

Held
Monday, July 7,
6:50 p.m.
20
03

CALL TO ORDER:

The public hearing was called to order Monday, July 7, at 6:50 p.m., by President of Council Jon Snyder.

Council members present for the public hearing: Foltz, Kiesling, Lindower, Magel, McLaughlin, Osborne and Snyder. Also present for the meeting were: Director of Administration Held, Director of Law Batista and Director of Finance Herr.

Notice is hereby given that on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2003 at 6:50 p.m. a public hearing will be held on the budget prepared by the Mayor and the Director of Finance of the City of North Canton, Ohio, for the next succeeding fiscal year ending December 31, 2004.

Said hearing will be held in the Council Chamber at North Canton City Hall. All citizens are invited to participate.

The budget is available for examination in the Office of the Director of Finance between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at North Canton City Hall.

Mr. Snyder: Pursuant to the charter, the Mayor has submitted to the Director of Finance the proposed budget, receipts and balances and the proposed expenditures as of the July 31<sup>st</sup> deadline and this will be sent on. Any questions? Anyone in the audience wishing to ask any questions or have any comment in opposition to that? Anyone in the audience wishing to speak in favor of it? Is there anyone on council with any questions relative to the budget?

Mr. Osborne: Well I have a couple of comments I guess, and this is just in passing. I saw over here recently in the press, and I can't even tell you what municipality it was, I want to say it was Massillon, but I guess they basically get down to nitty gritty and actually breakout their wish lists for their planned expenditures. And this basically seems to be just a formality to make sure that we're not collecting revenues over and above our expenditure needs. Is that what it is?

Mrs. Herr: That's pretty much it. We have to send this off to the county and the Budget Commission for them to determine that we still have the need for the tax levy that we have.

Mr. Osborne: And I just - maybe you could explain to me, I guess, does - is Massillon under a different requirements or...

Mrs. Herr: I'm not familiar with what Massillon does Chuck, so I can't speak for them.

Mr. Osborne: Well this was in the Rep and I - as I said earlier, they seemingly go through the process that we usually go through in December, where we actually go through line item by line item. And I'm just curious why we didn't do that. And I guess I'll have to keep - stay alert and see if other municipalities actually get down to that nitty gritty.

Mrs. Herr: Some of them start the budget process, you know this early. But I don't think that it's something that's, you know every city does it that way, but some of them do. Some of them do start in the summer time and we will be starting next month in August our process.

Mr. Osborne: So that's the only comment I had. I just, as I said last December, I hate waiting till the end of the year and we have to pass it on emergency. And I would very much like to see us maybe start earlier and discuss line items, which would maybe help the public. Prompt them you know for a little more interest and a little more input. But anyway I understand what we're doing tonight.

Mr. Snyder: Any other questions of council? If there are no other questions I'll entertain a motion to adjourn the public hearing.

Mr. McLaughlin moved and Mr. Foltz seconded to adjourn the public hearing. All members present voting:

Yes: Kiesling, Lindower, Magel, McLaughlin, Osborne, Snyder and Foltz.

No: 0

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE