

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

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The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Administration Building, 400 N High St, Cortland, Ohio with Council President Woofter presiding. Members of Council present were James Edwards, Deidre Petrosky, Kevin Piros, Scott Rowley, and Terry Tackett; absent was Dennis Linville. Also present at the meeting were Mayor Moll, Law Director Wilson, Police Chief Andrews, Finance Director Moyer, Fire Chief Rea, and Clerk of Council Horn; absent was Service Director Wittman.

A motion to approve Council Minutes from the February 17, 2015 Council Meeting was made by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilman Edwards. **ROLL CALL** - Linville, absent; Petrosky, abstain; Piros, aye; Rowley, abstain; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye; Edwards, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

A motion to approve Schedule of Bills to be paid totaling \$53,004.22 was made by Councilman Tackett and seconded by Councilwoman Petrosky. **ROLL CALL** - Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye; Edwards, aye; Linville, absent. **MOTION PASSED**

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE O-03-15 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter an agreement with Thomas Fok and Associates, Inc. to perform detailed design and construction administration/inspection for the Downtown Waterline Replacement Project – Phase III was read and moved for third reading by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilman Rowley. **ROLL CALL O-03-15** - Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye; Edwards, aye; Linville, absent; Petrosky, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

ORDINANCE O-04-15– An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter an agreement with GPD Group to perform detailed design services for the Lakeview Schools Pedestrian Enhancement – Phase II was read and moved for third reading by Councilwoman Petrosky and seconded by Councilman Rowley. **ROLL CALL O-04-15** - Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye; Edwards, aye; Linville, absent; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

ORDINANCE O-08-15 – An Ordinance authorizing the Police Chief to purchase communication radios for the Police Department was read and moved for second reading by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilman Edwards. **ROLL CALL O-08-15** - Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye; Edwards, aye; Linville, absent; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND READING**

NO NEW BUSINESS:

MAYOR'S REPORT:

MAYOR MOLL – I'd like to welcome the students here tonight. You are always welcome to come back to our meetings. Sometimes they are a little longer than this. You guys picked a good night to come; we only had three things on the agenda. The cityofcortland.org website at the top of the agenda page will give you additional

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background information such as the legislation we pass here tonight, the text from ordinances, the spellings of names as well as minutes from past meetings. So, if you are interested in what we do, that's a good place to look.

I'd like to thank the council members and my staff that attended the Good Morning Cortland meeting last week that the Chamber put on. It was well covered by the Tribune and also by the Business Journal. In fact, the Business Journal ran a nice article today about it. It was an on-line version. They talked a little bit about what went on with the four talks we had. There was quite a bit on the school as well. It was good coverage, very positive. The Business Journal has done an outstanding job with their videos and their text and the coverage we got in their last edition. It was excellent for the City of Cortland. So, I appreciate everyone's efforts on that.

You may have noticed all the tarps around the building. Just to give you a little update on that, we had significant ice dams. Jim came in this morning and helped cover things up. I had a meeting to go to. He was involved in trying to save as much as we could. We have the same kind of problems on the police side; we have it in the offices over here and in council. It wiped out our electronics maybe and our audio system. Fortunately, our safes and other things are okay, mostly because they were towards the middle of the building. A contractor was out today around 4:00. They were working on getting the snow and ice off the roof. So, hopefully that will stop this problem. We do have significant damage in a number of places. So, I appreciate any patience you can give our staff until we get things back together. Again, I want to thank my staff and the police force that was here today who helped dig in and cover things up so we didn't lose anymore. Thank you.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER – In a separate mailing, I sent you the worksheets for the appropriations. If anybody did not get those, please let me know. That will be on the next meeting in Emergency. If you have any questions, or anything you want to talk about prior to, please call me.

Secondly, we received the advances from our property taxes that we passed at the last meeting in the mail today. So, that was very helpful.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS – I apologize for my casual attire. As the Mayor said, we've been cleaning up all day over there. It's been rough. I anticipate it will be like that tomorrow as well. On a positive note, we've had to start spring cleaning early.

Nothing much for us to report. We do have a donation drive that we are spearheading for Someplace Safe. We usually have it around Christmas time, but this year we missed out on that so we are doing a spring/Easter drive. There will be the Easter basket concept for the kids. Then, there are always the goods for the clientele there. We will run this through the end of the month so you can drop off items here and we will get them over there for Easter.

COUNCILMAN TACKETT – This fundraiser... Is this something they are going to be calling on the phone for?

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS – No, sir. It's voluntary much like the food drives we do. We are simply the location where people can drop things off. We posted it on Facebook. We will collect it all and transport it down to Someplace Safe. We've been in contact with the shelter and they are very much appreciative.

MAYOR MOLL - Do you have a list of things people are looking for?

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS – Yes, we put it on-line, we'll probably put it on again. The Cortland News ran it in their latest edition. If people have any questions they can ask myself or Marcia Bertolini, our secretary, she's the one who spearheaded this. Either of us can get them pointed in the right direction.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

FIRE CHIEF REA – I don't have too much for you tonight. We escaped with only one bucket at the station. We fared a lot better. Fortunately, we have a lot more bay space, so when it was dripping in there it really didn't matter. Hopefully tomorrow it will clear up for us. I don't have anything else to report, I'll be happy to answer any questions.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

(SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN ABSENT)

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

BASIL JARRETT ~ CORTLAND LIONS CLUB

BASIL JARRETT – 150 Cedar Circle. I am here to ask for your approval for dates of the Cortland Street Fair. It will be June 18th, 19th and 20th. The theme this year is "Saluting Our Veterans". The last two years we shut off parts of South Bank St., we'd like to continue to do that if we can. Other than that, it should be about the same.

MAYOR MOLL - Just so you know, and we are trying to work around it, but we will have construction on Park, Erie, and Lattin St. waterlines. We are going to start that as soon as the weather breaks. It should be all closed up by the street fair but I doubt the grass will be growing very tall. There potentially could be some muddy spots. Hopefully, there won't be a problem with where the rides are on Erie. We'll try to make sure you are aware of what we are doing.

BASIL JARRETT – Okay. We have a meeting next week. I'll let them know.

MAYOR MOLL - Just a warning. We are going to try to get it all buttoned up before the street fair. There may be some need for straw in case we have rain and mud. So, be prepared to deal with that. We'll help you where we can.

BASIL JARRETT – All right. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - Thank you for coming in tonight, Basil.

DAVE CADWALLADER ~ 231 FOX RUN

DAVE CADWALLADER – I have two things to bring up tonight. The first one is a good one. I want to commend the city workers for the snow removal this year. I know a lot of people aren't happy about it but when you travel to other cities you'll see what a good job you do here. I've had the chance to be in Cleveland, Youngstown and Ashtabula and they don't touch their streets. So in comparing these other cities to what we have here, our people have done a great job.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - Thank you.

DAVE CADWALLADER – I know they work long hours so I want to commend them on that.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - We've had a few really bad water main break this year too in the sub-zero temperatures.

DAVE CADWALLADER – Well I've heard a few neighbors complain the city doesn't get the street done well enough and I disagree. I thought they have been doing a pretty good job under the conditions.

MAYOR MOLL - Well, it's been a tough winter and a tough situation for all cities this year. Thank you.

DAVE CADWALLADER – Second thing, the traffic light at Fowler and High St. is not working properly again. I've been in here talking about it before. Last night, my wife and I were headed out to go eat and it was around 7:00 and we came down Fowler St. to High St. We watched while the light turned red to the northbound traffic on High and the light right after that the green arrow came on for the left turn from High onto Fowler. Then, it went to red and then it went to green to northbound. It never went green to Fowler. It did that for two cycles. There was no traffic making a left turn onto Fowler. Then we sat there, and sat there and sat there waiting for it to turn green or do anything while it was green north and south and never turned green to Fowler. Finally, I pulled over to the next lane to go north and turn around and then it finally turned green. Now, this is the same thing that was going on when they were working on the bridge. The problem is people sit there for so long with it being red and wait and wait and wait. Then they get tired of waiting and end up going through the red light. That's dangerous.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - You're saying this happens when you are sitting on Fowler St. facing High St.?

DAVE CADWALLADER – Yes. It's not doing it all the time. It is intermittent. Just like it was before.

MAYOR MOLL - We've been watching it.

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS – I've seen it also when I'm out in the cruiser. It has happened. There's no rhythm or reason. I know the Service Director was looking at it too. Each time we go and try to find the problem, it's not there. I don't know if once the weather breaks to bring in Main St Electric and look at some of the circuitry. There is an issue there. The problem is it doesn't do it all the time.

COUNCILMAN TACKETT – Is there a trigger in the pavement?

MAYOR MOLL - Yes. There is a trigger in pavement, I believe.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - On Fowler St there's a trigger?

MAYOR MOLL – Yes, in both directions.

COUNCILMAN TACKETT – You said when you got in the turning lane it was fine then. The light changed.

DAVE CADWALLADER – I was in the turning lane to turn left.

COUNCILMAN TACKETT – I see.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - To go south on High St.

DAVE CADWALLADER – Then when I decided I sat there long enough, I decided to turn north on High St. So, I pulled over into the other lane to turn north then the light turned green for the guy behind me. It just worries me because I have seen so many people go through the red light several months ago. Sooner or later there is going to be a problem there.

MAYOR MOLL – We appreciate you reporting that. We don't know what's going on but we do know there is a problem. It's either in the loops not registering or it could be in the electronic device.

DAVE CADWALLADER – It seemed a little strange. I know they have the sensors for High St when they want to turn left onto Fowler.

MAYOR MOLL – Right.

DAVE CADWALLADER – Well, when nobody is there and you can watch the green arrow come on, something is not right.

MAYOR MOLL – That would indicate that it's something else. We will definitely work on it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - Thank you for bringing it to our attention. We appreciate it.

On a side note for our students here tonight, our meetings historically are not very long. Please advise your friends they need to be here before 7:00 or they may miss the majority of the meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilman Edwards.

ROLL CALL - Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye; Edwards, aye; Linville, absent; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL