

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON REGULAR Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held Monday, November 11 7:00 p.m. 20 13

Call to Order:

1. The council meeting was called to order Monday, November 11, 2013 at 7:21 p.m. by President of Council Jon Snyder.

Opening Prayer:

2. The opening prayer was delivered by Rev. Cara Stultz-Costello, Faith United Methodist Church.

Pledge of Allegiance:

3. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

4. Mr. Snyder: Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

The following members of council responded to roll call: Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, and Werren.

Also present were: Mayor Held, Director of Administration Grimes, Director of Finance Alger, Director of Law Fox, City Engineer Benekos, and Clerk of Council Kalpac.

Consideration:

5. Council Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2013
Mayor's Court Receipts – September, 2013

Mr. Snyder: Thank you. May I have a motion and second to approve as presented, the council meeting minutes - October 28, 2013, mayor's court receipts - September 2013.

Mr. Foltz moved and Mr. Peters seconded to approve, as presented, the council meeting minutes and mayor's court receipts. All members present voting:

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

No: 0

Committee Minutes:

6. Mr. Snyder: May I have a motion and second to approve, as presented, executive session minutes for Finance & Property held October 28; Personnel & Safety cancellation for October 28; and the meeting held November 4, 2013; Committee Report Minutes for Community & Economic Development held October 28, 2013, Finance & Property, Water Sewer & Rubbish, both held on the 28th of October, Ordinance Rules and Claims held November 4, and a motion and second to amend Item d of 11/4 Finance & Property Committee minutes to remove "on emergency basis".

Mr. Foltz moved and Mr. Peters seconded to approve, as presented/amended; the executive session and committee report minutes. All members present voting:

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

No: 0

Executive Session for Finance & Property Committee: Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Executive Session meeting for Finance & Property held October 28, 2013.

Executive Session for Personnel & Safety Committee: Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Executive Session meetings for Personnel & Safety held October 28, 2013 and meeting held November 4, 2013.

Community & Economic Development Committee: Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Community & Economic Development Committee meeting held October 28, 2013.

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Finance & Property Committee: Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Finance & Property Committee meeting held October 28, 2013.

Water, Sewer & Rubbish Committee: Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Water, Sewer & Rubbish Committee meeting held October 28, 2013.

Ordinance, Rules & Claims Committee: Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the Ordinance, Rules & Claims Committee meeting held November 4, 2013.

Finance & Property Committee: Please refer to the minutes on file in the Council Office of the amended Finance & Property Committee meeting held October 28, 2013.

Recognition of Visitors:

7. Mr. Snyder: Thank you. At this time the Council will recognize any visitors wishing to speak. Please step to the podium, state your name and address for the record.

Larry Tripp: Every time I speak, I break my glasses. Larry Tripp, 1127 East Maple Street, North Canton, Ohio. First, I would like to preface my remarks made tonight to thank those who served in the military and a special remembrance to those who gave their ultimate. Because of them myself and others are able to express their opinions, views without fear of reprisal. Also, a thank you to all citizens who voted last week; and a special thank you to Ms. Mueller and Mr. McCleaster for stepping into the political arena - a bit more on that later. Character Counts. After reviewing minutes of various North Canton council meetings and recent newspaper articles, I asked myself, why isn't this concept more closely followed in an essential part of our daily lives government and in particular, local government? Case in point: North Canton council meeting of Monday, September 30, 2013, local North Canton Resident, Chuck Osborne expressed his views and thoughts on proposed joint economic development district; his thoughts, his view, his opinion. Law Director, Tim Fox, later in same meeting, referred to movie - to a movie "My Cousin Vinnie", comparing Mr. Osborne's remarks to scenes in the movie. Because of youngsters in the audience, which wasn't done that night, I will temper my remarks, but you all know what Mr. Fox said. Were Mr. Fox's remarks, a positive concept of Character Counts? In my opinion, I don't think so. Case in point: after Mr. Fox's remarks no, absolutely no comments from Council - Council President nor Council Members suggesting Mr. Fox's remarks were out of line in a professional setting. Does this, as a collective body of elected officials, a good display of Character Counts? You tell me. Case in point: same meeting, local North Canton resident, Miss Baughman's short but to the point statement in which she gives North Canton a F-. Her remarks followed by audience applause. Since I had immediately left chambers - Council Chambers upon hearing Law Director remarks, I did not hear her - Miss Baughman's remarks until right now. I would personally like to thank her for stepping forward. In my opinion, a positive approach to Character Counts. Earlier I mentioned a thank you to North Canton voters and a special thank you to the challengers. Everyone has their opinion on the election results and where Mr. Snyder states, "North Canton has intelligent voters", my opinion might be "North Canton has an aging population and us elderly, gray-haired citizens are reluctant to change. And that may be the reason why the full-time Mayor concept voted down. Congratulations to those whom the 30-35% of registered voters chose as their council members. But I dare say, the gap is starting to narrow. Ms. Mueller's 580 votes this year from a last election write-in tells me 580 individuals not entirely pleased with the work of the incumbent. Mr. McCleaster was 1679 votes, tells me that 1679 voters not entirely pleased with incumbents. A write-in of 79, getting 79 votes, pretty good. But once again, back to Character Counts. This in regards to state finds North Canton Council, North Canton candidates made false statements. Case in point: Mr. Snyder's remarks to the press. These two, for the rest of their lives, they're going to carry the moniker of being convicted for offering false statements in an election. They were not convicted of anything. To me, in my opinion, I consider them winners inasmuch as commission does dismiss challenger's allegation of city facing \$700,000 deficit and the attendance record of Miss Kiesling, as both appeared to be accurate. These had been challenged by incumbent as inaccurate. In my opinion, both challengers showed class, character in accepting the opinion of the Committee and the voters. Yes, Ms. Mueller and Mr. McCleaster showed me the positive side of Character Counts. I speak tonight because I sense ...

(Five minute bell)

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Mr. Tripp: just a small crack in the rights of individuals of North Canton.

(Gavel)

Mr. Tripp: I figured you wouldn't let me talk any further.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you sir, appreciate it.

Mr. Tripp: We'll see you in two weeks.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you.

Mr. Fox: Mr. Chairman, I ask that you find Mr. Tripp out of order for continuing and the statement that he just made too.

Mr. Snyder: Alright sir, so noted. Anyone else wishing to speak?

Mr. Fox: Before he begins, I'd like to address Mr. Tripp's comments. Mr. Tripp, what you were stating about what Mr. Osborne, what he stated that evening as his opinion was actually allegations that North Canton was involved with blackmail and extortion. And you have to understand that slanderous comments are not afforded first amendment protection, and so what I was pointing out is that Mr. Osborne was making comments about conversations that I indeed had with Mr. Cain...

Mr. Tripp (speaking from the audience): Inaudible...

Mr. Fox: That Mr. Osborne was not...

Mr. Snyder: Mr. Tripp, you're out of order, sir. Please do not yell from the audience.

Mr. Fox: Mr. Tripp, what I was stating was that Mr. Osborne was alleging things that were said in the conversation that he wasn't a part to. And he had stated that there was blackmail and extortion that were involved from the City of North Canton, and those comments are not afforded first amendment protection. What I was pointing out was that he wasn't part of that conversation, and he had no idea what was stated therein. The other portion that you stated that two candidates, Ms. Mueller and Mr. McCleaster, that they were not found to make false statements when indeed that's actually what had occurred. And from the tribunal that will make that determination, it was the Ohio Elections Commission, had it a probable cause hearing found clear and convincing evidence that false statements were made by each one of them, had a full hearing and indeed in those hearings, found through clear and convincing evidence that false statements were actually made.

Chuck Osborne: 307 Fairview Street SE, North Canton, Ohio. Since June of this year the Held Administration has known that its long-time Water Superintendent was going to retire at the end of October leaving a vacancy that cannot be filled by just anyone off the street. Rich Steinhebel, the recently retired water superintendent had all the necessary water certifications to hold the position and many years of experience in the operation of a water treatment plant as well as in water distribution. Mr. Steinhebel was a hands-on working head of the City's Water Treatment Plant. One would think over the last four months the Held Administration would be doing a publicized search for an individual with all the necessary qualifications, but apparently that has not been the case. Last week while I was in attendance at a hearing before the Ohio Elections Commission in Columbus, of all places, I learned that Mayor Held had offered the top position, of what I would call North Canton's water czar, to a local attorney, Warren Price. Mayor Held, how does an attorney with no certifications or experience in water treatment and water distribution merit consideration, let alone an offer of employment, as North Canton's water czar? And Mr. Snyder, I must ask you the same thing as you were the one who broke the news to all of us at the Elections Commission when you approached Attorney Warren Price alleging that Mr. Price had a conflict of interest and should recluse himself as the attorney for Jamie McCleaster and Hillary Mueller. You stated that City Council was writing the job description for the position so Warren, Mr. Warren, Mr. Price, could fill the vacancy as Superintendent. Prior to the hearing before the Elections Commission, Mr. Price confirmed to all of us in attendance that he indeed had been approached by Mayor David Held and had been offered the position, but that he, Mr. Price, had declined the offer some weeks earlier. The ploy to scare off legal representation for Mr. McCleaster and Mrs. Mueller failed. Mr. Price

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remained as their attorney. Sorry to say, but despite the unequivocal denial by Mr. Price that he had declined Mayor Held's offer of the position, it was disheartening to watch the President of North Canton City Council Snyder continue to insist in the hearing that Warren Price had accepted the position. It appeared to me that the President of North Canton City Council was questioning the veracity of Mr. Price. If Mr. Price were indeed about to be confirmed as North Canton's water czar, why would Mr. Price have agreed to represent Mr. McCleaster and Mrs. Mueller against you and Mrs. Kiesling? Mr. Snyder, why would you continue to question his integrity? Mrs. Kiesling, as Vice President of City Council I ask, are you comfortable that the Administration would offer the water superintendent's position to an individual with no technical expertise in water?

Mrs. Kiesling: No.

Mr. Osborne: I was further disheartened to watch Mr. Snyder waffle under oath during the hearing and proclaim he was unable to confirm for the Elections Commission his very own words from a recording of a North Canton city council meeting. If the Held Administration and the highest ranking official of North Canton City Council are not questioning the process of filling the critically important position of Water Superintendent for the City of North Canton who is? When is North Canton going to implement improved hiring best practices when filling high level positions in the City? Why isn't there a search process within - written into the City's personnel procedures that outline the proper way in which high-level leadership positions are to be filled in the City? Why aren't individuals expected to be technically qualified for the positions they are offered? Why is the employment process in North Canton always cloaked in secrecy? Mayor Held, there is no manner of transparency and accountability in cronyism. Cronyism should not be the accepted method to finding qualified individuals to fill high-level leadership positions in the City of North Canton. Most certainly it is not a way to fill such critically important positions as North Canton's Water Treatment Water Superintendent. North Canton leadership must do better than this. I would also like to say, Mr. President, because Mr. Fox continues to be out of line here. Mr. Cain looked me straight in the face and agreed that he was being blackmailed. That's on the record. I was present. I met with Mr. Cain. So, to say that I wasn't privy to the conversation is totally incorrect. And then lastly, we have a six plus figure - veteran's memorial right across the street, and yet it sat vacant on Veterans' Day. We have a ceremonial Mayor, as everybody seems to think we should keep, where was our ceremonial Mayor? Why was there no ceremony for the veterans? Thank you.

Mayor Held: Alright. Can I address this?

Mr. Snyder: Go ahead.

Mayor Held: First off, in reference to Veterans' Day, you know we try to do as - we don't want to duplicate ceremonies, and so we had ceremonies in the school system. And so that's the answer to that question. As far as the hiring is concerned, you know Warren Price, the Administrator and I, we thought it was a great opportunity to bring somebody such as Warren Price to the City because he left the City of Canton and he was responsible for the Water Treatment Plant over there. We felt that getting somebody with his administrative experience would have been very beneficial. And it's an exempt position so I, as the Mayor, can appoint who I see fit for that position. And it's just a right that I have. Obviously when you mention cronyism, I'm going to - it's in my interest if I want to succeed as the Mayor, to get the best possible talent for every position. I mean it would be foolish to hire somebody who's my friend, as you are implying, if they're not qualified. Now at the same time, if I have two candidates and they're both top-notch candidates and I know one, and I know their track record and their history, myself I would be more inclined to hire the person, the top-notch person that I know, that I've had experience with. So in relation to Warren Price, he was - in our verbal discussions I did offer him the position, and I think that it would have been a great opportunity for the City to have him. And in that, you know, remaining weeks here he did decline the position, but at the time that I wasn't aware of it, with that situation in Columbus. I wasn't aware of it at that time, and neither was the Administrator. So again, you know when you're looking at these top-level officials to fill these positions, if you're going to get somebody with experience, oftentimes they're going to come from another municipality. And in most cases, they're exempt employees. Exempt means that they work at the pleasure of the Mayor. That means that the Mayor in that position, if they hear that they are looking at another job could say, hey, if you're looking at another job, then maybe I'll find somebody else to replace you. So it's somewhat of a sensitive situation depending on the candidates you're looking at. As far as the City's being covered, our Administrator has been on top of that for months. And what we do is, we have a, if you want to call it an interim superintendent or an operator of record. So we continue to comply with everything. But again, you know, when you're looking to appoint somebody,

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oftentimes - I didn't post for the Administrator, I just knew that I wanted Mike Grimes when he retired as the Police Chief, and I just placed him. But that's just a right that I have as the Mayor, and I've exercised it on a number of occasions. And you know for the most part it's working out well. All of our picks are not always, you know, the best fit, but Mike Grimes has done a great job, and I'm very pleased with him. So I hope that answers your question. That's all.

Mr. Fox: And simply - excuse me. Just one thing to point out, what Miss Kiesling and what Mr. Snyder did in my observation, in pointing out that conflict of interest wasn't for their benefit. What they were pointing out is the conflict of interest was for the benefit of the two candidates, that the conflict could have harmed them, and so bringing the argument that somehow they brought this up to benefit themselves, I think you missed the, you just missed the pitch.

Mr. Osborne (speaking from the audience): Why don't you ask President Snyder to explain his own predicament?

Mr. Snyder: I'm not in a predicament.

Mr. Osborne (speaking from the audience): Inaudible...

Mr. Fox: Mr. Chairman, I'd ask that you find him out of order from shouting at the audience and Mr. Osborne.

Mr. Snyder: Let the record state Mr. Osborne continues to shout for the record - from the audience.

Mr. Fox: Okay...

Mr. Snyder: Mr. Osborne, I'm in no predicament. I think I prevailed there last week. My recollection, you provided a tape that wasn't certified or authenticated. I'm not going to attest to the fact that it was my voice or it wasn't my voice. I didn't provide the tape, you provided the tape. I don't know where you got the tape. And as far as Mr. Price, had I let him get in there without making the record very clear, and he did accept the job, and I voted for his raise, it would look as if I - the fix was in. So that would be your next move.

Mr. Osborne (speaking from the audience): Inaudible...

Mr. Snyder: Mr. Osborne, you yell again and I'll have you removed from the audience. I'm speaking, I have the floor. Thank you. Secondly, I am one of seven people who would have voted on his ordinance that provided his pay. Consequently, it would look like it was remuneration. Mr. Osborne, if you want to continue the histrionics in yelling, sir, I would suggest that you just leave the audience. We're running a public meeting. You ask for my input. I'm giving it to you.

Mr. Osborne (speaking from the audience): You're not giving me ...inaudible...

Mr. Snyder: You yell again, Mr. Osborne, I'll have the police remove you, sir. You're yelling, you're disrupting my meeting. Either conduct yourself as a gentleman, or we will remove you from the meeting.

Unidentified: He's impossible.

Mr. Snyder: Anyone else wishing to speak?

Mrs. Kiesling: Mike I believe does.

Mr. Snyder: Mike, go ahead.

Mr. Grimes: Just to clear up a point, we do have three people certified as Class 3 operators at our plant right now. They can be record - operators of record. We also are going to look internally, like we did with Rich Steinhebel who did a wonderful job for us, and we're going to look externally too. So that job will be posted and we'll be looking at those. So...

Mr. Snyder: Good. Anyone else? Anyone else in the audience wishing to speak? Alright, seeing none, we'll move to Old Business. May I have a motion and second to read by title only, the third reading of Ordinance No. 66-13?

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Old Business:

- 8. Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Foltz seconded to read by title only, the third reading of Ordinance No. 66-13. All members present voting:
Yes: Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith
No: 0

Ordinance No. 66-13 – 3rd Reading – Finance & Property

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton ("City"), through the Board of Control, to enter into an agreement by and between the City and the North Canton Community Improvement Corporation ("CIC"), to convey to the CIC the real property located in the City and known as parcel numbers 9280699 and 9280795, located at 220 West Maple Street and Harmon Street SW, which the City does not require for its municipal purposes, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you. You know, this is what we call the Engineering Building. This is the third and final reading. The emergency is to make it effective upon the signature of the Mayor so they begin to get this piece of property marketed so it doesn't sit vacant through the upcoming winter months. It's not healthy for the building to sit, it's been about two months already, and we want to move that along. Are there any comments on that? If not, may I have a motion to adopt the third reading of Ordinance No. 66-13?

Mr. Griffith moved and Mr. Peters seconded to adopt the third reading of Ordinance No. 66-13. All members present voting:
Yes: Peters, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling
No: 0

- 9. Mr. Snyder: May I have a motion and a second to read by title only, the second reading of Ordinance 71-13?

Mr. Griffith moved and Mr. Peters seconded to read by title only, second reading of Ordinance No. 71-13. All members present voting:
Yes: Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Peters
No: 0
Abstain: Kiesling

Ordinance No. 71-13 – 2nd Reading – Finance & Property

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton upon concurrence of Council, through the Board of Control, to enter into a contract for administering a self-insured health insurance program for the of period December 1, 2013, through November 30, 2014, for the employees of the City of North Canton and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Snyder: Again, we've had three bidders, competitive bidders on this. It appears that Aultman – Aultcare through Aultman has been the successful low bidder. We had a little presentation last week on that. The – it's basically flat as to what it was last year, except a couple of changes on, in the lasing. So if there not being any other comments or questions, I would move that we adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 71-13.

Mr. Peters moved and Mr. Cerreta seconded to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 71-13. All members present voting:
Yes: Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Peters, Snyder
No: 0
Abstain: Kiesling

Mr. Snyder: One clarification, we'll have one more reading on this and adopt it. And there is, again, an emergency in that that has to be in place on the first - it expires on the first of December. So we'll have one more meeting, read it the third time, and at that point if the Mayor chooses to sign it, it would become effective. So we'll not suspend the rules on that and move forward accordingly. Thank you. May I have a motion to read by title only, second reading of Ordinance No. 73-13?

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10. Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Peters seconded to **read by title only, second reading** of Ordinance No. 73-13. All members present voting:

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

No: 0

Ordinance No. 73-13 – 2nd Reading – Community & Economic Development

An ordinance authorizing an agreement between the City of North Canton and Insight Realty, LLC providing for a real property tax exemption pursuant to Ohio's Community Reinvestment Area program.

Mr. Snyder: Mrs. Kiesling.

Mrs. Kiesling: Mark, do you want to...

Mr. Cerreta: Thank you, Marcia. I had some questions about this last time and I still have a few and I'm not sure whether I should table or not, but I want to give you guys some information. I put the information out in front of you about this. And this is an eye clinic owned by three physicians and another investor. And I put this out in front of you here. They're joined by another doctor Ronning, who is already practicing at the North Canton Medical Clinic. And if you look at their web site, and I put a picture right there, that they have three locations, and one already includes North Canton. And my question is, and maybe we need to table this until we can talk more about this, it looks like a third of their business already comes from North Canton. At least they have some of their business that's coming out here. They already have two offices, they'll have a third here, how are we going to split that? And I have been talking to Eric about it, and he's given us some pretty good information, but I think we should all be aware of how this is going to work. So you know, in looking at this, you know, 50% for fifteen years, that seems like a lot of sacrifice. And there's only been one company from what I heard, one person that we've done the 15 year deal with. The majority of them from what I know, and Eric can get up and talk about it if he would like, run from 10 to 12 years. I'd like to have another discussion about this and, you know, I can see the benefits of it, it truly is a benefit that they're putting a whole new building in - a \$800,000 building. You know, they'll do employees, their payroll, and the tax dollars that we get for our schools, but I would like to table this so we can look at this again and agree on what exactly years, if there's some - if you guys agree. If not, I'd like to have a discussion, if you don't agree, that's fine, but I would rather take a really look at this because I think we're seeing some business that's already here and we're acting like it's a brand new business coming in. So it's just thoughts.

Mr. Griffith: Well Eric, we had a good discussion about this, and Mark I'm really glad the you have brought it up and have had good discussion about it, because I think a lot of us have talked about it outside of the meeting too. The current obligation that we would have to them would be \$7300, is that right, Eric? That the expense to the City would be \$7300 in lost revenue during that 15 year period?

Mr. Bowles: You're talking about the forgone taxes?

Mr. Griffith: Yeah.

Mr. Snyder: It's about \$400 to the City a year. So it's 4 times 5...

Mrs. Kiesling: No we waived the fee.

Mr. Bowles: I think what...

Mr. Snyder: But what their tax - the City's share of the taxes based on a \$700,000 building and improvement is about \$400 a year, we'll receive and \$400 will go away. The schools will lose on a yearly - on an annual basis, I think about \$4600. So you're losing roughly \$5,000 a year on a 15 year amortization. That's about where - I think isn't that how it is? And the City will gain third year estimated at \$12,000 a year in income tax and 6 of that is basically been established. There's about a \$450,000 payroll existing in North Canton already.

Mr. Griffith: Which is a ...inaudible...

Mr. Snyder: So you're going to pick up about another...

Mrs. Kiesling: Inaudible...

Mr. Cerreta: Right.

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Mr. Snyder: Without any additional help – you don't know what they're going to have, that's on third year. The third year they estimate it to be around \$12,000 in payroll taxes.

Mr. Griffith: Where did the 15 years come from, Eric? Did they request 15?

Mr. Bowles: Yeah.

Mr. Griffith: Did we...

Mr. Bowles: That was included in their application. Your other question was, is that the first amount you mentioned, you overstated it, it's about \$6345. That was the amount forgone all taxing districts, including the parks and the City of North Canton and school district and so on and so forth.

Mr. Griffith: So they asked for 15 because the application says how many years we want and the maximum is 15, right? Inaudible...

Mr. Bowles: Generally speaking, the businesses look at the incentive exemption for the term based upon their financial needs.

Mr. Griffith: Right. So, what's the difference to us if we move it to a 10 year period?

Mr. Bowles: If we only do 10?

Mr. Griffith: If we only did ten for example.

Mr. Bowles: Well over the 10 ...

Mr. Griffith: I know it's off-the-cuff math, and I apologize for that.

Mr. Snyder: Well it's 4,000 ...

Mr. Cerreta: Well we don't have to – you don't have to quiz him, but...

Mr. Snyder: \$400 a year times 5, about \$2,000.

Mr. Griffith: So a total net effect to the City of ...inaudible... \$2,000.

Mr. Snyder: Just the City, not the ...

Mr. Griffith: And the school would ...

Mr. Snyder: The school would be \$4,000 times, well, no not four, about \$3,000 times 5, about \$15,000. What's the school? Have you spoke to the director at the school?

Mr. Bowles: Yeah, we had a conversation before we presented this to Council with the Assistant Superintendent as well as the Business Manager. And they were very much in favor of this because it was going to be new tax revenue for the school district.

Mr. Snyder: Because they're getting nothing right now, right?

Mr. Bowles: That's correct, because it's an unapproved lot – unapproved parcel. They're getting the taxes based on the land.

Mr. Snyder: You know, obviously there are a couple of things at play and I apologize I'm not trying to step ...inaudible... I think you know, it's a great idea. You've got a vacant lot, it's been that way for 28 years or something. The school is getting the revenue, but yet at the same time it's a lot to swallow - 15 years. And while I would think that the best in our interest and the best, and I don't know the developer, but for us to maybe, if you wanted 12 year or 10 years and put a codicil on the next five years that they reach certain plateaus. If they don't reach that plateau, let them put some more skin in the game in the last three to five years. You give them, if you want to give them 10 or 12 on the front side as they requested, with the codicil the next 2 or 3 or 5 or whatever you want to – what everybody elects to do, but put in there some type of performance. It has to meet this, this, and this which is generally reviewed by the tax incentive review council, but they only review the initial application based on that. So it would put a little more skin in the game for them than it would for us. So if they don't reform and reach certain payroll numbers where it's advantageous for us, then...

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Mr. Griffith: But your concern Mark is that we're establishing a bad precedent here. Is that what you're saying?

Mr. Cerreta: A lot of different things. First of all, there are people that come into this community without anything because this is a - all the benefits, I don't have to go through that then. There are people already in this community that are leaving. We need to worry about that, and yet we just give the max to just about anybody who offers. I have a concern especially when some of their business is already here. I wouldn't even have brought this up if I didn't realize or find this out that a third of their business is already here. So it's not like they're, you know - they're - have all this new business coming into town. So why do we give them the max? I think we probably need to look at - I would like to see maybe 10 or 12 years to be honest with you. The 50% seems like what we do all the time because I've never - and again, I'm just learning all this stuff. This is not - I don't have all this history that you folks have. But it just seems ...

Mr. Snyder: Well, the problem is if you go over 50% then it involves the school and the taxes and it is very technical. So anything over 50 ...

Mr. Cerreta: I don't mean to go anything over 50 that's for sure. Yes, sir.

Mr. Bowles: Just a couple of things. It's not unprecedented for communities to offer a tax incentive or in this case an exemption for an existing business to help them expand. Also, what Mark has said is correct, Dr. Ronning, you know, he is here now. But he had planned on closing his practice down and going in with the Eye Clinic. They, the other partners encouraged him to keep that open for the period of time until they were able to find a new location. And they are looking at multiple locations and have looked at multiple locations. There was one that they had thought they were going to locate it in North Canton and that didn't work out. They were looking in townships and now they think they've found one on Portage Street. So ...

Mr. Cerreta: So, what I guess I'm asking is how do we go about this? I won't - if you guys feel it that's fine. I'd like to see it maybe reduced, myself, personally, if you're asking just me, maybe 12 years as a minimum. I think 15 might be a little bit too much or set a precedence for people coming in and in the future. Yes Eric, you were going to say something. Okay.

Mr. Griffith: Is that going to be a deal breaker, Eric?

Mrs. Kiesling: Yeah.

Mr. Griffith: Do you think that will be a problem?

Mr. Bowles: Twelve to 15, perhaps not. I mean I'd have to ask the company. I know the 10 would be a deal breaker, absolutely.

Mrs. Warren: Really?

Mr. Snyder: Do you want to amend this piece of legislation to take it to 12? It can be done.

Mrs. Kiesling: We can do we can read it and give it a second reading tonight.

Mr. Snyder: We can do that right now, and...

Mr. Cerreta: Let's do it.

Mr. Snyder: Yeah, well whatever you feel most comfortable with.

Mr. Cerreta: I'm okay with that. I just want to make sure that we just don't card blanc throw this out every time someone wants to come into our City because we have so much to offer. We want these people, there's no doubt. They're getting inside water rates, they're getting a lot of stuff from us.

Mrs. Warren: So what if they come back at that's not going to work for us? Do we bring it back to the table again and then we'll have to talk about it again?

Mr. Cerreta: Then, we have to talk about it again. Yeah.

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Mrs. Werren: Okay.

Mr. Griffith: It's important to note, too. I think you bring up really really good points here. Eric raises again an issue for us that we offer 50% incentives where other communities push that a lot harder.

Mr. Bowles: 75% up to 100%.
Mr. Peters: Yeah.

Mr. Griffith: And we've been unwilling to do that at all...

Mr. Cerreta: I'm not as experienced as you guys are. I mean if you think that that is worth it. I think I want those people here, yes. But ...

Mr. Peters: I know, my concern is when you have as much vacant office space as there is right now in Jackson Township, you want to encourage business to come into the City. And they are putting up a new building and there are, you know, a lot of new revenue streams that are going to be created from this. I would reference Jon's point where you set benchmarks, you know. I'm not opposed. And here, I share your concern, but at the same time other communities are doing this. You know and if we don't level the playing field or do something similar to what other communities are going to do, then we're going to get left out in the cold, especially when you're surrounded by Jackson Township being a - there's no income tax. You know, so that's another benefit that they have and what is it - Jackson Township's thousand feet to the east or the west? You know, I mean they're right there. So I don't like it as much as you don't. And I understand where you're coming from, I do. You know, we've had this conversation plenty of times up here, but I think that's where we're at right now in this business climate. And when the - what's going on across the street, when that really starts to take hold and you start putting, you know, store fronts in there and retail and that type of thing, it sets a precedent that we're business friendly and that we're willing to help some of these small business people come in. You know it may not seem like much, \$400 a year or whatever, but it's something. It really does make a difference, and it just sets the precedent that we are business friendly and that we want to move forward with that. And you know what you lose here, I think you're going to gain more in volume moving forward. Do you know what I mean? It may not move as fast as what other folks in the audience too want to happen, but you know it's going to start catching steam. And I think it'll pay us back ten-fold.

Mr. Cerreta: Yeah, we'll put them on a plan. They're still going to be on a plan so if they don't reach a certain maximum of income ...

Mr. Snyder: They you take it.

Mr. Cerreta: then they're off the plan.

Mr. Snyder: Yeah. We did this last spring on a guy.

Mr. Peters: Yeah, we did that already.

Mr. Griffith: Yeah, well they asked for fifteen because they could. And you know, that makes sense. In a business they should.

Mr. Snyder: Well maybe we tell them, we're going to give you 12 with a 3 option if you reach this particular threshold. And maybe what we do is we come back next Monday and we open it back up to a full discussion on what you'd like to have as the thresholds. Will that work?

Mr. Cerreta: Yeah. You know this is good discussion. That's what I wanted brought out, I wanted this stuff. Again, I'm learning on this stuff too. And I think that I don't have to tell you guys how much we have to offer. I've told you over and over again. And I'm happy to have these folks in here. I just think somewhere along the line, you know, we have to play our hands sometimes with each one these people that come in here and not just immediately to give them whatever they want. We have an income tax, but we don't want to - that's one of the reasons that we need, but to give half of it away every time someone comes in doesn't always work either. So I under - I'm with you. And I wanted to have this discussion here about this.

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Mr. Snyder: Well, let's amend it to 12 with a possibility of 3 additional; the thresholds to be discussed next Monday night. Eric, will you go back to them and see what and maybe they'll just take 12 and this would be the end of it.

Mr. Cerreta: That would be fine. That would be flying colors ...

Mr. Snyder: Then come back to us next Monday, and we could review it. So that way it keeps circulating along.

Mr. Cerreta: Perfect.

Mr. Snyder: Okay?

Mr. Cerreta: I'm good. I will make that motion then to amend that ...inaudible... to 12. With the possibility of 3 ...

Mr. Snyder: With a possibility of 3 with income tax thresholds.

Mrs. Kiesling: Right.

Mr. Cerreta: Thank you.

Mrs. Kiesling: I'll second that amendment and motion – amended motion.

Mr. Snyder: Madam Clerk.

Mr. Cerreta: Thank you.

Mr. Cerreta moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **amend Ordinance No. 74-13 to reduce the term from 15 to 12 years.**

Mr. Snyder: I apologize, I did not give you – I didn't give you a chance to ...

Mr. Foltz: Well, no. I can weigh in. I'm going to support our Economic Development Director here. I think Member Cerreta makes great points, but nothing has been there for 28 years, you quoted it. We have a chance that someone is going to come in here and spend almost a million dollars, at least \$800,000 in contractor fees, and that's going to be income tax right there. I don't want to lose this. I respect, Mark, your opinion about it.

Mr. Cerreta: No, that's good.

Mr. Foltz: You know what I mean? And I think the only people hurt are going to be the schools, not us. And I understand property tax supports the schools, and we have to look at that, but half is better than nothing. It's been zero return there for so many years. I mean look at other situations we were involved with other developers and they're still vacant. This is something right now that is going to happen. They're going to build this thing. They're going to build a building. I don't see buildings in other sites that we've helped out a lot more than 50% property tax. And there's no qualms about that argument I've made to those developers right here. So you know, if push comes to shove, if they can go 12 fine, if not, I'll support the 15.

Mr. Snyder: That's fair. And then Eric will come back to us after he talks to them.

Mrs. Kalpac: Foltz.

Mr. Cerreta: This is for that amendment there. Doug, she's asking you.

All members present voting:

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

No: 0

Mr. Cerreta: Thank you.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you. Now we're going to call the question on the – we're going to approve it as amended. We didn't call the question as amended so I need a motion and a second to call the question as amended.

Mr. Cerreta: Motion to approve as amended.

Mr. Snyder: Please, please.

Mrs. Kiesling: Second.

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Mr. Cerreta moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **adopt the second reading, as amended**, of Ordinance No. 73-13. All members present voting:

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

11. Mr. Snyder: Thank you, good discussion. May I have a motion to read by title only, second reading of Ordinance 74-13?

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Cerreta seconded to **read by title only, second reading** of Ordinance No. 74-13. All members present voting:

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

Ordinance No. 74-13 – 2nd Reading – Water, Sewer & Rubbish

An ordinance authorizing the Spectrum Medical Office Building Waterline Extension, located along the east side of Frank Avenue, starting at Applegrove Street and extending south, in Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio, in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the North Canton City Engineer, and accepting any necessary easement associated with said waterline extension.

Mr. Snyder: Chairman Cerreta.

Mr. Cerreta: This is an extension. This is at no cost to us whatsoever, the contractor or the developer is taking on all of this. This will extend our waterline over there to that area where they're – possibly Strip two area there. So I make a move that we go ahead and approve this in the second reading.

Mrs. Kiesling: I'll second.

Mr. Cerreta moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **adopt the second reading** of Ordinance No. 74-13. All members present voting:

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

New Business:

12. Mr. Snyder: May I have a motion to read by title only, first reading of Ordinance No. 75-13?

Mr. Griffith moved and Mr. Cerreta seconded to **read by title only, first reading** of Ordinance No. 75-13. All members present voting:

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

Ordinance No. 75-13 – 1st Reading – Finance & Property

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton, through the Board of Control, to enter into a contract by and between the City of North Canton and the Stark County Public Defender's Office for the purpose of providing legal counsel to indigent North Canton persons in Canton Municipal Court for a period of one (1) year beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014.

Mr. Snyder: Again, this is normally it's year with a renewal in there. I believe it's 200 or \$250 per case. In the last two years we have not used it, but we will – we have in the past. It does provide legal counsel to indigent people at the Municipal Court. There being no other questions, I'll move to wish an adoption on Ordinance 75-13.

Mr. Griffith: Second.

Mrs. Kiesling: Is that a first or a second?

Mr. Snyder: I moved by mistake. I apologize. I got carried away there.

Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Griffith seconded to **adopt the first reading** of Ordinance No. 75-13. All members present voting:

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

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13. Mr. Snyder: I apologize to you there. Alright, may I have a motion and a second to read by title only Ordinance – first reading Ordinance 76-13?

Mr. Griffith moved and Mr. Peters seconded to **read by title only, first reading** of Ordinance No. 76-13. All members present voting:

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

No: 0

Ordinance No. 76-13 – 1st Reading – Finance & Property

An ordinance directing the supplemental appropriation of funds of the City of North Canton, Ohio, to be appropriated from the unappropriated resources of the Community Disaster Relief Fund to the Professional Services Account in the amount of \$60.33 for the current expenses during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013.

Mr. Snyder: This will bring money into the fund to pay for the previous printing and circulation of the request for the money. And at the request of the architect of this program, it will no longer be funded in this manner and will go along at the present rate just leaving what's there already in there. Any questions or statements? May I have a motion to adopt the first reading of Ordinance 76-13?

Mr. Peters moved and Mr. Cerreta seconded to **adopt the first reading** of Ordinance No. 76-13. All members present voting:

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

No: 0

Mr. Snyder: May I have a motion to suspend the rules of council for Ordinance 76-13?

Mr. Peters moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **suspend the rules** for Ordinance No. 76-13. All members present voting:

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

No: 0

Mr. Snyder: May I have a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance 76-13?

Mr. Griffith moved and Mr. Peters seconded to **adopt under suspension of the rules** Ordinance No. 76-13. All members present voting:

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

No: 0

14. Mr. Snyder: May I have a motion to read by title only, first reading of Ordinance 77-13?

Mr. Griffith moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **read by title only, first reading** of Ordinance No. 77-13. All members present voting:

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

No: 0

Ordinance No. 77-13 – 1st Reading – Finance & Property

An ordinance amending Attachment "A" of Ordinance No. 7-13 Appropriation Ordinance of the City of North Canton, to reduce the appropriations in the 333 Hoover District Improvement Fund by \$1,336,200.00; and the 651 Water Exploration, Replacement, and Improvement Fund by \$100,000.00.

Mr. Snyder: This is to bring the funds back into balance. They've been over-appropriated. The Hoover District fund is we pay it out, we wait for the State to repay us so that way that's a bookkeeping to return the money to the general fund; same in the water exploration. The cost of the work was not as great as what we appropriated and we'll return that back to that fund. Any questions? May I have a motion to adopt the first reading of Ordinance 77-13?

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mrs. Werren seconded to **adopt the first reading** of Ordinance No. 77-13. All members present voting:

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

No: 0

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Reports – Council:

Mr. Snyder: Before I have some reports, I would like to report to Council and the Administration that this week we'll work on the 2014 budget. I would like to present that the first copy to you next Monday night for your review. I hope again you will allow us to adopt a three-month interim budget until we find out money is coming in at the end of the year and a four-month capital project allowing the Administration and Engineering to go out and do the work. It is a positive budget. It's in full fund with carryover into the general fund. So the naysayers that said we had a 700,000 plus, million dollar; I heard all kind of numbers. These numbers were all bogus and fictitious. But we will be presenting that to you next Monday night. And Mr. Foltz, you'll be glad to know that we do have sufficient funds to replace the liner of the pool. It will be done. It will be budgeted so as soon as we get done it's in there, as well as a lot of work in the parks. We will be redoing the tennis courts as you and Mr. Peters had requested and some additional work at the Civic Center and so forth. So it is a very aggressive budget, but thanks to Karen and her staff we've got this all ready to go. So it's very encouraging for a city of our size to continue to be in the fiscal balance is quite phenomenal with carry – again, we won't know the full extent of our carryover until we close the books out in December. But again, I compliment both the Council, Administration, Finance and Law Department and all the city workers for the efforts that they've put forth. Again, to present this type of budget it's very encouraging and it's very, very rewarding I must tell you. But I do appreciate your confidence in me and Karen's office. Thank you very much. So I will get that to you. Okay, reports. Mr. Foltz.

Mr. Foltz: Appreciate your comments President Snyder. I think we've done a great job recently with the parks, the streets, everything that we can afford to do. So I'm looking forward to continue approving our amenities here, because that's what makes North Canton a special place to live, especially our services, our parks, our schools, our infrastructure. I'm very proud of what we've accomplished here on my tenure and I'm glad we're moving forward with that. So thank you for letting me know that. I'm looking forward to looking at the budget. Also, congratulations to everybody who was reelected; looking forward to another two years of working with this Council. So that said, no other comments.

Mr. Snyder: Mr. Peters.

Mr. Peters: Yeah, no report, just a few comments. I'll echo what Doug said about the parks. I'm happy that we, you know, are able to direct some funds and upkeep these facilities in good condition for our residents to enjoy. And to touch base quickly on what the Mayor said earlier in his comments about the services at the - the veterans' services at the schools, I had the great pleasure being at Clearmount Friday and it was outstanding. We had – there was 50 some veterans that were there and the young kids got to participate. And they had a couple kids out of each class come up and say some things about certain the different, you know, the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines. And it was nice because some of the kids in attendance had their fathers, mothers, grandparents, and a couple of occasions mom and dad, were there. And I think that venue to honor our veterans is a perfect venue, especially in a community like ours. The Veterans Memorial over there is, in my opinion, for reflection year round and not just one day. And I'd like to apologize to the young folks in the audience in regards to, you know, the second speaker coming up and using such a solemn occasion to attack you and what you've decided to do I thought was unfair. So that's it.

Mayor Held: Thank you.

Mr. Snyder: Mrs. Werren.

Mrs. Werren: No report. Just I was excited to see everyone reelected. And I've – it's been a real privilege to work with all of you and move certain things forward. And I'm just proud to be here. So thank you.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you. Mr. Griffith.

Mr. Griffith: Equally congrats. And I also want to give congrats to the two people who weren't successful. Some of us have been on that end of things and that's tough, but we do need people to get out there and run and it holds us all accountable too. So ultimately I'm pretty pleased with the outcome I'll have to candidly say. But I wanted to ask Jim, for a moment, I put him on – I was going to put him on the spot last week but we had a very long meeting. It was rather contentious as well. So – but we've been working a lot on programs that can use the work of everybody, you know, cross governmental programs – programs

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that make North Canton better and that collaborate with other areas. The JEDD (Joint Economic Development District) is one example of that. But there's a little known program, but again, I won't take any credit for because I haven't been involved with it other than to know about it and make sure response – shine some spotlight on Jim who has done a good job and that is our GIS (Geographic Information Systems) program that you've been working on. Which let me lead by saying it's been a no cost to the City. So other than that, Jim, you can tell us all you want about it, but that's the part that's important to me. So there you go.

Mr. Benekos: Okay. Well you're close, we have spent some money. The County Auditor and other county offices several years ago developed a GIS program. The County Auditor has taken that over recently. Now if you're familiar with GIS, you have your base map, which if you to Google maps or any map program, you have your aerial photos, your street maps, and then the County Auditor has, originally in with the County Engineer and Regional Planning Commission developed these base maps. Like I said, the Auditor has taken it over. So we've been working on our water system developing a map that we can put into a GIS program. And the County Auditor has agreed to take our layers with our water map, our sewer map, our storm sewer map, and house that information on the county system. And that would be at no cost to us at this time. We're kind of like the guinea pig that they're working with within the different communities. And they're looking at doing this with the other communities if they want to develop their own GIS program. So the County Auditor has been very gracious – his personnel, his people have been great to work with, very helpful, helping us with our program, giving us pointers on what we need to do with our system. So, just wanted to...

Mr. Griffith: It will allow for development in the future if I understand it, to be a little more efficient about in the City, you'll know as a developer exactly where the waterlines are, some of the other utilities and know it in a much more exact way than you would have otherwise. Inaudible...

Mr. Benekos: Yeah. What we can do, we plan after the first of the year, to have a presentation, to have some of the county auditor's personnel come up. As you know you'll have a map, then you can pull up the layer which will show a waterline, but also on that waterline you can pick on that water line and it will take you to a file that will show you the plans for that waterline, that when that waterline was constructed, it will have the as built information. So it's like so far from this valve is this tee, and so, but that information will become available online. Now whether that becomes public information or not is yet to be determined. There was some concern at one point of homeland security in water systems. So whether that's just a private layer that our personnel can get to or whether it's a public layer, that's yet to be determined. But ...

Mr. Snyder: Thank you. Mr. Cerreta

Mr. Cerreta: Thanks. Well, I'll echo what everybody said about the election here. I think that I enjoy it. I think that we collaborate very well. And I'm glad that everyone here will continue to do that. And I think that's what the people want in this community is the way that we do that. And I think that we've got some challenges coming forward this year, but we've also got some really cool things. I mean really cool things in the next couple of years. I'm looking forward to all of us working that out and everything. So outside of that, no report.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you. Mrs. Kiesling.

Mrs. Kiesling: Yes, I just want to say congratulations, glad you're all back. Awesome That's it.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you. And again, congratulations to everybody. At this time, I'd like the Council to recognize any veterans in the room. If you wouldn't mind standing and allow us to give you a round of applause for your service and allow us to live under this blanket of security that we live in ...

Mayor Held: And staff members as well.

Mr. Snyder: That's right, and I do appreciate that.

(Applause)

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Reports:

Mr. Snyder: Thanks to each and every one of you for what you've provided this country, and to us personally. Thank you. I have no other comments. Mr. Fox.

Mr. Fox: Yes, sir. Just thank you for your kind comments regarding Veterans' Day. It was always an honor. I had the privilege to serve my country as well as the City of North Canton. So I really look forward for these next two years and again congratulations for those newly elected. I believe that there's quite a lot that's been accomplished in the last two years. And for those that say the City appears to be on its way down, I would respectively disagree with that. There are so many things that were done through grants, to widen and pave Main Street; all that paid for. The Hoover Facility, you know, that very well could just be a vacant, abandoned building, and you can see it growing and thriving right now. And I think there's just a lot of potential with things that we are doing right now that we have on our radar, and hopefully we'll be able to see those things through to the next two years.

Mr. Snyder: Good. Director Alger.

Mrs. Alger: The Finance Department is going green. So all personnel is going to have their pay stubs through email and direct deposits, just in case you guys wanted to know what all those paper forms were for you, as well as updating some personnel records. We've had a real good reception so far with employees. And as Councilman Snyder said, the budget is pretty much ready for anyone's review. If you want to come in early and look at them line by line, you're more than welcome to come into my office any time.

Mr. Foltz: Karen, I have a question. Do we have to fill any additional paperwork out if we're already ...

Mrs. Alger: Yes.

Mr. Foltz: We all have to do it again?

Mrs. Alger: All over again. I'm here to help you.

Mr. Snyder: Director Grimes.

Mr. Grimes: Yeah. Councilman Peters just the flag that you told me about Friday afternoon did not get up as you probably noticed, but it was up bright and early this morning brand new...

Mr. Peters: I saw that.

Mr. Grimes: So we took care of that.

Mr. Peters: Thank you.

Mr. Grimes: Also, in your area on 7th Street we had some complaints there. You should notice that there is a double yellow through the corners there. I've also talked with the Police Department, because that's a corner, it's hard to get speeders, but now with double yellow we hope it keeps them on their side, but also if they cross that double, that's a violation too. So it will be easier to watch that. And third, I apologize that the parking lot is so dark. We got the parts that we're trying to get on order in shop to put the lights out there. So please don't trip because we've got the budget where we think we want it. But I appreciate it. Thank you. Mr. President.

Mr. Snyder: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Held: Yes. The GIS - I'll share a quick story with you. When I first started as the Administrator, the top priority, one of the top priorities, was GIS. And I would tell Jim that every year that we needed to really improve the GIS because that's the way to manage all of our information, make informed decisions. And every year when the budget came by we would cut all the money out of the GIS program. So, it was somewhat sending him mixed messages. And so as Councilman Dan (Griffith) had mentioned, that working with the county wherever we get that work done, and it's not costing the City any money. So I think we have a small amount, if any, in the budget, but we're still able to get that work done that we've been hoping to do. So I appreciate your efforts on that. And the budget, this budget

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process has been the smoothest that I've had since I've been Mayor. And I think it's because of the work of Karen, and particularly Jon Snyder driving this, and Mike Grimes, and also the Council, because you know when you look at our challenge that we have in the City financially, it is a struggle. I mean, it is a real struggle to meet our budget every year because our revenue is going down in reference to local government funds as Mr. Osborne had mentioned. And at the same time the residents expect that same level of service. And so it is not an easy process, but our Council President's really taken a lead on this, and I know that our Council has been very supportive, it makes all the difference in the world. And I think that that's why North Canton is a success. So I am very thankful to our Council. I'm thankful to have all of you back. I believe that this Council, in my experience, has been the most cooperative and the most productive since I've been serving here. So I'm thankful to have you all return. And then I would like to also thank our veterans for your service. And Mr. Osborne brings up a good point, we do have a wonderful memorial across the street. And we want to make sure that we're not infringing on the school programs, but at the same time, we certainly would consider having an event next year on Veterans' Day at our Memorial. And so I appreciate your bringing that up, Chuck. And that's all I have. Thank you.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you, Mayor. Mr. Engineer.

Mr. Benekos: Just a few items. I ask everybody to bear with us as we continue to finalize the traffic signal improvement program. The signals aren't being tripped properly yet, but we're getting there. Especially down at East Hill and Everhard.

Mrs. Werren: Yes.

Mr. Benekos: We are, you know, we will evaluate after the system is up and running whether we want to put dual lanes, left turn lanes, on Everhard and on East Hill in that area. We have some money in the budget to effect those changes next year if we need to do that. And also the street sign on East Hill is incorrect. At the moment it does say, "northeast" and it should be "southeast". But ...

Mr. Snyder: Same way on Everhard. It says "northwest", it should be "southwest", on Everhard.

Mr. Benekos: Yeah. But, we'll be getting those, so bear with us on that too. Hopefully people won't get too confused in the meantime. Also, the Governor rolled out a new bridge program, and I think it's ten million dollars and they're planning to improve 40 bridges this next year. One of those bridges is a City of North Canton's bridge on East Hill. And - the information that I'm getting is not complete yet. From what I understand, it will be 100% program that they will replace the bridge for us. But again, I'm trying to get some more information on that, but hopefully I'll have that for you. But the report is out, I think it was in the news last week when it came out. So...

Mayor Held: What's the cost approximately for that?

Mr. Benekos: For us, nothing. Just kidding

Mayor Held: And what's the total cost approximately?

Mr. Benekos: We just did a preliminary design or study on that and our estimate is about 1.2 million for that project. For the construction then we would have had to foot the bill for the design and then we would have been responsible for 20% typically. We would have been able, I'm pretty confident, we would have been able to get 80% funding for the bridge. But my understanding this new program is ODOT and they say will pick it up 100%. So hopefully...

Mayor Held: Great.

Mr. Benekos: that will happen, and it's good news for the City again.

Mayor Held: Great job, Jim.

Mr. Cerreta: Question about that. How far do they go, if we wanted to put like stone on the side to dress it up? They don't pay for that?

Mr. Benekos: We might have to pick that up.

Mr. Cerreta: Okay. Find a way Jim for them to pick that up.

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Mr. Foltz: They could do stamped concrete and paint it though. That would be an alternative. Esthetically it looks nice.

Mr. Cerreta: Character – character is what I'm looking for, not a guard rail. I mean for inside of our City ...

Mayor Held: And also, if I can add, when you look at the cost of, you know, the City would normally be responsible, I mean, 1.2 million dollars is a lot of road pavement that we'll be able to do because we don't have to pay for the bridge replacement. So very nice work, Jim.

Mr. Benekos: Thanks.

Final Call for New Business:

Mr. Snyder: Thank you. Anybody from Council? Any additional comments? If not, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

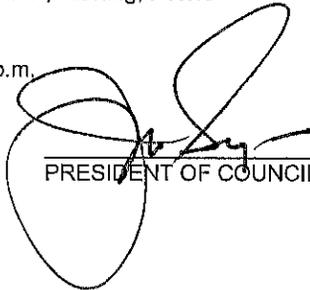
Adjourn:

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

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

No: 0

The council meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.



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