

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 1014#

Held Monday, February 27, 2012 7:00 p.m. 20 12

## CALL TO ORDER:

1. The council meeting was called to order Monday, February 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. by President of Council Jon Snyder.

## OPENING PRAYER:

2. The opening prayer was delivered by Fr. James A. Clarke, St. Paul's Catholic Church.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

3. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

## ROLL CALL:

4. The following members of Council responded to roll call: Cerreta, Foltz, Fox, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters and Snyder. Also present were: Mayor Held, Director of Administration Grimes, Director of Law Nilges, Director of Finance Alger, Director of Administrative Services Bartos, Fire/EMS Chief Bacon and Clerk of Council Kalpac. City Engineer Benekos was not present for the meeting.

Mr. Snyder: At this time, I would ask that we have a moment of silence. Unfortunately, we lost a very good friend of the City and City Council, Mrs. Helen Harper, last week. Mrs. Harper has been a regular attendee, who was kind enough many times to bake us a cake, which we all enjoyed. Unfortunately, Mrs. Harper passed away, I believe, last Thursday. And, my thanks to Miriam Baughman for letting me know that. So, we just ask for a moment of silent prayer in respect to Helen Harper. Thank you.

(Moment of Silence)

## CONSIDERATION:

5. Council meeting minutes – January 30, 2012

Mr. Snyder: Thank you. At this time I would like consideration to admit the Council meeting minutes for January 30, 2012.

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Peters seconded to **approve, as presented**, the council meeting minutes for January 30, 2012.

Mr. Snyder: Any additions or corrections? If none,  
All members present voting:  
Yes: Foltz, Fox, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Cerreta  
No: 0

## COMMITTEE MINUTES

6. Committee minutes

Mr. Snyder: May I have a motion to approve and second as presented the following Committee Report Minutes: Community and Economic Development; Finance and Property; the Housing Review; and Ordinance, Rules and Claims: all held 2/21/12.

Mr. Griffith moved and Mr. Peters seconded to **approve, as presented**, the Executive Session and committee report minutes. All members present voting:  
Yes: Fox, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Cerreta, Foltz.  
No: 0

**Executive session for Personnel & Safety:** Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Executive Session meeting for Personnel & Safety held January 30, 2012.

**Finance & Property:** Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Finance & Property Committee meeting held February 6, 2012.

**Ordinance, Rules & Claims:** Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Ordinance, Rules, & Claims Committee meeting held February 6, 2012.

**Park & Recreation:** Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Park & Recreation Committee meeting held February 6, 2012.

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**Street & Alley:** Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Street & Alley Committee held February 6, 2012.

**Water, Sewer & Rubbish:** Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Water, Sewer & Rubbish Committee meeting held February 6, 2012.

7. Recognition of Visitors

Mr. Snyder: At this time the Council will entertain anybody who would wish to speak to it, please step forward. State your name and address for the record.

Tim Shetzer: 2625 Aylesbury Street, North Canton. I am the YMCA Director. I just want to introduce to you tonight, if I can take a few minutes, the new YMCA Director in North Canton. We are happy to have Ben Wheeler join us. This is his 11<sup>th</sup> day, so please go easy on him. Thank you.

Mr. Wheeler: I appreciate the opportunity to speak tonight. I just wanted to introduce myself, again as Mr. Shetzer said, Ben Wheeler. I am brand new to the North Canton area, and proud to be the Executive Director of the North Canton YMCA down here at Council. I have had a great experience so far, really enjoying the town, and I know that the City of North Canton and the YMCA maintain a strong relationship for many years and will continue to in the future. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you individually. I hope that is in a short period of time and in the future, and looking forward to working with you all as we keep moving forward. So, I just wanted to say hello and thank you.

Mr. Snyder: Ben, welcome.

Mr. Cerreta: Congratulations, Ben.

Mr. Snyder: Please don't be a stranger to us. Come back.

Mr. Wheeler: Thank you.

Mr. Snyder: Anyone else wishing to speak? OK, at this time, the Council would like to recognize Chief Bacon. The Chief is Chief of both Fire Suppression and the EMS Service, and he is going to, along with some of his men, present a little overview of the Fire and EMS. As you know, we have a levy coming up next Tuesday, and the Chief has been kind enough to come and bring us up-to-date on what is going on in the Fire Department. Chief,

Chief Bacon: Thank you. Chris has given everyone handouts. OK. Thanks for allowing me come up here tonight. I'm here to talk about the Fire and EMS, about the current levy that is going to be going on a week from tomorrow, and why we think we need it. And, hopefully to answer any questions anybody might have on this. To start off with, we are going to go through the thing, I'm going to talk about Fire and EMS. Even though it is one department, we are two separate divisions. So, throughout the whole thing, we will go with the combined, and then I'll go into the individual, as you'll see with your slides. First one we are going to talk about is Station One, which is Fire Division, which houses all the fire trucks and the back-up ambulance. Total personnel for the entire department, this is both, is 52. We have, out of the full time we have 3, and this does not include myself. This includes the three inspectors, fire inspectors. They do fire inspections, they answer EMS calls during the day, and they answer fire calls during the day. We have, at Station One 36 part-timers, 14 that are just firefighters, 16 that are firefighter/EMT's that cross over, and 6 that are firefighters/paramedics. And those are part-time. We have a total, combined, 22 out of the firefighters at Station One that do both fire and EMS. The equipment that we have at Station One - we have 4 engines. They date from, they range from date 1989 to 2007, one ladder truck which is an '09, one rescue which carries our ...inaudible... tools, airbags, any kind of rescue equipment that we need is a '92, and then our staff vehicles, which includes mine which is a 2001 all the way up to the newest one which is a 2011. And, we are still using two retired cruisers, one of which I asked for in this budget to try to get it replaced because of the wear and tear. That is Station One to the Fire Station. Station Two, which is EMS, again working off a total of 52 personnel, we have 9 full-timers. (That does not include myself). We have 26 part-timers, 18 of them are EMT's, 8 of them are paramedics, and out of that total 15 of them do both Fire and EMS. So, when I talk to you about Fire and EMS people, I give you the count of 52, but a lot of those are split because some do the Fire, some do the EMS, some do both Fire and EMS. We have tried since 2007-2008 to have as many people combined over on both sides. We offer the training so if somebody shows up, they might show up one day on the ambulance and the next day they may be on the fire truck, because our part-timers cross over as much as we can, cause it saves us money. We have four squads that are pictured, the oldest one being on the left side of the screen. That is a 1992 all the way up to the far right side, and that is a 2010. Jon, you will remember the two center ones are the Chevys that we tried to

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start using to reduce costs back in '07. They are lasting, but they're not lasting as long. That is why we went back to the Internationals, the bigger ones, because it lasted a little longer and we could get more money for it. We have one staff vehicle. It is a 2001 Suburban that they use for small things. The next is the services that we provide, of course, full fire, full rescue, for everything we need to do for fire and rescue we do. EMS, we provide full ALS service. Education - we go - we do the programs, we do the risk watch in the schools, we go to high schools, we do the talks. Every year, we have Kindergartners come to our fire station. We are a full, operation program. Anything that needs done publically, we go out and do. The inspections, our inspectors - we have 3 of them - they do all the building permitting, all the building inspections, they are in the restaurants twice a year, they are in the schools once a year, they go into the daycares, they go to any building that is built Gary reviews the blueprints, works directly with the building department. Car seats - that is a big thing now. People get their car seats - we have four certified installers, they have to be certified, that is the only way we can do it. We work through the Safe Kids - we are certified. We have four of them. People call us up, they need their car seats installed. They have been pregnant for nine months, and they need it today. So, we do it for them whenever we can. CPR - there was just an article in the past, not too long ago, about everybody that gets CPR training. We are a certified instructing site. We do CPR instructing. We do it for the public, we do it for other fire departments, we're a certified site to do that. Now we get into the combined Fire/EMS revenue. This is the revenue that we bring in. The first one is combined, and the next slide I will break into the fire, and then I'll go into the EMS. So, this is the combined. You will see in 2009, it is a green - it was a general fund, in 2010 and 2011, it dropped off because of the way we are trying to move money around, like better utilizing our personnel, better utilizing our money. The other, believe it or not, since 2009 we've tried to rework our CPR training program. This is why it went from \$3,000 to \$7,000. I talked to Karen and that is the money that we take in for some of the classes we teach, it goes back into our revenue. The EMS billing, which was \$461,000 in 2009, that is based on the transports that we do for out-of-town and in-town. We soft-bill our residents who have insurance, okay, and if they don't, we forfeit. But, anybody outside the City, we bill and then they pay us. Any questions on the combined? Next slide is the Fire Fund. This is the trickiest part for me. You can see that the new grants, we weren't real lucky enough in '09 and 2010, but we really pushed it hard in 2011. Property tax dropped off, General Fund 2009 revenue was \$641,000; 2010 was \$615,000; 2011 is \$591,000 and that is the revenue. Next slide is EMS. Again, we've dropped off. 2009 we had a total of \$1,516,409; 2010 we had \$1,336,000; 2011 we had \$1,355,169. Cost per runs, which is the big question. Cost per runs in 2011 averaged \$600 a run with reduction of overtime, with reduction of, again, moving our part-time personnel around, using more part-timers in different positions, working with the union, getting a good collaboration between us and the union administration. This helped to save a lot of money. Now, the next one is combined Fire and EMS expenditures. In 2009, we had a total of \$1,937,108; 2010 \$1,960,000; 2011 \$2,234,000. Now, that includes the grants that we got. So, that is a little high at the end there, but we got quite a few grants that last year that really helped us buy some equipment. Next one is just the fire expenditures in 2009, and this is for a fully-operational fire department, 2009 was \$584,000; 2010 was only \$576,000; 2011 expense jumps up to \$721,000. Again, there was grant money that we used to buy stuff in there. Next is EMS, 2009 expenditures were \$1,352,000; 2010 was \$1,384,354; 2011 was \$1,513,000.16. Fire and EMS worked a lot with the City, they were the first union to offer up a zero percent on their raise - they took a zero percent the first year, they were the first union to offer that. They also worked with us on part-timers. A lot of part-timers are filled for overtime spots. They were the first ones to offer that up. That has saved a lot of money. It has taken a lot of the overtime. We haven't saved that money, because you have to remember that even though a full-timer is not there, that pays for 2 part-timers. So, when a full timer is off, we have to bring a part-timer in, but we still have to use that money, because even though a full-timer is off, we have a part-timer in that spot. It is just not costing us as much to have that part-timer in that spot. Again, with the cost per run, at \$600 in 2011, our billing makes up for a lot. Next one is number of calls. In 2009, we had 424 fire calls; we had 2,014 EMS calls, for a total of 2,438 in 2009, and it progressively goes up. In 2010 we had 406 and 2144 for a grand total of 2550; 2011 we had 493 fire calls, 2231 EMS calls and 2724 total. That is our number of calls. That ranges from everything from CO calls, patient lists, everything. We do not charge for patient lists. If somebody calls, say they fell and they can't get up, we go, we pick them up, that's what they pay taxes for. The next thing, education, I put this in the 2009 audit - the state audit that the city had done. We were compared to Tallmadge, the city of Tallmadge Fire Department. This was just published in The Ohio Firefighter 2012, I just got it last month and they are working on - they have 13 full-timers, 45 part-timers, they operate a 17,000 population, very similar to us. That is why the audit used it. They operate on a 3.75 mil continuing levy. We are doing the same thing for 1-1/2 mil. Next one is your education. Again, we go into the schools. We have the kindergartners at the fire department. We had the safety trailer come in with the second and third graders every year. We are working on

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grants. We're working on everything we can do to stay within our limits of what you have us work with. Anything that the public would require from this department, they get. We collaborate as much as we can, but everything else we provide in-house with that fire truck. Any questions? Okay. What we're here for - Issue 1. It is a replacement mils, continuous \$168,000 per year annual cost to an owner of a \$100,000 home would be \$15.31 per year compared to what they are paying now. In the 1980's, the Fire Department last time that was looked at was 1983. The ambulance is a replacement 1 mil. The last time that continuous was looked at was 1982. So, we've been operating on that same issue since 1982. Last one is just a picture of the fire department on the back side. I think we are getting (knock - knock - knock) from the City, and we get a great bang for our buck. We've been through Fire Department and EMS, have been through two audits, not only the state audit, but we also were audited independently by Joe Concatto. He came in for the City and did it. We got good ratings. Part-timers save us a lot of money. The full-timers work for the city the best they can. The union works with us, and I just think this is really needed for the city. And, I think it is a good deal.

Mr. Snyder: Chief, I think it is important that the electorate understand this is not a new levy. It is a replacement of the levies voted in over 30 years ago. They're only going to be for the new values of the properties, which is actually lower. That is the reason that we are seeking the additional funding, because from the City Council's standpoint, we commend you and your departments. Last year the transfer from General Funds of \$25,000. The previous year was almost \$79,000. So, your credit to your men and your department for your work in saving us in overtime and your efficiency in answering the calls, I mean, it's unbelievable. It is probably two of the most efficient-run department in our City. We are very proud of you, and we hope the electors support you in your efforts. And, new ambulances...what's a new ambulance? Say, a couple hundred thousand dollars, I'm guessing.

Chief Bacon: Yes, sir.

Mr. Snyder: So, I mean - it is the cost. It's not as if it's going into wages or wasted time eating donuts in a coffee shop. We are very fortunate in the services that we have you provide, and we're very grateful to you for that.

Chief Bacon: We try to push our equipment to the limit when we can.

Mr. Snyder: Well, the problem is that I think people don't realize that old equipment, and the maintenance on that equipment is actually more costly than a new ambulance would be to put into service. I know. I get to see those bills come in, and they are horrendous because, unfortunately you are putting them together with old equipment and parts, and so forth. They are wearing out. We do have a request for a new ambulance, and hopefully this levy passes and we will be able to suffice and get that in the works. It takes, what, like six months to get one, sometimes more.

Chief Bacon: It will take six to eight months to get it.

Mr. Snyder: But, again, I mean, what you've saved in overtime, it is unbelievable. We are proud of you for that. Thank you for that.

Chief Bacon: It should be noted, also, that Chris Massouh, who put this together with me, did 99% of the work. Part-time, and did most of the thing on his own time. There was no, very little City time used for that.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you Chris, we appreciate that.

Mr. Cerreta: Dutch, Dutch, you do a great job with the part-timers. I think we all appreciate that, and the part I think everyone realizes is that when you look at reasons why people move to North Canton, your service is at the top three. You're talking about our community, our schools, and our police and fire. So, wonderful job at that. And, with our aging population, getting even more and more, it is going to be more and more important. So, thanks for presenting that, and, you know, I think we all pretty much support what you say and what you do. So, thank you very much.

Chief Bacon: Thank you.

Mr. Foltz: Jon, I just want to bring this up. I applaud Dutch. I've known him for years. He has done a great job. As we know, fire and EMS is the cornerstone of our city. But, if you look at the replacement levy here, for hundred thousand dollar homes, the increase, I just did some short math, it is like \$27 more for a hundred thousand dollar home, taxation. It is a little over \$2.00 a month. I mean, that's all we are asking for. I mean, it's going to maintain our services for years to come. I don't think that is asking a lot for the professionalism and the great departments that we get, and the service that we get from our fire and EMS. I thought I'd touch on that. Just wanted to put that in perspective for the taxpayers.

Mr. Snyder: Thanks, Doug. Appreciate it. Anyone else? Mr. Mayor, do you have anything?

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Mayor Held: Yes, one thing that I wanted to make note of is that, you know we oftentimes talk about North Canton's Fire Department and EMS Department. And, we do have excellent service, because, I think what makes the difference is our response time, and the availability of the personnel that we have. We really run our fire and EMS department with a, it's a combination department where we do have full-timers, full-time fire inspectors that are there during the daytime to answer fire calls. But, the fire calls in the evening are answered by part-timers that voluntarily show up. They voluntarily show up to these calls, and then once they are there, they're paid. In addition to that, with the EMS Department, we do have a standby part-time EMS that can be on at the station. But, then we also have that support team which is about, how many part-time EMS do we have?

Chief Bacon: 26

Mayor Held: 26. And how many part-time fire fighters?

Chief Bacon: We have 32.

Mayor Held: 32. So, when you compare, because we did have our city's fire and EMS operation compared in the performance audit, we really are one of the most cost-effective fire and EMS departments in the State of Ohio when you look at other municipalities our size. Because we operate with part-time fire and EMS. So, when it comes to a service that has been sensitive to cost-efficiency and effectiveness, which has been a goal of ours for the past six years. The fire department epitomizes service that is cost-efficient and effective, and I think we've been very, very responsible with the money that the people in our community give us to operate, and when you look at the 2009 survey, (that's one of our fire trucks now – they like us) but when you look at the 2009 survey, 88% of the residents that responded to the survey give our Fire and EMS Department a good to excellent rating. And, uh, when you're in need of the Fire and EMS Department, then you, that is when you really realize what a service that they provide, and there have been thousands of people in our community that have been in need of their services. You folks do an excellent job.

Chief Bacon: Thank you.

Mayor Held: Great presentation.

Mr. Snyder: Is there, has there ever been a study done on the actual savings to the homeowner with the rating of your Fire and EMS services as far as like a percentage vs. you know, I know you're fire insurance is predicated on the ability...

Chief Bacon: Everything is based on ISO. Your ISO ...inaudible... we're at level 4. We were evaluated, I think it's been two years ago now, and costs go to a level 4 to a level 1. It's just astronomical. We would have to strictly go full-time and stuff like that. Really, with what we operate with, with part-time combination, 4 is about the best we could do.

Mr. Snyder: I would like to see in some of the outlying communities, they're what a 6, 7, 8 or something in that area?

Chief Bacon: Some of them because they don't have the hydrants. That is where you really lose a lot, is with your water systems and stuff like that, but comparing to the neighbors, our budget is half of one and a third of the other, that's on either side of us. That is why we picked Tallmadge, because we get along with Jackson, we get along with Plain. We work with them as much as we can. So, I wanted to pick something that was a city that was close to us, close to size, close to population to see what they operated on with their personnel. Tallmadge is almost a mirror of North Canton.

Mr. Snyder: And, we operate at 50% less than what they do, cost-wise. So, I'm sure the homeowners realizing somewhere between 15 to 25% savings on their insurance vs., which is three to four hundred dollars on their property, maybe more. So, it makes a nice savings, so the little bit of increase is well offset by the savings in the insurance, so it's not a bad product. Plus, when you call, you get an answer, and someone will show up.

Chief Bacon: We are always there 24 hours a day.

Mr. Snyder: You don't get a recording though. Are we that far along that we answer electronically if we don't do that.

Chief Bacon: No. We have a live person. For fires, press one.

Mr. Snyder: For heart attack, press 9 and hold. Does anybody have any other questions for the Chief, or ..inaudible.. say anything else?

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Mr. Grimes: Just that, we do appreciate the part-timers, obviously, but also let's not forget the full-timers. I think they were the first union to go zero percent and help us out a couple of years ago, and as Administrator, I don't get grievances or anything from those folks. They just come to work, and they come to play. So, they do a good job.

Mr. Snyder: Chief...

Chief Bacon: We're really trying this year to get the rating above the Police Department. They beat us, but we're trying this year.

(Laughter)

Mr. Snyder: We could have two guys sell tickets for a little rope-pull here this afternoon.

Chief Bacon: When the surveys come out,

(Laughter)

Chief Bacon: Thank you for the time.

Mr. Snyder: Chris, thank you very much again. Any other comments? If not, we'll move to old business. May I have a motion to read by title only the second reading of Resolution of 19-12?

**OLD BUSINESS:**

8. Mr. Cerreta moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **read by title only the second reading of Resolution 19-12**. All present voting:  
Yes: Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Cerreta, Foltz, Fox  
No: 0

**Resolution 19-12 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Water, Sewer & Rubbish**

A Resolution establishing a North Canton Community Disaster Relief Fund Committee (NCCDRFC) for the City of North Canton for the purpose of allocating funds for the North Canton Community Disaster Relief Fund.

Mr. Cerreta: Yes. This is the next step, and we created a committee, or we created the plan, the fund. Now, we need to go ahead with the Committee and create it. And, so, the next step after that is that we will put that Committee together and form a couple more of the applications that will go with it and how the distribution of the funds will occur. But, this is the plan that we need to or the ordinance that we need to complete the Committee. So, I move to adopt the second reading of this Ordinance No. 19-12.

Mr. Cerreta moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **adopt the second reading of Resolution No. 19-12**. All present voting:

Yes: Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Cerreta, Foltz, Fox, Griffith.  
No: 0

9. Mr. Snyder: I have a motion to read by title only, second reading of Ordinance No. 21-12 as amended.

Mr. Foltz moved and Mr. Peters seconded to **read by title only, second reading of Ordinance No. 21-12**. All present voting:

Yes: Peters, Snyder, Cerreta, Foltz, Fox, Griffith, Kiesling  
No: 0

**Ordinance No. 21-12 – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading – Finance & Property**

An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of North Canton, Ohio, for the period beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2012, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mrs. Kalpac: Do you want to amend that, or did you?

Mr. Snyder: I just answered "as amended".

Mrs. Kiesling: He said "as amended"

Mr. Snyder: Because we amended it before. Last week we amended it, and we discussed it, we thoroughly vented it.

Mr. Foltz: Councilman - President Snyder, wasn't there changes.

Mr. Snyder: There were changes that were made last week. Yes, excuse me, there was a change.

Mr. Foltz: Do you want to elaborate on that, sir?

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Mr. Snyder: I will. Normally, the line item is a ...inaudible... that we have to pay, it's a pass-through for sewer connection. Normally, that figure does not exceed 20 or 21 thousand dollars. However, Walsh College has a tap alone that is going to be about \$55,000, and there is an additional tap to go to Walsh College, so their tap fee to the City, which ultimately will pass from the County, will exceed \$75,000. So, rather than have another meeting, we amended this certificate to include the additional increase in sewer tap fees. And, that will be offset by the end-user, which will be Walsh College, and I think someone else. So, for the sake of time and convenience to the members, we did not call for an additional Council Meeting of the Whole to present that small business. And, I thank Councilman Foltz for bringing that up. I did talk to both the Engineer and the Director of Finance last week, so when I said it was amended, it was amended to include that as well as the money for the City plan and a couple of other items that we had. And, any additional amendment to the appendix will be done on an individual basis throughout the calendar, or excuse me, the fiscal year as we operate. Any other questions on that? Any questions or comments from the Director of Finance to the budget?

Mrs. Alger: No.

Mr. Snyder: I'm going to ask for a motion to **approve as amended Ordinance No. 21-12.**

Mr. Foltz moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 21-12.** All present voting:

Yes: Peters, Snyder, Cerreta, Foltz, Fox, Griffith, Kiesling

No: 0

Mr. Snyder: I would like to suspend the rules of council pertaining to Ordinance No. 21-12. As time is of the essence, we have to have this filed and down to the County, so I'm asking you to suspend those rules.

Mr. Foltz moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **suspend the rules for Ordinance No. 21-12.**

All present voting:

Yes: Snyder, Cerreta, Foltz, Fox, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters.

No: 0

Mr. Snyder: May I adopt under the suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 21-12?

Mrs. Kiesling Moved and Mr. Peters seconded to **adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 21-12.** All present voting:

Yes: Cerreta, Foltz, Fox, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder

No: 0

Mr. Snyder: I would just publically like to thank our Director of Finance, the Finance Committee, member of Council, members of Administration, for this work on this budget. It was an arduous budget, a very large budget, one of the largest we have ever passed. It is balanced. We are able to finance it. And, once again, a thanks to the collective units, the bargaining units of the city that took the positions they took, allowing us to put it within our budget in a balanced position. Again, thanks everybody for all the help on that. I very much appreciate it. Eric, thank you for that...I appreciate it. Mr. Snyder: May I have a motion to **read by title only** - pardon me, before I get to that, I think we have to amend this piece of legislation. There was an additional section in the Rules of Council -

**NEW BUSINESS:**

10. Mr. Nilges: It's actually an additional - it's under Title III Legislative 111.05 Moral Claims, and we could just amend this particular ordinance to also include 111.05 Moral Claims to repeal that as well. And its, just, there is the authorizing and you have in the Rules of Council the procedure.

Mr. Snyder: And, we also want to abolish that in the Rules of Council procedures, is that correct?

Mr. Nilges: Right. That is what 115.01(e) would address.

Mr. Snyder: And, this new one addresses what?

Mr. Nilges: Uh, it's actually just the substantive of authorizing legislation for the enabling legislation for moral claims, and it just says, it defines, you know, another procedure for following violations of the moral claims.

Mr. Snyder: May I have a motion to **read by title only the first reading of Ordinance 22-12.** First, we need a motion to amend it, pardon me, ...

Mr. Nilges: To include 111.05, a repeal of 111.05.

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Mr. Snyder: And, to also to repeal an amendment without minutes to the Council Meeting. As a rules of the Council requires minutes to be typed and presented prior to. So, we need to amend it to allow it to be read first time reading. So, we need two pieces -- suspend the rules, because they have to be read through the Council -- they have to be enacted throughout Council as a whole.

Mr. Nilges: The legislation has been. It just about amending the legislation to include another section.

Mr. Snyder: OK. So then we don't have to worry about ...

Mrs. Kalpac: Can't you just repeal it and say "inconsistent herewith"

Mr. Nilges: Yes, but...good suggestion Gail, but I would say that it's probably safer just to amend it or repeal the 111.05 in its entirety. To the extent, you know, they don't conflict with each other, one does something more than the other.

Mr. Griffith: I think we, I mean I understand that Jon you want to take this in an expedient manner to make sure that we kind of end the process, and I'm sensitive to that but I think it probably is worth taking the time to make sure we've read the sections that you noted there So, maybe

Mr. Snyder: I'm with you. So you request that we, you want to table this whole piece of legislation or you want to...

Mr. Griffith: I'm comfortable reading it once, I just think before we put the amendment in place, we should be comfortable with that. That's what everybody else....

Mr. Snyder: That's fine. It's your committee and I'll defer to your committee on that. So, you want to read it the first time, and then we'll go through next Monday night the other portion that he is talking about and we'll discuss it under your Committee at that time.

Mr. Griffith: Yes, absolutely. As long as everybody is ... you know.

Mr. Snyder: I appreciate it. Thank you. Thank you.

Mr. Griffith: So, I move that we read it the first time...

Mr. Peters: As amended.

Mr. Griffith: on the minutes.

Mr. Snyder: We'll consider the amendment next time.

Mr. Griffith moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **read by title only first reading of Ordinance No. 22-12**. All members present voting:

Yes: Cerreta, Foltz, Fox, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder

No: 0

**Ordinance No. 22-12**

An ordinance amending Chapter 115 Rules of Council, 115.01 RULES ADOPTED of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton to repeal Section 115.01(e) Moral Claims and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Snyder: Chairman Griffith

Mr. Griffith: As we discussed, and I thought we had a healthy discussion about this last week, it is a matter of clarification. Of course, we remind everyone that liability that exists by state statute by our ordinances exists whether or not our Moral Claims period is in place. And I should say that Hans and I did have a good discussion about, maybe making -- putting some claims materials together so that people who are making claims understand what liability the City does have, and so that we can follow up with those things in an even more appropriate manner, and this will allow us to do this as well.

Mr. Snyder: Do we have a motion to **adopt the first reading of Ordinance 22-12?**

Mr. Griffith moved and Mr. Cerreta seconded to **adopt the first reading of Ordinance 22-12**. All present voted:

Yes: Foltz, Fox, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Cerreta

No: 0

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Mr. Snyder: Thank you. Reports -- Director of Law

Director of Law: No report

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Mr. Snyder: Director of Finance

Director of Finance: We are having audits started and it is going well. Just want to let you know. I also want to thank everyone for helping out with the budget. It went smooth this year, and I appreciate all the help the Department Heads, Administration and Council.

Mr. Snyder: Director of Administration.

Director of Administration: Couple of things. I will miss Heien Harper because she came out at least twice a month to make sure I was, didn't forget about Dogwood Park. And, uh, those of you who vote there will probably miss seeing her sitting inside. She was kind of a fixture there, so on election day. The snow and stuff that we had here over the last weekend, we still used about 335 tons of salt. So, we're still using that out there, and, uh, for those of you who are used to calling the permits and inspection and hearing Judy Juenemann's voice on the other end, and you know, her helping in getting you the information that you need, she is retiring after 29 1/2 years with the City here this Wednesday. So, you know, after that we probably won't hear the familiar voice over there anymore. So, And, one other thing we would like to do is, if Council would entertain the thought, of either before Council Meeting on March 12th or March 19th, the City Engineer, Jim Benekos, does have an idea for some of the water runoff on Fairways that is running towards Heatherwood or Wilkshire, and he would like to maybe take about a half hour to present some ideas. But, we would like to have enough time so that we can let those residents that we will be publically talking about their area. So, thank you.

Mr. Snyder: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Held: Yes. First off, I would like to welcome our new YMCA Director, Ben Wheeler. He hasn't already shared this with you, but he has three small kids at home, which is nice. Perfect place to work - the YMCA. And, also Tim Shetzer, for those of you who didn't get a chance to meet Tim, Tim has been the area Director for the YMCA, and North Canton has one of the best YMCA's in the country, because we are nationally ranked. And, so you have come to the right place, and we welcome you. And, our road race continues to grow every year. So, I think we have, like how many people in that race.

Mr. Wheeler: It is the largest race in Stark County.

Mayor Held: The largest race in Stark County. So, welcome to the City of North Canton. And, then also we have good news from an economic development perspective. We have caught the attention of the international media, and also the national media. CBS Evening News came into the City of North Canton on Friday, and they did a story on the Suarez Corporation and how they have brought jobs back from China and they called that in-sourcing rather than out-sourcing. Jobs have been outsourced and now they are being in-sourced back in, particularly to here to North Canton, and there was a story in the Columbus Dispatch where they mentioned the Suarez Corporation. And, then there's a number of other media outlets that are going to be coming through here this week, and they're going to be filming. There is a German company that is very interested in the American economy, uh, and she had called me - one of their affiliates they work with, ABC News, and it's in their country of Germany. So, they're going to be coming up this week, and filming the Hoover District as well as the Suarez Corporation. And, another outlet from a Scandinavian Country, I don't recall the name right now, but a lot of attention is being brought here to the City of North Canton, and what's happening as far as, you know, small town, it's lost manufacturing, and through public/private partnerships, which is the State of Ohio, the grant that we received, and also of the tax incentives that this Council has offered to Meyers Control Power for the Gantry Cranes. They are very interested in that, as far as what we are doing to build our local economy after we took a big hit. So, it's positive news, and there is an interest not only in this country, but outside the countries. We will keep you posted as we get more information. That is all we have right now. Thank you.

Mr. Snyder: Good stuff. Mr. Foltz.

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Mr. Foltz: Yes. I'm glad you acknowledged Mrs. Harper. She was very pleasant, she came here to discuss the City of North Canton, and I'm sure she will be watching over us. Along with Mr. Grimes, we do all those projects here at Dogwood and Rotary Park, so it would be a nice way to remember her, to get that done. Second thing, I will miss Judy Juenemann, and I thought she was an excellent employee. They are going to have, I say they, at the Engineering Building, Wednesday from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. if you want to wish her well, stop by and have some cake and punch there. But, I wish her the best. I know she has always done a great job for us in the past, and we'll miss her, but we wish her well in the future. Thank you, Jon.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you. Member Peters.

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Mr. Peters: Yes, I just echo Doug's comments. We are really going to miss Helen. She was a big advocate for North Canton Parks and for what we do here, and uh, she was a good friend of ours. I remember her at my polling stations since I was, began voting. And, we are going to miss Judy's wealth of knowledge. I wish her well.

Mr. Snyder: You know, maybe we could find some - a few dollars and put a plaque up there at Dogwood for Mrs. Harper to remember her, memorialize her in some fashion. I'm sure she would appreciate that. She could be the patron saint of Dogwood. We'll look into that. We'll let the Chairman of the Parks think about that for a little bit.

Mr. Foltz: We could plant some trees there.

Mr. Snyder: That would be very nice. If someone likes to put a little memorial there, I'm sure you'd welcome a tree or two. Member Fox

Mr. Fox: Yes, sir. Just, again, want to thank Chief Bacon for coming out and speaking to us this evening. Time and again, those in my Ward had told me how important it is the Fire and EMS Services and how much they are appreciative of your reference and how well you do, and I'm certain that if the word is out, and they understand how important this is on election day, that they will support it. So, I encourage those that are here and heard the message to try to spread that news to your friends and neighbors.

Mr. Griffith: I echo that as well. I am at the time in life when I have a lot of good excuses to go visit the fire station for pleasant reasons, which is wonderful. I pretend like it's the kids are the reason that I go, but I do enjoy it for myself as well. And, what I am continually struck by is the professionalism that is there. And, frankly, maybe this is a reflection on my own uptake from my vehicles, but how long the vehicles last there, how well they take care of cars and trucks and everything else like that, they really do a beautiful job, and use those taxpayer dollars extremely well. So, I credit them and hope that the voters will see that benefit as well. Thanks for coming tonight, guys.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you, Member Cerreta.

Mr. Cerreta: The master plan group is out there, still giving their talk. Doug Lane's gone to a couple of other associations and so on, so that is very strong right now. We are really getting the excitement. And, everywhere that that is out there, people coming up and really excited about it. Now, I think there is a resolution that's down - and Marcia was going to - do we have that resolution?

Mr. Snyder: Yes, sir, I do.

Mr. Cerreta: Ok, can Marcia read it here? We're gonna...

Mrs. Kiesling: Where is it?

Mr. Cerreta: We're looking for it. It was up here.

Mrs. Kiesling: Did it get back to you, Jon?

Mr. Cerreta: Did it get back? Cause we talked about a resolution. I want to make sure that is out there so people know that we really back this thing, and we want this thing to move forward, and we think it is very, very important both the Administration and the Council are part of this...inaudible...

Mrs. Kiesling: The resolution of support states: "The resolution by North Canton City Council expressing their support and endorsement of the final draft of the North Canton Master Plan 2012. Whereas, the North Canton City Council believes the North Canton Master Plan will help promote the City as a good place to live, work, visit, and establish a business. And, whereas, development of the North Canton Master Plan was based on community feedback, and the North Canton Master Plan will help identify potential developmental uses for properties in the City, and the North Canton City Council will review the North Canton Master Plan in September of each year for a period of five years to consider enactment of the various aspects of said plan, based on the availability of funds, and the Mayor and Administration of the City of North Canton will also review and place as a budget consideration any items discussed at the annual September Meeting." We all signed it.

Mr. Snyder: Very good. Any other comments? Chairman Kiesling.

Mrs. Kiesling: No report ...

Mr. Snyder: A couple of things. March 8<sup>th</sup>, there is a meeting of the Survey Committee in the Administrative Conference Center. Anybody wishing to attend from Council, they are welcome, and they encourage that, and, from Administration or the public, they would welcome it. The other thing is, in the Council office, is an additional plaque, given by the Auditor of the State, to our Finance Director, Karen Alger. This is the twenty-third time consecutively that we have received this plaque. And, the wall back there can't hold anymore, so we're going to start putting them in the Mayor's office and see if we can redo that. But, no - congratulations Karen on a job well done, and that's for reporting on the Annual CAFR. They are studying right now getting ready to, hopefully do

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number 24, so they are here and we paid them, I think, or they are paid partially. They are not inexpensive, so Auditor Yost is good at his job. I think that is all I have. If nothing else, any other business coming before this body? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

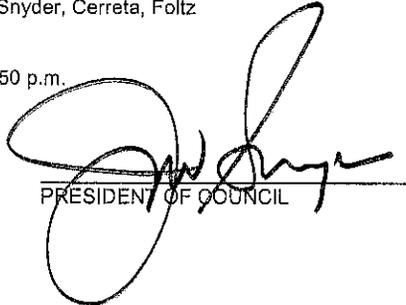
ADJOURN:

Mr. Foltz moved and Mr. Griffith seconded to adjourn the Council Meeting. All members present voting:

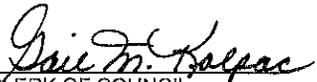
Yes: Fox, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Cerreta, Foltz

No: 0

The council meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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