

MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NORTH CANTON
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016

1. Call to Order

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: I'd like to call to order the Council Meeting, Monday, November 14, 2016, 7:00pm.

2. Opening Prayer – Councilman Cerreta led the opening prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Clerk, please call the roll?

Roll call found the following council members in attendance: Cerreta, Foltz, Fonte, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters and Werren. Thus having 7 in attendance.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to amend the agenda to include a special visitor?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to amend the agenda to include a guest speaker.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Yes, thank you. Our special visitor tonight is Mr. Brock Eastman, I'll turn it over to Law Director Fox he will enlighten us.

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Thank you, Mr. President. As we all know last Friday was Veterans Day. Our local chamber of commerce along with the North Canton Schools and the City had a ceremony in Bitzer Park at our memorial. And as part of the ceremony this new program they had 5 students from North Canton Schools and they, I guess all of the students were assigned an essay to write about Veterans Day. And the top 5 students read their essays at the ceremony at the memorial. And young Brock Eastman, an 8th grader there, I think just did a tremendous job. It's a really compelling essay, its timely on a subject that we see currently in our headlines. But it was right on point with the subject that also honored veterans. And so after the ceremony I spoke with his parents and Brock, and asked if he would be kind enough to share his essay at one our council meetings. And indeed he agreed. And so if we permit, Brock, if you'd come to the podium and read your essay, please.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Welcome, Brock.

(Brock Eastman read from a prepared speech).

BROCK EASTMAN: The America I believe in. Oh say can you see, the music starts playing as 50,000 people in the stadium stand facing the flag with their hats off and their hands placed firmly over their hearts singing our county's national anthem. The American flag represents all of us and all the values we hold sacred. America is the greatest country on Earth, due to the freedom and loyalty we all possess. In America, people honor and celebrate freedom every Fourth of July, and honor those lost on Veterans Day. But recently at stadiums all over our great country people have refused to stand for the national anthem. Ironically, that is one of the greatest aspects of America. Those people don't have to worry about being punished or killed for their disrespectful actions. Those individuals who choose to sit have every right to sit. Because America grants each and every one of those individuals their freedom to do so. However, you will never see me or my family sitting during the national anthem. You will see me standing proudly for the country that I hold so dear to my heart. American citizenship honor those people who have given up their lives for us, not stay seated during their moments of honor. It's unacceptable that anyone can turn his or her back on America, when America would never turn its back on us. Freedom is not overcoming what you think stands in your way. It is understanding that what is in your way, is part of the way. Americans get to go to bed every night and wake up without the fear of being attacked or killed, thanks to the armed forces protecting us and our families. In America we can go to church every Sunday morning and worship any god we choose. Without worrying if the government will intervene or punish us for our beliefs. Our founding fathers have granted us these freedoms. Freedom is everything, and we should remember all the people who have given up their lives for us. Next time you go to a sporting event think about the people who allow you to do so. Think about the struggles America had to endure to allow us to be able to live the way we live today. The America I believe in is one I'm proud to call my home. The home of the brave.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Very nice Brock.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Yeah, that made me get goosebumps, so you really did good.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Did you write that all by yourself? (Yes) Can you come over to my house I have some kids doing college applications? You can be really helpful for them. I'm going to tell them about you tonight. Great job.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Outstanding. Thank you for coming tonight Brock, and sharing. I really appreciate it. Thanks guys, have a great night. Good luck in D.C. as well.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Tim, thank you for bringing them around.

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: You're welcome.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: And there were 4 others that did it as well?

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Four others, he appeared by far to be the youngest of those and I was struck just how well, young and putting that together on a timely subject where he still honored those that spoke out in their own way. And still honored the veterans as well.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: And we'd also like to welcome the Webelos Pack 1, out of Zion Lutheran. Fourth and Fifth grades, welcome gentlemen, ladies. Okay, at this time we have a presentation by our Finance Director Ms. Brown on the 2017 draft budget.

5. Presentation by Finance Director Brown on the 2017 Draft Budget.

6. Presentation by Stephane Kristan with AT&T will give an update regarding the Stark County Broadband Task Team's recommendation.

7. Consideration

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, for your consideration, may I have a motion and a second to approve as presented:

Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes: October 24, 2016

Council Meeting Minutes: October 24, 2016

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes: November 7, 2016

Special Council Meeting Minutes: November 7, 2016

Mayor's Court Receipts for October 2016

Financial Statement – October 2016 Month End Reports

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Motion to approve as presented.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to approve the above minutes and reports.

8. Recognition of Visitors

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

LINDA PETZ: 1650 Peachtree in North Canton. And I was pleased to read the article in Monday's Repository about Orchard Acres Allotment having sewers put into our neighborhood. I'm personally very grateful to council for that. And I think that it's going to help alleviate some health issues that we have in the neighborhood, and some potential health issues that we have in the neighborhood. I also want to bring attention to the council that there are some drainage issues in the neighborhood, in addition to the need for sanitary sewers. I personally have this problem on my property, and I brought some photographs in to share with this group tonight. So that you can actually see some of the damage that we've incurred over the years with this. Two sets of photographs, they're identical. So I'm going to start one on this side, and one on this side. You know again, we have a property that does incur standing water with rain storms. And the water can be as high as 8 inches, and it can last for as long as two weeks. We, in the past, have had a private service come out and drain the water for us, and we personally paid \$500 to do that on one particular instance, because the water was standing at least two weeks. And it didn't look like it was going to be absorbed by the soil. This is a health concern, not only does it attract mosquitos, we do have small children whose properties abuts our property. So it is, if you take a look at the photographs, you know, a significant amount of water, deep water, and it does last at times for many weeks to be honest. So it's my hope that the council gives some consideration to putting storm sewers in this neighborhood. I am not the only resident in the neighborhood that has problems with standing water. And I just wanted to make you aware at this time, you know, that perhaps if this issue were addressed at the same time. And I know it's a money issue. Perhaps if this could be addressed at the same time that the sanitary sewers are put in that perhaps it would be less cost effective, or more cost effective than waiting until this becomes a blown health issue, in years to come. So thank you so much for your attention to this problem, my goal tonight was just to make you aware that this problem exists there. And again, you know, I do thank you very much, you know, for putting the storm sanitary sewers in our neighborhood. Thank you very much, appreciate your time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thanks Linda. Linda, are these yours, or do you want these back. (They're yours) Alright, thank you. Alright, moving onto old business. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 74 – 2016?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Oh no, I'm not motioning.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: I'll motion then.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: He'll motion, I'll second him.

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: You should just state for the record that it makes it clear, if you're abstaining, you want to say that.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Yeah, she was being a little bit too enthusiastic about moving this along.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Thanks Mark, that's very positive.

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Just for the record, two members, Councilmembers Griffith and Kiesling are abstaining from discussion, voting.

Roll call vote of 5 yes, 2 abstain to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 74 – 2016. Griffith and Kiesling abstained.

9. Old Business

10. Ordinance No. 74 – 2016 Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton, upon concurrence of Council and the Board of Control, to enter a contract for administering a self-insured health insurance program for City employees, for the period of December 1, 2016 through November 30, 2017.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright thank you, since our chair and vice chair both have to abstain. If there are no further questions, I'll entertain a motion to adopt second reading.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 5 yes, 2 abstain to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 74 – 2016. Griffith and Kiesling abstained.

ORDINANCE NO. 74 – 2016 WAS GIVEN SECOND READING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Onto new business, may I have a motion and a second to read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 75 – 2016?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 75 – 2016.

11. New Business

12. Ordinance No. 75 – 2016 Ordinance, Rules and Claims Committee

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 year commencing January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Chairwoman Werren.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: We've talked about this a number of times, its routine we do it every single year. So I move to adopt if there are no further questions.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 75 – 2016

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Ordinance No. 75 – 2016?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Ordinance No. 75 – 2016.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 75 – 2016?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 75 – 2016.

ORDINANCE NO. 75 – 2016 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 76 – 2016?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 76 – 2016.

13. Ordinance No. 76 – 2016

Street and Alley Committee

An ordinance changing the name of the alley numbers 55 and 22, within the corporate limits of the City of North Canton, to Aiden Way, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Fonte?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: This is, we talked about this. This is talking about the no name alley where people can't find deliveries. We talked about changing the name, which now we're going to try to turn into reality. So I move that we approve the first reading on Aiden's Way, or Aiden Way.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 76 – 2016.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to suspend the rules of council for three readings for Ordinance No. 76 – 2016?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to suspend the rules of council for three readings for Ordinance No. 76 – 2016.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 76 – 2016?

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 76 – 2016.

ORDINANCE NO. 76 – 2016 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only, the first reading Ordinance No. 77 – 2016?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 76 – 2016.

14. Ordinance No. 77 – 2016

Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Chief of Police of the City of North Canton to dispose of unclaimed property such as bicycles and bicycle parts in the custody of the Police Department by donating the unclaimed property to the Salvation Army, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Griffith?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: This is the, clean out the accumulated police locker act, I think is the formal act. We did discuss it, it's of course donating the property that's unclaimed. Mark still has not found his. If there's no other questions I would move approval.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: I'll second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 77 – 2016.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to suspend the rules of council for three readings for Ordinance No. 77 – 2016?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to suspend the rules of council for three readings for Ordinance No. 77 – 2016.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 77 – 2016?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 77 – 2016.

ORDINANCE NO. 77 – 2016 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 78 – 2016?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 78 – 2016.

15. Ordinance No. 78 – 2016

Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton to enter into a third amended support agreement, Phase V, between the City of North Canton and Stark County Park District (Stark Parks), to permit the City to participate and provide its share of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Griffith?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: We got the good news that we're going to get additional grant dollars, which of course require a slight match. And it is part of our appropriation that we looked at here. We've had a thorough discussion on it, and everyone seems supportive. So, I would move its approval.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 78 – 2016.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to suspend the rules of council for three readings for Ordinance No. 78 – 2016?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to suspend the rules of council for three readings for Ordinance No. 78 – 2016.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 78 – 2016?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 78 – 2016.

ORDINANCE NO. 78 – 2016 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 79 – 2016?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 79 – 2016.

16. Ordinance No. 79 – 2016

Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the supplemental appropriation of funds of the City of North Canton, to be appropriated from the unappropriated resources of the General Fund to the Printing and Publications Account in the amount of \$8,600 for the current expenses during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Griffith?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: I would ask that the Clerk say the word unappropriated 10 times fast. Not an easy one, but we're going to, of course, do a newsletter which will cost us \$8,600. The good news is although we're appropriating the money, we're getting a grant that will offset. So we're changing the appropriation piece, but no additional dollars, tax dollars that will be spent from us. I would move its approval.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 79 – 2016.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to suspend the rules of council for three readings for Ordinance No. 79 – 2016?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to suspend the rules of council for three readings for Ordinance No. 79 – 2016.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 79 – 2016?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 79 – 2016.

ORDINANCE NO. 79 – 2016 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 80 – 2016?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 80 – 2016.

17. Ordinance No. 80 – 2016 Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the reclassification of funds of the City of North Canton, within the various City's budget line items for the current expenses during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Griffith?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: As you know we have hired a very capable auditor, a recovering auditor, I think is the classification as our finance director. As such, who wants to make sure that we retain the accolades that the City has received for good financial responsibility. And part of that is making sure that the appropriations are cleaned up at the end of the day. So, effectively what we're doing with 80 – 2016 is to say, we might have spent a little money out of this fund, and at the end of the day it probably looks better if it comes out of this fund. So we're not making any additional appropriations, we're simply moving dollars to where they were doing. So it's kind of our cleaning up the checkbook. Is that a fair assessment? Over simplification, no doubt, but essentially that's what we're doing here too. So, no additional expenditures, just a cleaning up so that the books look good at the end of the year. If there aren't any additional questions, I would move its approval.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 80 – 2016.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to suspend the rules of council for three readings for Ordinance No. 80 – 2016?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to suspend the rules of council for three readings for Ordinance No. 80 – 2016.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 80 – 2016?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 80 – 2016.

ORDINANCE NO. 80 – 2016 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7 YES.

18. Reports – Council:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Reports, Member Fonte.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Alright, two quick things. I just want everybody to know the catch basins, those are huge. Honestly. There's like approximately 3,000 catch basins, and that's where the water runs down the street, and they've got the iron grate. And then now we have these cement cast things, right? They're big enough to put two or three people inside, almost. So they did 175 of them last year. Now remember, we have 3,000 in the city, 175 approximately last year. So far this year, 120, that's 295 catch basins. Thanks to Mike, the engineer. Cause, like we always call it out, thanks to you guys too, for calling it out. And they mark them, and they get on it. Some of them are the street program, a lot of them are the city workers. You know, they go out there and work on them. It's like a three day process to do each one of those. So I wanted to say thanks for the good work. Because those are infrastructure things, they're helping with our flooding. Because instead of the old brick catch basins, and the salt would eat away at the grout. If you notice, it washes not only, you know, it helps the flooding, but the new ones it doesn't erode underneath the sidewalks, underneath the curb and gutter, and the roads. Because a lot of times, that washes out from underneath. And suddenly I've been paying a lot of attention I've been noticing a lot of that. So that's huge. That's

almost 10% in two years. The other thing is, we've been talking, several of us, about the roads, you know, could we get an earlier start next year. And I talked to Engineer Benekos and we were talking about seeing if everybody in their own jurisdiction could check out your streets and see what we need to get on the list for next year. And if we could get them by the end of the year, Jim said that he is going to really, you know, see what we can do about getting an early jump it for next. See if we can get it done maybe instead of the end of the year, maybe in late spring, early summer this year. So if you guys can put it on your list to try to get your list in by 12/31. If you can get it to me, I'll get it to Jim or...

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Can you send us the rating again?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: The what?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: The ratings, street ratings, because some of them should be off. Right, so certain ones are going to come to the top of each of ours.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Some of them didn't get done though this year.

ENGINEER BENEKOS: Right, we haven't updated that, we just use that as a guide from before.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: If you drive around, like I said if you drive around by the end of the year and get us the list that they look like they are going to need it. Get it to me, because more than likely it's not on the list.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Jim, did they all get done this year? I know 7th Street was a CDBG grant. Now obviously, we weren't ready to go with it, so it will come back in next year's budget. I just saw that in there. But was there any other streets that did not get done that we felt were needed.

ENGINEER BENEKOS: There are that are on the list that will carry over to next year. One is Clearmount that didn't get started.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Well, could you send that to all of us? Then we know what's coming back in everybody's ward, so then we can go forward.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: That's a good idea.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Yeah, this way here we can get, we'll work on getting it done a little earlier this year.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Was there anything else I missed with the grants or, other than the one project we've been working on that we've done some engineering on this year? Not a question I have, when did we switch over to the precast storm sewers? Was it, are those installed on North Main to that recent project? Is it something that we're...

ENGINEER BENEKOS: Right, I believe 5 years or more.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Five years ago we started putting precast in, even with the new curb and gutter projects?

ENGINEER BENEKOS: Correct, in the new curb and gutter projects we've probably been doing the precast for 10 years or more. As far as when our in-house crews are going out and rehabbing that's probably been 5 to 6 years.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Okay, so Donner was done a couple years ago, that was precast.

ENGINEER BENEKOS: Correct.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: And if we do Parkview that will precast..., so that's good to know, you're not going to have to replace them all.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I mean these are good for what Jim, like 40, 50 years? What is it?

ENGINEER BENEKOS: Until I retire.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Okay, so I talked to Battershell and he said, you know, like Mike Battershell, I talked to him. What they're doing is they're replacing the steel too, the iron. The whole thing is new, so, I mean they should last way beyond our spell of it.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: And the other point is, we're using beet juice we're not just over salting, we're known for having the best winter streets available when there is a snow storm.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: This is huge, to like almost 300, can you imagine? Just watch them do a project, you'll see it's huge.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: So Jim, how many, he said we had 3,000 in the city, storm drains, I don't know who goes out and counts those. But...

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Well I asked Mike Battershell, he said we had approximately 3,000.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Okay, so in general, what percent do you think we have replaced those with the concrete cast? Do you have a ballpark?

ENGINEER BENEKOS: Oh, I'd say at least 1,000. Since I've been here.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Okay, so a third, okay.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I mean, it's going to help our flooding too.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Okay, just kind of wondered what we have ahead of us, is my question. Okay.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Is that it?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Yes, sir.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Werren.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: So a few weeks ago, I was able to tour IRG and I invited Dominic, and Gary came, and Tim came, and Mark came. And we did it with a group of young professionals, the spotlight group from Leadership Stark County. And they had three of their associates tour with us, and it was amazing. And to think what this city is going to have across the street, and really in a soon time. I know we've been saying this for a long time. But it is happening. I mean we are going to see construction workers there over the winter, and all of sudden, I'm there's not going to be parking over because there's going to be so many people working. And I just, I wasn't here when you made those arrangements with those people, and it's so huge for the City. So thank you, for all of you there were and thought forward and thought to move on this, and to work on the grants, Jim. And to work with them, I mean it's just it's going to be so wonderful for our city. And I think it adds so much business and income tax. And it's really neat to see that. So I know we still need to work on the pretty orange fence, but it's appropriate for Thanksgiving. I guess the orange colors. But it was really impressive, so thank you. And I'm thrilled that we have developers like that in our town.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Kiesling.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: No report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Griffith.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Just a quick thanks to Laura again, I'm looking forward to the budget process this year. That's all.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Cerreta?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Just to expand on her program, or the tour, very well done by the way with Stephanie and her leadership group. And we also are having, talking with Bret Brenacker. He wants to set another one up for us. And he's looking right now, may be the 30th. You've got to look at the fact that it gets dark, so it has to be you know 3:00ish. It can't be too late. So I want you to keep that in mind, I'll let you know I've been talking back and forth with him. I know several people in the community like President Jusseaume would like, you know, there are a couple people that would like to go, and so I will keep that going and see where we go with that. But it was very impressive for the future, and I'm really looking forward to that. The other thing, Dave and I did meet with President Jusseaume, the Walsh folks last week I believe it was. And we had a very good discussion about, you know, we're the city and Walsh are collaborating. We have some big deals going on out there with University district, Jim's heading that up. And we just had to get things, you know, our communication, cause with any big organizations, communication is so important. So just to make sure that we're moving forward with collaborative effort and let everybody know what the right hand is doing, left hand is doing. We met with them and it was a very good meeting. And I think we're on a real good path to kind of helping that side of town out. And, you know, Walsh is either our biggest employer or our biggest income tax in the city, one or two kind of thing. So it's good to have those discussions with them. So it was a very good meeting with them, and I can elaborate later on if you have any questions on that meeting. That's it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Foltz?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: No report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Couple things, some house cleaning measures. For next week I need a roll call vote, motion and a second to move the Council meeting from the 28th into a special Council meeting next Monday the 21st. Reason being is we have the third reading of the insurance legislation, we have some folks that are going to be out of town, and with two of us abstaining we're not going to have enough votes for the third reading. And we need to get it done before December 1st. So do we have a motion and a second to move the Council meeting from the 28th and make it a special council meeting on the 21st?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: So moved.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to have a special Council meeting on Monday, November 21st 2016 and not meet on Monday, November 28th 2016.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Same time?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Yeah, let's do it at 7, there'll just a few pieces of legislation, we'll start right at 7:00. Okay, and also Mr. Eastman, who read his essay today, he's headed to Washington DC and as we were over there talking with the family, the Mayor was over there as well. That might not be a bad idea maybe to call Congressman Renacci and let him know that Mr. Eastman is on his way over there. And maybe possibly he could pop in and say hello and recognize and mention too Congressman Renacci's office that he can preview the reading of the essay by going to northcantonohio.gov and hit the YouTube button. Okay, very good, well, that's it for me. Director of Law?

19. Reports:

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: No shortage of legal matters involving the city. But today, I guess make note that the Community Reinvestment Area appeals, we have received today the response from the developer to those appeals. So there will be a timeframe for these folks that had appealed, they get to respond to that, and then we'll set up a date to have a hearing to resolve those appeals. Other than that, as I said there's no shortage of things that arise in the legal department. But I thought it was important to note this will be the first appeal that we've had for the Housing Council. And so that will probably be scheduled beginning of January, maybe the...

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FRY: Mid-January, I think we're looking at probably the third Wednesday of January. I think it's the 18th. That's kind of what we've tentatively discussed with the chair.

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: That's all I have.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, Director of Finance?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: No report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Director of Administration?

DIRECTOR GRIMES: Just thanks for the kind words on the catch basins. You know, we were able to tackle them better the last couple of years. One, our supervisors come up with a little better plan and projects. And then the second thing was you provided money the last couple years to go after them. So we appreciate that.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Yeah, we do too, believe me. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR HELD: Yes, I'd also like to, you know, as we going through the budget this year, and looking at where we're at today, and where we were at back in 2008, 2009 and 2010. You know, there was really not that much work that I had to do on this budget for two reasons. Number one, it's really clear that when you have excellent personnel in the city, you know, we've said this countless times, we had 116 employees, we were down to 91, and now we're above 92, 93, and 94. But when you have knowledgeable and experienced employees in key positions and then you bring them together, working together, which really that's Mike's greatest strength. Mike Grimes' greatest strength, is because he's able to identify what the needs are of the city and getting everybody to work in alignment. And he does that through his staff meetings every week, and this is something that has not happened overnight. Like our fire and EMS department, they were two separate departments. They were two separate chiefs, and now they're one department. They're all integrated, which is, I mean, that didn't happen 15 years ago. I mean some of the people in that department didn't really even interact or speak with one another. And, and now you have people that we're hiring that are fire/medics and inspectors. And in one case, he's also a commissioned police officer. And then you can see when you have a swearing in ceremony, that's all fire, EMS and police. Just to honor that one individual. Which historically we didn't see that type of support. You know, formally when they're taking time out of their schedule, personal schedule to come up before work. So really I'd like to recognize Mike for, and I've told this to him a number of times, but it's really you've just seen it happen over what 5 years since you've been the administrator, getting everybody to work together. And also it's due to the people that you hire. I mean you can have one person if they have like you can see in Laura's presentation I mean, you don't even know what to say. It's like amazing, you know, it just goes to show you, you have a lot of experience. And when you put it together, to you it doesn't seem like a significant change. To us, this is like wow, we can understand this in layman's terms. The same thing with Tim, you know, with all the legal matters we have going on. And God knows, that's like, you know, it doesn't stop. But then on his day off he comes to the veteran's event. I think he's veteran himself, but still, and bringing this young man in to read the speech. You know, I didn't know that he was going to read the speech until tonight. That was a great idea. And also Gary, who's now working in our permits department, and everything is just taken to a whole new level. Because we have talented, quality people, not that we didn't before, but you know times are changing very quickly. That's why I'm glad we have Jim back from retirement too. And you know another 15 years from Jim, and I think we'll be set. I think we'll be okay. But see that's another thing, like the catch basins, you know, I was thinking about that plan to replace the catch basins. I'm thinking my gosh do we have 1,000 replaced already? It seemed like it was just yesterday we were talking about hey, maybe we could use precast instead of the brick. And now we've got over a 1,000 replaced. But it was like 75 to 100 each year, or more. And now

125, 150. The other area too is we had the Mayor's cup this weekend, and that's where Walsh and Malone get together at the men's basketball team plays each other and then you know, if Walsh wins then the mayor of Canton will have to give the trophy to North Canton's mayor, or vice versa. And so I was not able to attend this game this year, and so normally I would ask Mike, but, or Jim and you know somebody to fill in for me. And I was having a hard time, I had called some of our councilmembers, but it just seemed like it was a tough weekend. So we had Shanna, who graduated from, who's our assistant finance director, and also Laura who graduated from Malone, if they'd stood in for us. And which I greatly appreciate. But I think that just goes to show you that when you hire good people and they have a desire to serve the community it makes a huge difference. And then the fact that, you know, you have enough confidence to say "oh yeah, just show up here at this time and recognize both teams" and just, you know, able to handle it without any question. So I really want to thank the council for supporting hiring good people, and paying them. Because it really, I mean and especially for those of you that have been around for years it's like, it's such a huge difference. Because you know you've got good quality people. So that's all I've like to say. Jim, speaking of quality people.

ENGINEER BENEKOS: No report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Director of Development.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FRY: Nothing.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, outstanding. Madame Clerk?

COUNCIL CLERK BAILEY: No report tonight.

20. Final Call for New Business:

21. Adjourn:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

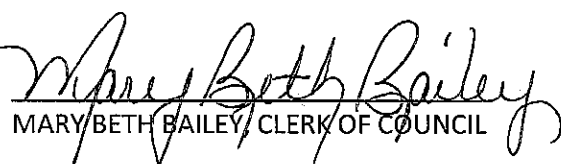
COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Motion to adjourn.

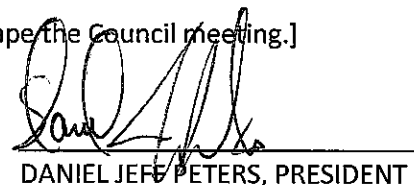
COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adjourn.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: We are adjourned.

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


MARY BETH BAILEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL


DANIEL JEFF PETERS, PRESIDENT