

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Administration Building, 400 N High St, Cortland, Ohio with Council President Jim Woofter presiding. Members of Council present were James Edwards, Dennis Linville, Deidre Petrosky, Kevin Piros, Scott Rowley and Terry Tackett. Also present at the meeting were Police Chief Andrews, Finance Director Moyer, Fire Chief Rea, Service Director Wittman and Clerk of Council Horn; absent were Mayor Moll and Law Director Wilson.

A motion to approve Council Minutes from the September 8, 2015 Council Meeting was made by Councilwoman Petrosky and seconded by Councilman Piros. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, abstain; Woofter, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

A motion to approve Schedule of Bills to be paid totaling \$32,888.81 was made by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Piros. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE O-23-15 - An Ordinance changing the zoning classification for a portion of Parcel No. 30-000063 located on St Rt 5 to Industrial, I-1 was read and moved for third and final reading by Councilwoman Petrosky and seconded by Councilman Edwards. **ROLL CALL O-23-15** - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

ORDINANCE O-24-15 – An Ordinance authorizing the purchase and installation of a metal roof from Dan Detweiler for the city service lab garages was read and moved for third and final reading by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Tackett.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFTER – This will be starting pretty soon, Don?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - I would have to talk to the contractor and see when he has it scheduled.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFTER – They are planning on having it done before winter?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - That would be the goal.

ROLL CALL O-24-15 - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION R-44-15 – A Resolution recognizing Fire Chief David Rea, Captain Todd Price, and Medics Todd Metzendorf, John Sweeney, and Andy Mooney of the Cortland City Fire Department was read and moved by Councilwoman Petrosky and seconded by Councilman Tackett.

(COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFTER READS RESOLUTION R-44-15 ALOUD AND PRESENTS TO FIRE CHIEF REA, CAPTAIN TODD PRICE, AND MEDICS TODD METZENDORF, JOHN SWEENEY AND ANDY MOONEY)

RESOLUTION R-44-15

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FIRE CHIEF DAVID REA, CAPTAIN TODD PRICE, AND MEDICS TODD METZENDORF, JOHN SWEENEY AND ANDY MOONEY OF THE CORTLAND CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Fire Chief David Rea, Captain Todd Price, and Medics Todd Metzendorf, John Sweeney and Andy Mooney of the Cortland City Fire Department are being recognized for their heroic efforts; and,

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2014, Phyllis Wajda was involved in a head-on car crash with another vehicle and the Cortland Fire Department was called as backup; and,

WHEREAS, the Cortland's team of firefighters and paramedics helped save the life of Ms. Wajda by using the Jaws of Life to extricate her, manually immobilizing her spine and transporting her to St. Elizabeth Hospital in a timely manner; and,

WHEREAS, because of the prompt expertise of the Cortland City Fire Department team and St Elizabeth Hospital staff, Ms. Wajda miraculously survived and has fully recovered; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Cortland is extremely appreciative and recognizes those that put themselves in danger on a daily basis to help save the lives of others.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, OHIO:

Section 1. The Council of the City of Cortland, Ohio does hereby recognize the Fire Chief David Rea, Captain Todd Price, and Medics Todd Metzendorf, John Sweeney and Andy Mooney of the Cortland City Fire Department for their heroics.

Section 2. The Council of the City of Cortland, Ohio does hereby extend heartfelt appreciation and sincere thanks to this Cortland City Fire Department team for their valuable service and dedication to the citizens in our community.

ROLL CALL R-44-15 - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye. RESOLUTION PASSED

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFTER - I would like to add one more thing. This was brought to my attention by our former Fire Chief Dick Stahl. He felt that our firemen should be recognized for this and that is what got the ball rolling. So, thank you Dick.

DICK STAHL - Thank you.

RESOLUTION R-45-15 – A Resolution accepting the donation of certain improvements on municipally owned property at Pearl Park was read and moved by Councilwoman Petrosky and seconded by Councilman Rowley.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - Since the Mayor is not here, Don, would you speak to that please?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - As you are all aware, there have been private fundraising efforts to construct a splash pad at Pearl Park. The city is accepting the improvements on behalf of the Cortland Community Foundation. In order to proceed with the project, the contractor is looking at starting construction in the fall. We felt it necessary to formally recognize, adopt and accept those improvements to protect all parties involved. There will be a check cut for \$35,000 upon completion of Phase 1 of the splash pad. It will include all the underground piping and concrete work. If all goes well, and the Splash Pad Committee raises the balance of the funds, they will be able to finish it with the fixtures and surfacing in the springtime at no cost to the city.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - Hear that Kevin?

COUNCILMAN PIROS - I'm on board.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - That's the goal, but at this point this whole Phase 1 to proceed is so we can get a step closer to having a wonderful facility for the residents here in Cortland.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – By doing it this way, right now we are promoting a conceptual image of the splash pad. By doing Phase 1, like Don said, with getting the base and all the underground plumbing done, it will actually give folks a visual of what this is going to be, the size and how it will fit in with our park. I think that it will hopefully energize people going forward and we will see an influx of donations both from individuals and corporate. They say a picture is worth a thousand words, but something in the ground is worth ten times that.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER – Are you going to do some sort of a thermometer?

COUNCILMAN PIROS - We had talked about that. Terri and I talked about doing some kind of a banner or thermometer. But right now we are over 50%. It's an exciting time to get something actually in the ground.

COUNCILWOMAN PETROSKY – Kevin, by doing this this fall, and after you raise all the funds which you have done such an excellent job spearheading, are we anticipating starting this up next summer?

COUNCILMAN PIROS – The goal is to have this functional if not before Memorial Day, by Memorial Day. This gets us that much closer. Don and the Mayor met with the vendor and I think this was a good agreement. Rather than waiting for everything and jamming it all in March or April, this gives us the ability to do something now when the weather isn't as nasty like it is in the spring with wetness possibly. It's going to be a great thing. I can't wait to see it in the ground. It's like a plane, it may not fly yet but you'll see the plane.

ROLL CALL R-45-15 - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye. **RESOLUTION PASSED**

ORDINANCE O-25-15 – An Ordinance changing the zoning classification for 193 West Main St to Central Business, C-1 was read and moved for first reading by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilwoman Petrosky. **ROLL CALL O-25-15** - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED FIRST READING**

MAYOR'S REPORT:
(MAYOR MOLL ABSENT)

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER – I have nothing to report tonight. You received my monthly and I'll entertain any questions you have of me or my department.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:
POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS – Saturday, Sept. 26th from 10 to 2 is the Drug Take Back Program. Anyone who has unused medication can drop those off. We will take them, house them and then give them to the DEA the following week. Other than that, you have my monthly report and I'll answer any questions you have.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFTER – Congratulations on winning the yellow duck prize.

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS –So I heard.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFTER – You won \$500?

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS –That will be donated back. We are deciding whom to donate that to. There were many officers that participated and Marcia as well, our secretary. So, there will be a collective vote on where that will go but it will all be donated back to the community somehow.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFTER – I want to thank the fire dept. also for their involvement in that.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:
FIRE CHIEF REA – I want to thank Dick Stahl for recommending my men for the citation tonight. I know it was very hard for them to come up and receive that. They don't do it for the recognition; they do it because they truly love what they are doing. So, that's why the picture did not come out with all smiles. It was very hard for them to do that. Thank you, Chief Stahl, for initiating that.

On Oct 17th, we will be having an Open House at the fire dept. which the entire community is invited to come out. Our friends at the Disaster Recovery Services will be providing lunch. There will be station tours, kids can climb all over the equipment. If my guys can't break it, the kids won't be able to either. There will be handouts for the kids and adults. It's Fire Safety Month so it's a good time to get everyone out and see what's going on.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - What time is that Chief?

FIRE CHIEF REA – 11 to 2, Oct 17th. I'll bring it up to you again as the date gets closer.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFTER – That's a Saturday I presume?

FIRE CHIEF REA – Yes. Other than that, you have my monthly report. If you have any questions I'll be happy to answer them.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – You received the monthly report via email. There were a lot of activities in the Service Dept. last month as well as the Technical Review Committee. To bring you up to date on some projects: Phase 3 of the Downtown Waterline Improvement has commenced as you can tell by the perpendicular cut across our recently paved West Main St.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - There's going to be one more of those too, right?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – There will be one up at Grove and one up at South Bank.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - We beat the heck out of that new road between water breaks and new water lines.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - It got to the point where you really can't plan everything and you're going to have to have pavement cuts and utility cuts. So, year 2 vs. year 6. At least it's not in year 1 of a newly paved roadway. Speaking of the newly paved roadways, they will be in town milling beginning on Wednesday. That's the latest schedule I have been provided. That includes Cedar, Willow, Russell and over by the school on a portion of Lakeview between Wakefield and Greenbriar and then Wakefield from St Rt 46 up to Lakeview.

COUNCILMAN TACKETT - No sled riding this winter?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - I've been trying to get a meeting with the Trumbull MetroParks who shut the hill down last year. They have not been able to meet due to recent emergencies and budget constraints with a bike path up in Bristol. It looks like they are not going to sign off on it this year either. So, we have been working to get things done but this project has always been as time allows so we minimize costs to the city.

COUNCILMAN TACKETT - I understand.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - We pretty much have the hill completed except maybe for the rocks. Do we have as much dirt as we had hoped?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – No, it's going to be a phased process. At this point, it's a combination of getting more dirt, getting the final grade of the hill completed, seeded, stabilized and tree removal from the runout area. These are all things through meeting with the MetroParks we would have been able to identify a list of tasks to be completed but we haven't been able to do that. Based on proceedings last year in the winter, (Inaudible) being shut down I want something from them in a face to face meeting in writing of what needs to be done, what needs to transpire in order for that sled hill to become operational.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER – That's reasonable.

SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT:

COUNCILMAN PIROS – The Safety Services Committee met earlier this evening. There will be some legislation coming out in the next meeting or two as a result of that meeting.

ROBIN PATTON – FIRST ENERGY

ROBIN PATTON – Hi I'm Robin Patton from First Energy here for my annual visit to see if you have any issues or concerns for me. Just wanted to come out and say hello.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - Is everybody happy with Ohio Edison? Robin, thank you. We appreciate you coming.

Also, I'd like to take a moment and introduce our potential councilperson. Well, we haven't voted yet but we haven't voted for Mayor yet either. With only three people running, Patti is going to be our third person running.

PATTI KELLER – 328 OLD OAK

PATTI KELLER -Who are the other two?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER – Scott Rowley and James Edwards. So, this is Patti Keller. I'm foregoing the podium for you, but what is your address, Patti Keller?

PATTI KELLER - 328 Old Oak

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - That is for our records. Thank you for coming this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - Fall Clean Up will be October 1st and 2nd. Items should be placed with your regular trash that week.

The upcoming Splash Pad Fundraisers -Beef O Brady's on October 1st from 4 to 8 p.m. A portion of all food sales will go toward the Splash Pad. Beef's is helping make the splash pad a reality by offering this the first Thursday of each month from September through December. Kevin, how much did they raise at the last one?

COUNCILMAN PIROS - Over \$330.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - That's nice.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - Yes, it was very good.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - That's great. There will be another three of those. Also, there will be "A Taste of Cortland" at Country Porch Winery on October 15th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Kevin has a poster up here on that. You can see them all around Cortland also. It looks like there will be around 15 different businesses contributing food for this. The wine will be from Country Porch of course. So, I would invite everybody if you are able to stop in and support that. Sounds like a nice event. Again, it's on Oct 15th from 5 to 8 p.m.

Curbside Brush Pickup - October will be the last month for brush chipping this year. The City plans to resume this program in the spring of 2016. It's been a great service for our community. I know I've used it almost every time this year.

Hydrant Flushing -The city will be conducting hydrant flushing in October. Please check the city website for a schedule as it becomes available. We do not make personal calls to neighborhoods when this happens so it would be up to everybody to go to check the website and follow that schedule. I say that because someone commented to me about it.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – Jim, I’d like to follow up on the *Taste of Cortland* event. Tickets are available both at Country Porch Winery and here at City Hall during normal business hours.

FIRE CHIEF REA – I forgot one thing. My guys will be out collecting for “Fill The Boot” for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) this Friday during the football game. 100% of the proceeds go to the MDA.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFTER - Good deal. It’s a nice program. Thank you.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Tackett and seconded by Councilman Edwards. ROLL CALL - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye. MOTION PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL