:

Yes: Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies.

No: 0

Abstained: DeOrio

- 6. Committee Minutes

Mr. Revoldt: We also have for your consideration minutes from executive session committee reports. Executive sessions held for Personnel & Safety held for February 2 or excuse me, February 9th and two that were held on February 17th. We have an executive session for Finance & Property of the 17th of February and we have Finance & Property and Personnel & Safety committee meetings held on February 17th. Are there any corrections or amendments to those minutes?

Executive Session (Personnel & Safety): Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Executive Session (Personnel & Safety) meetings held February 9, and two February 17, 2009.

Executive Session (Finance & Property): Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Executive Session (Finance & Property) meeting held February 17, 2009.

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Finance & Property: Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Finance & Property Committee meeting held February 17, 2009.

Personnel & Safety: Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Personnel & Safety Committee meeting held February 17, 2009.

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Davies seconded to approve the executive session and committee report minutes as presented. All members present voting:

Yes: Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, Kiesling.

No: 0

Abstained: DeOrio

7. Recognition of Visitors

Mr. Revoldt: Item 7, recognition of visitors. Is there anyone here who wishes to address the Council? Please be recognized by the Chair. Alright, seeing none, then let's move on to old business. May I have a motion to read by title only, third reading of Ordinance No. 12-09?

OLD BUSINESS:

8. Mr. Davies moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **read by title only, third reading** of Ordinance No. 12-09. All members present voting:
 Yes: Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Kiesling, Peters.
 No: 0

Ordinance No. 12-09 – 3rd Reading – Finance & Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton to enter into a one (1) year Lease Agreement by and between the City of North Canton and The Chancellery 340 Home Corporation to lease Lot No. 3998 and part of Out Lot 177 for various recreation facilities within the City of North Canton.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you Mr. President, members of Council. This has been an ongoing lease arrangement we've had with the K – former Knights of Columbus the Chancellery 340 and it's for the ball fields down there that they maintain. That's about it.

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Davies seconded to **adopt the third reading** of Ordinance No. 12-09. All members present voting:

Yes: Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt.

No: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

9. Mr. Revoldt: Moving on to new business. A motion to read by title only, first reading Ordinance 19-09.

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Davies seconded to **read by title only, first reading** of Ordinance No. 19-09. All members present voting:

Yes: Davies, DeOrio, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder.

No: 0

Ordinance No. 19-09 – 1st Reading – Personnel & Safety Committee

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 138-07, to establish a compensation rate and re-designate the position of Fire Prevention Chief to Assistant Fire Chief, repealing any and all legislation inconsistent herewith and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Peters: Yes, at the request of the Chief and the Director of Administration this ordinance basically defines – better defines the chain of command in the event the Chief is not on site or out of town. It puts someone on site that is in charge. Committee have any questions?

Mrs. Kiesling: I do, for Chief.

Mr. Peters: Yea.

Mrs. Kiesling: Because I don't think Dave was around. But do we know why Mayor Rice eliminated this position however many years ago. Were you around Dave? Were you Administrator then or...

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Mayor Held: Yes, yes I was. Originally what we wanted to do was to consolidate the departments. And so we were striving for a cost savings. And what we did is we eliminated the Assistant Chief position because that person was no longer serving. So we have not added any individuals...

Mrs. Kiesling: Right, I know that.

Mayor Held: for this right now. But what we need to do is there is somewhat of a void of leadership when the Chief is out of town. And really what we need is somebody to be assigned as the point person or the acting chief when he is not in the area or unavailable. Right now what we do is we have a series of captains that would be in charge of a particular scene in the event that the Chief is not available. So originally it was done because we had appointed a full time fire chief and eliminated the part-time fire chief position and eliminated the full time EMS chief position and at the same time eliminated or did not fill the assistant chief position. So those individuals actually left. But again now we're not adding individuals we're just going to appoint somebody. We're just – it would be a promotion. And it's just to give an individual which would come out of the captain's group the authority to function in that capacity.

Mr. Wise: If I may, on your places there there is a draft of a job description for assistant fire chief. It does a number of things as well. This gives one point person – most all the fire fighters are part-time. This gives one point person that any of the part-timers can come to before they go to the Chief. In addition it allows, again as the Mayor said, the designated chain of command at the scene if the Chief is not there yet or the Chief is away or out of town or is unable to make a particular fire call. This is again a part-time non-Civil Service position. It is a position for the paid on-call, just like it says at the beginning here. It is not a position where if the Chief is on vacation or is off sick that day this person who in all likelihood will have another full time job, most of our captains do, will not be called in to be paid an hourly rate while the Chief is on vacation. This is just for training, emergency, disaster scenes; those types of things that a part-time person would normally come in on. Now that's not to say that there couldn't be situations where the Chief and the Assistant Chief get together, I would assume at a training session or after a fire call to discuss some type of personnel matter to better streamline the chain of command and personnel issues, those types of things. That's the request by the Chief and by myself and if there's any questions we're both here to answer them.

Mrs. Kiesling: I don't have a question.

Mr. Peters: Good. Members of Council ...

Mr. Revoldt: Does the Administration have anything more to add? Nothing?

Mr. Peters: This is an emergency?

Mr. Wise: Yes, we'd like to have it passed on an emergency basis.

Mr. Peters: Alright.

Mr. Revoldt: Let me have a motion to adopt the first reading of Ordinance 19-09.

Mr. Peters moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **adopt the first reading** of Ordinance No. 19-09. All members present voting:

Yes: DeOrio, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies.

No: 0

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 19-09.

Mr. Peters moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **suspend the rules** for Ordinance No. 19-09. All members present voting:

Yes: Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio.

No: 0

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to adopt under the rules as suspended Ordinance 19-09.

Mr. Peters moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **adopt under suspension of the rules** Ordinance No. 19-09. All members present voting:

Yes: Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Kiesling.

No: 0

10. Mr. Revoldt: Item 10, a motion to read by title only, first reading of Ordinance 20-09.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **read by title only, first reading** of Ordinance No. 20-09. All members present voting:

Yes: Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Kiesling, Peters.

No: 0

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Ordinance No. 20-09 – 1st Reading – Finance & Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Administration of the City of North Canton to advertise and receive bids and for the Mayor of the City of North Canton to be authorized to enter into a contract for replacement of the fire suppression system at the Fairways Golf Course Clubhouse and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Snyder: Mr. President, members of Council, we talked about this last week. There's a dual system there - one that operates as a wet system, one that operates as a dry system. It seems the dry system has been compromised in as much as it - there's a generator on there that doesn't work all the time which causes leaks and there's many holes. The tenant and I don't if we have been notified yet, but the insurance company that insures the tenant has notified them that they have a window of opportunity to either repair it or they'll no longer bind coverage. Because they were under the - they wrote the coverage with the understanding that they have a fire suppression system in the building. As well as the state building code for a building that size does require that you have an operable suppression system. And I realize people are going to say well why are you replacing. It is our structure we own it. It would be the same as any property that any landlord would own you have to maintain the structural integrity of the building as well as the furnace and air conditionings and the suppression systems if there would be one. So that's the situation. There's money in the budget that we're going to look at this particular time coming up. The two present lessees have verbally agreed in conversation to participate in the cost of it. I know Mr. McFarren and Mr. Zumbar are working on what they can work out. But at this present time time is of the essence so we have to move along accordingly. And that's about it. Any questions ...inaudible...

Mr. Revoldt: Council? Administration do you have anything to add?

Mr. Wise: Nothing additional.

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to adopt the first reading of Ordinance 20-09.

Mr. Davies moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to **adopt the first reading** of Ordinance No. 20-09. All members present voting:

Yes: Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt.

No: 0

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 20-09

Mr. Davies moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to **suspend the rules** for Ordinance No. 20-09. All members present voting:

Yes: Davies, DeOrio, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder.

No: 0

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to adopt under the rules as suspended Ordinance 20-09.

Mr. Davies moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to **adopt under suspension of the rules** Ordinance No. 20-09. All members present voting:

Yes: DeOrio, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies

No: 0

11. Mr. Revoldt: Item 11, a motion to read by title only, first reading of Ordinance No. 21-09.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mr. Davies seconded to **read by title only, first reading** of Ordinance No. 21-09. All members present voting:

Yes: Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio.

No: 0

Ordinance No. 21-09 – 1st Reading – Finance & Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Administration of the City of North Canton to advertise and receive bids and for the Mayor of the City of North Canton to be authorized to enter into a contract for replacement of the roof at the Fairways Golf Course Clubhouse and declaring the same to be an emergency.

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Mr. Snyder: Mr. President, members of Council, again we spoke a little earlier this evening. This roof is approximately - was built about 1990, 92, in that era. There are two roofs there - there's a flat roof and a pitched roof. A flat roof which is over the kitchen area and some other areas has a tendency to leak. It compromises the cooking ability there and brings into Health Department. Again, it's a structural issue. As much as we don't like it, we're responsible for it. And again, there's money in the budget for that. Although, we are wholly responsible and will not have any participation from anybody on that. And we feel that the time is now, the early Spring, to get a very good bid for that so that's what we're going to do. And again, there's money in the budget for that.

Mr. Revoldt: Just as a point of order, we've got Item 14 covering that roof as well. Do we need - do we want both ordinances?

Mr. Snyder: Well the reason for 14, Mr. President, is to have the ability to bid all of them collectively.

Mr. Revoldt: Okay.

Mr. Zumbar: Singly or in the alternative ...

Mr. Snyder: This is going to be an individual bid then he'll bid all four of them collectively.

Mr. Revoldt: Okay, good enough. Any other questions or comments? Seeing none; a motion to adopt the first reading of Ordinance 21-09.

Mr. Davies moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **adopt the first reading** of Ordinance No. 21-09. All members present voting:

Yes: Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Kiesling.

No: 0

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to suspend the rules for 21-09.

Mr. Davies moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to **suspend the rules** for Ordinance No. 21-09.

All members present voting:

Yes: Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Kiesling, Peters.

No: 0

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to adopt under the rules as suspended Ordinance No. 21-09.

Mr. Davies moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to **adopt under suspension of the rules** Ordinance No. 21-09. All members present voting:

Yes: Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt.

No: 0

12. Mr. Revoldt: Item 12, a motion to read by title only, first reading of Ordinance 22-09.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mr. Davies seconded to **read by title only, first reading** of Ordinance No. 22-09. All members present voting:

Yes: Davies, DeOrio, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder.

No: 0

Ordinance No. 22-09 - 1st Reading - Finance & Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Administration of the City of North Canton to advertise and receive bids and for the Mayor of the City of North Canton to be authorized to enter into a contract for replacement of the roof at the North Canton Civic Center and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Snyder: Mr. President, members of Council, the Civic Center roof is also in sore need of repair. They want to maintain the - do some painting, some wallpaper, put some new carpet which is in the budget for 09' and it would be counterproductive to do these things, even though they're cosmetic, without fixing the structure. And again, we recommend that those two items move forward and then other two items can be the companion if money is available.

Mr. Revoldt: Any other questions or comments? Seeing none; a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 22-09.

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Mr. Davies moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **adopt the first reading** of Ordinance No. 22-09. All members present voting:
 Yes: DeOrio, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies.
 No: 0

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 22-09.

Mr. Davies moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to **suspend the rules** for Ordinance No. 22-09. All members present voting:
 Yes: Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio.
 No: 0

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to adopt under the rules as suspended Ordinance No. 22-09.

Mr. Davies moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to **adopt under suspension of the rules** Ordinance No. 22-09. All members present voting:
 Yes: Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Kiesling.
 No: 0

13. Mr. Revoldt: Item 13, a motion to read by title, first reading of Ordinance No. 23-09.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **read by title only, first reading** of Ordinance No. 23-09. All members present voting:
 Yes: Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Kiesling, Peters.
 No: 0

Ordinance No. 23-09 – 1st Reading – Finance & Property Committee

An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of North Canton, Ohio, for the period beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Snyder: Mr. President, members of Council, this has been an arduous process. We've gone through several public meetings. We've gone through several committee meetings and Council has taken this apart. We feel we have a working document at this particular time. Even though it does contain an emergency, we would request as a committee that you only give it the first reading and adopt same and allow the public input over the next couple weeks should there be any. The document is on view at the Director of Administration – or Director of Finance and if members of the public would like a copy I'm sure he would provide same. And that's about it.

Mr. DeOrio: Mr. President, Mr. Chairman, if I could just take a minute I want to – since I was unable to be here last week for the discussion, you know, portion of it I don't really have too many or really any questions on it since a lot of this was already done through the committee work. But I think just really the point I wanted to emphasize is and it really just comes from a learning curve of my own I guess that I think that this is the fourth budget that I've looked at and each time that I think I've gone through it looking at the line items; I probably looked at emphasis, you know, less on the personnel side and more on the operations or equipment side. The City has done a very good job in the last four budget cycles of reducing their expenditures on those line items. They've done an – the employees have done an exceptional job of keeping such a high standard with the resources that they're working with. And I guess my conclusion is that I really think that we've taken that as far as it can go. Each time that we've done it it's been, you know, a diminishing return, less and less there. As a result, when we entertain that time later in the year to work on the budget I don't think that we're going to – I think any of the time we would spend trying to do that would really be not a good utilization of our time in discussing ideas. I think you've got one of two ways left available to you. You have to look at restructuring, rethinking how you deliver services and the administration has been working on that. And I think there are a lot more steps along those ways that should be explored and then decided on whether or not that same level of service can be given and any substantial cost savings realized. Absent any substantial cost savings realized the only recourse that you'd have left is to somehow modify the revenue side of the equation and there are several things that could be looked at in that regard. But we're really down to that point where it's time for the, you know, the big decisions are going to have to be made. And anyway I just appreciate you letting me chime in ...inaudible... a week later.

Mr. Snyder: We appreciate that and we – and again you were not here last week and I want to thank you for all your input and all your counsel that you brought to the preparation of this budget. Thank you.

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Mr. DeOrio: Thank you for that.

Mr. Snyder: That's all -- that's it Mr. President we are ready to call the vote -- or go for a motion.

Mr. Revoldt: Administration have anything to add on the first reading here before we cast a vote?

Mayor Held: I would like to thank our members - all our members of City Council that worked on this budget. Because I think that at least in the years that I've served as the Mayor and also as the City Administrator previous to this, this clearly was the toughest budget that we've ever had to put together. And it's pretty clear that our revenue has dropped significantly since last year. And overall we've reduced the work force and this really has been - it's been a group effort on behalf of City Council and also the administration and our department heads, but we've reduced the number of employees by twelve (12%) percent when we first started here three years ago. And we've significantly cut our spending. But at the same I think we've all done a pretty good job of maintaining the service. Our employees went from 116 down to I believe 102 or 101 at this point. And although we're not salting as many streets on the back streets, overall there really hasn't been much of a compromise in the service. So I do want to thank all of our members of Council for their hard work on this and I'm very proud of the work that our employees have done also.

Mr. Wise: Mr. President, if I may, I would like to thank the budget committee. We had a number of budget hearings, one of which got canceled due to snow one morning, but we did have a number of those. I thought those were helpful and productive. One of the budget committee members suggested that we do this next year just as soon as a proposed budget is submitted by the Mayor. I think that is a tremendous idea. And we do that even on an ongoing basis informally, but with budget hearings in the Fall when the Mayor submits a budget. Thank you.

Mr. Revoldt: Okay. Does anyone else have any response? I'd just like to follow up on Pat's comments and I don't want to let them -- maybe I'll put a little different emphasis on them. I think it's important that, as we discussed, that we are going to revisit budget or revisit our financial situation in April and July. In the interim and we'll make whatever course corrections we need or begin to look at those in April and July. I think it's important however, that we be reminded that we have an Auditor of State's recommend -- series of recommendations; amongst those that we look at restructuring the way that we've done some business. I think if we're going to be intellectually honest with the tax payers we need to bring that back to this Council, we need to look at it, determine whether it's feasible or not and if it is not then we will review our revenue options at that point. Those revenue options however don't rest with this Council, they rest with the voters. And I think it's important that we have the ability to reassure them that we have looked at this in a thorough and honest fashion. And we have done as Pat suggested everything that we can do to hold the cost -- hold our costs down particularly in this economic climate. So that said anything else we need to add? So we need to get back, I guess I would just say to the administration please get -- let's try to schedule some times that we can look at -- revisit the auditor's report and at least discuss and look at those costs and comparisons for restructuring. Let's get back to it sometime sooner rather than later and we'll go.

Mayor Held: Right ...inaudible...

Mr. Revoldt: So with that said let me have a motion to adopt the first reading of Ordinance 23-09.

Mr. Davies moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-09. All members present voting:

Yes: Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt.

No: 0

Mr. Revoldt: Before we move on just let me add one more thing and I think the Administration and Council has mentioned this. This budget was achieved and through active collaboration of our Director of Finance, the Administration, Mr. Davies, Mr. DeOrio and Mr. Snyder. And it was done frankly without anyone raising their voice. It was done in a businesslike intelligent fashion in a manner which I think the citizens would be quite pleased. And it was done in a public forum as well.

Mr. Wise: And the department heads as well.

Mr. Revoldt: And the department heads. So, congratulations to all those involved. Item 14, I need a motion to amend the agenda to include Ordinance No. 24-09 and to suspend the rules of council requiring a committee report.

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14. Mr. Davies moved and Mr. Peters seconded to **amend the agenda to include Ordinance No. 24-09 and to suspend the rules of council requiring a committee report.** All members present voting:
 Yes: Davies, DeOrio, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder.
 No: 0

Mr. Revoldt: Now, Item 14, a motion to read by title only, first reading of Ordinance 24-09.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **read by title only, first reading** of Ordinance No. 24-09. All members present voting:
 Yes: DeOrio, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies.
 No: 0

Ordinance No. 24-09 – 1st Reading – Finance & Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Administration of the City of North Canton to advertise and receive bids and for the Mayor of the City of North Canton to be authorized to enter into a contract for replacement of the roof at the Fairways Golf Course Clubhouse, North Canton Civic Center, North Canton City Hall and North Canton EMS Building and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Snyder: Mr. President, members of Council, we felt that by doing this and allowing them to bid all four properties collectively that we might realize some type savings even though we have prior legislation authorizing two of the four. Individually those will go forward as such but we'll also bid them collectively and hopefully we'll realize some cost savings. Any questions of Council or the Administration?

Mr. Wise: No, we'd just like the opportunity to bid this in a number of different ways and see how it comes out and we'll go from there.

Mr. Snyder: Appreciate that. That's it Mr. President.

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to adopt the first reading of Ordinance 24-09.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mr. Davies seconded to **adopt the first reading** of Ordinance No. 24-09. All members present voting:
 Yes: Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio.
 No: 0

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 24-09.

Mr. Davies moved and Mr. DeOrio seconded to **suspend the rules** for Ordinance No. 24-09. All members present voting:
 Yes: Peters, Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Kiesling.
 No: 0

Mr. Revoldt: Motion to adopt under the rules as suspended Ordinance 24-09.

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mr. Peters seconded to **adopt under suspension of the rules** Ordinance No. 24-09. All members present voting:
 Yes: Revoldt, Snyder, Davies, DeOrio, Kiesling, Peters.
 No: 0

REPORTS:

Mr. Revoldt: Reports – Director of Law.
 Mr. McFarren: No report.

Mr. Revoldt: Director of Finance.
 Mr. Zumbar: No report Mr. President.

Mr. Revoldt: Director of Administration.
 Mr. Wise: No sir.

Mr. Revoldt: Mayor.

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Mayor Held: Yes. We had Council members that were inquiring about the federal stimulus package and just to give you a quick update where we at I'd like to read an exert from a letter that we received from the Ohio EPA Director Chris Korleski. Recently the State of Ohio launched the Recovery Ohio.gov (www.recovery.ohio.gov) website which will serve as Ohio's interactive headquarters for all information regarding the American Recovery Investment - Reinvestment Act or the federal stimulus package. The state is asking you to do this in order to ensure a transparent, consistent process to build one comprehensive statewide data base of all potential projects being submitted for consideration. Once a project is submitted by an entity via the website, it will be entered into Ohio's master database and then forwarded to the appropriate state entity. Given the limited amount of stimulus money available and prioritization likely to be given to the projects we can proceed expeditiously. We recommend that you begin submit your project pre-application as quickly as possible. We've already done that in reference to North Canton's projects. We've actually submitted numerous projects. It is not likely that we're going to get grant money for all those projects. But we're hopeful that we'll at least get some money. And we're doing everything we can right now to work with Congressman Boccieri's Office to help move this process along and as we get more information we will keep you posted.

Mr. Revoldt: We're going to get more money than Akron, right?

Mayor Held: Yes. No, we're doing everything we can to get as much as we can. Hopefully we'll get...

Mr. Revoldt: Did you get a bounce back off of that application off the website? Did you get notified that it had been duly registered?

Mr. Benekos: Right.

Mr. Revoldt: Okay, alright. Engineer.

Mr. Benekos: No report.

Mr. Revoldt: Mr. Bowles.

Mr. Bowles: No report.

Mr. Revoldt: Clerk.

Mrs. Kalpac: No report.

REPORTS - COUNCIL:

Mr. Revoldt: Mr. Peters.

Mr. Peters: No report.

Mr. Revoldt: Mr. Davies.

Mr. Davies: Yes. Today, in this Chamber, we had - Miriam, can you - the name of the group that put it on? What's the name of Veronica's group, do you remember?

Mr. Revoldt: For tax counseling.

Mr. Davies: Yes, it's tax counseling.

Mrs. Baughman (speaking from audience): VITA but ... inaudible...

Mr. Davies: VITA, yea, yea...

Mr. Zumbar: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance.

Mr. Davies: Right, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance - VITA. Came in here today and helped North Canton citizens particularly those in lower and moderate income. Did their - helped them do their taxes free of charge. Due to Miriam's efforts - Miriam went out and made sure everybody in town knew that this was going to happen. Put flyers in all the churches and so forth and so on - did really a wonderful job. They were full up - they did as many people as they can possibly - they could possibly handle. It was a full day. And many people in North Canton, because of Miriam's efforts, were able to avail themselves to that service. So I applaud you for all your work.

(Applause)

Mr. Revoldt: Anything else?

Mr. DeOrio: No report.

Mr. Revoldt: Mrs. Kiesling

Mrs. Kiesling: No report.

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DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC. FORM NO. 1014R

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7:00 p.m.

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Mr. Revoldt: Mr. Snyder.

Mr. Snyder: Mr. President, along the lines of the Mayor's comments on the stimulus, I noticed that the County will receive money. The City of Canton has applied for in excess of 400,000 for the two railroad trestles that so gracefully hover over the Zimber. The Zimber has been a problem for as many years as you and I have represented that particular ward - you know that. And it is, it is just a large lion waiting to roar and it will happen should it start to rain in any excess. And I would just like to know if there's some way that with the County sales tax initiative they'll have additional revenue with the stimulus, if you may please entertain a suggestion that we send a letter to the County Commissioners asking them to please address - at least dredge that ditch to give those people some hope of relief should it begin to rain. It's a collaborative agreement of all Plain, Jackson - Jackson is as much a contributor to that ditch as North Canton if not more because the upper end from the airport down contributes to it. And I feel people in that particular area they've just really basically given up on us because we've held numerous meetings, we tried to buy their properties and that didn't work one time and some of them moved away because they've become so disenfranchised with our ability to help them that if we don't at least scream just a little bit - the wheel that squeals the loudest gets the most grease. Maybe we can squeal a little. And hopefully - if you would please guide me or the whole Council on how we may approach that.

Mr. Revoldt: Was it - was part of the plan Jim to - my recollection is that after the study was done they were going to create a number of detention basins, which they have done. The next step was to improve flow beneath the bridges that Jon has referenced. Is that correct?

Mr. Benekos: Partly. They have implemented some of the retention basins - not all that they would of liked to have done. The two bridges that you mentioned, I have seen the final plans from METRO and they are proceeding to improve those two bridges, those railroad bridges. However, those won't be the bottleneck; the bottleneck will be at Everhard Road which is a county bridge there. The railroad bridges won't be opened up fully because they don't want to invest the money there because they said the County Engineer's bridge isn't opened up fully. So...

Mr. Revoldt: Okay, so if we would send a letter to the County Engineer asking him to utilize sales tax money...

Mr. Snyder: Stimulus money.

Mr. Revoldt: or stimulus money and apply it to that project would that...

Mr. Benekos: It would be difficult because the bridge is in good condition and there are other bridges in the county that are in poor condition. So if drainage is the only concern it's going to weight low in their estimation. So its' going to be difficult. We can send a letter but ...inaudible...

Mr. Snyder: So there's two schools of thought Mr. Benekos and I know I've heard from both what's his name - the hydraulics fellow?

Mr. Benekos: Gary Connor

Mr. Snyder: Connor - the people that live on the Zimber are very, very emphatic to the fact they feel if - that have lived there for many years, if it is dredged it will allow it to flow a little more. But there's another theory that if you dredge it it is deeper and more water will come into it and consequently it will flood quicker. However, it has become an attic for the community, every tree that's fallen down between Akron/Canton Airport and Everhard is laying in that Zimber along with every tire that was discarded along Whipple Road. And I mean we don't have the funding to clean that up. That they could possibly do or possibly use, I use the word criminal but that's wrong choice of words, what do they call those people from the court?

Mr. Zumbar: Civic Improvement Program.

Mr. DeOrio: Community service.

Mr. Snyder: Civic improvement people that have had - that have encountered minor offenses that possibly they could get some of those people to - and I'm sure Solid Waste would be very generous in providing receptacles to all that way since it wouldn't go into the landfill.

Mayor Held: Right. We can do ...inaudible...

Mr. Snyder: It's a collaborative agreement between many governmental agencies.

Mr. Revoldt: I think we've outlined two things here. Number one is it might not hurt to contact the Engineer's Office. Do we want to do just a resolution that we can send to the Engineer urging...

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Mrs. Kiesling: Just reminding him that...

Mr. Revoldt: reminding him of our interest. Urging him to apply stimulus or sales tax money to the bridge. Inaudible... be it it may not be in condition for replacement it nonetheless is a flood control issue and maybe we could do that in two weeks if that would be okay.

Mr. Snyder: Yea, that's fine. Any - I think any public intention is good.

Mr. Revoldt: Okay, alright, and number two is can we find some of your friends...
Mr. Snyder: Colleagues...

Mr. Revoldt: who are wearing ankle bracelets and when the weather warms up...

Mr. Snyder: You could ask Chief Grimes. He probably has them on his computer now, he may know a few phone numbers.

Mr. Revoldt: Might get post cards every now and then. Alright, any other questions or comments about that? Marcia any?

Mrs. Kiesling: No, I completely agree.

Mr. Revoldt: Pat, I'm sorry, do you have any comment? Marcia, Jon.

Mr. Snyder: No sir, that's it.

FINAL CALL FOR NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Revoldt: Okay, very good. Final call for new business. Come on it's twenty till we've got plenty of time left, we can be here until at least nine. This is it, last call.

ADJOURN:

Mr. DeOrio: I move we adjourn.

Mr. Revoldt: It's been moved.

Mrs. Kiesling: Second

Mr. DeOrio moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to adjourn the council meeting. All members present voting:

Yes: Davies, DeOrio, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt, Snyder.

No: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.


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