

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Monday, October 5, 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 Mayor Moll, Law Director Wilson, Police Chief Andrews, Finance Director Moyer, Fire Chief Rea, Service Director Wittman and Clerk of Council Horn.

A motion to approve Council Minutes from the September 21, 2015 Council Meeting was made by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilman Tackett. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

A motion to approve Schedule of Bills to be paid totaling \$87,128.46 was made by Councilwoman Petrosky and seconded by Councilman Rowley. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

OLD BUSINESS:

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 second reading by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Edwards. **ROLL CALL O-25-15** - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND READING**

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE O-26-15 – An Ordinance approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the codified ordinances of Cortland, Ohio and to amend or enact sections of the Traffic and General Offenses Codes to conform to enactments of the General Assembly was read and moved by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Piros. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilwoman Petrosky and seconded by Councilman Rowley.

COUNCILMAN TACKETT - So, we are conforming with the state?

MAYOR MOLL – That’s basically what we are doing. We really didn’t add much to it this year.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFTER - We do this every year.

MAYOR MOLL – Just some editing.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - Just some housekeeping.

ROLL CALL ON SUSPENSION OF RULES - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye. **ROLL CALL O-26-15** - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye. **ORDINANCE O-26-15 PASSED EMERGENCY**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

MAYOR MOLL – I would like to congratulate Beef 'O' Brady's for winning the Business Community Pride Award. They've done an outstanding job of fixing that building up; it was vacant for a long time. It's a good thing to see that there. We got our sign down there and we did a proclamation and an award for them. They were selected by the Cortland Beautification Association. They allow me to be involved in the presentation.

I'm assuming that Kevin will talk about the splash pad fundraiser, but I want to remind everybody and encourage you to attend "A Taste of Cortland" at the Country Porch Winery NOT at the Optimist Club as was stated in the Tribune this morning.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - That's been corrected.

MAYOR MOLL – It is October 15th at the Country Porch Winery from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER – I don't have anything this evening unless there are questions.

COUNCILWOMAN PETROSKY - Nice job on the audit.

MAYOR MOLL – Everybody got the audit. We had a pretty good one again.

FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER – Yes, we had another good one.

MAYOR MOLL – It was our 50th in a row or something like that.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFTER - We owe a lot of thanks to Fran for that.

COUNCILMAN TACKETT - The office runs well.

LAW DIRECTOR WILSON - They ask for a lot more than they used to and they are getting pickier.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFTER - We'll see how much more we appreciate her another year or so when she retires. I know I will.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - Keep that plural...years.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS – We had our Drug Take Back Program last month. It was very successful. There were about 40 people that came through the door. As of Monday when we turned everything over to the DEA agent, we had almost 200 lbs. of drugs. We collect ongoing and store them in the evidence room and wait for them to take and dispose of them. So, we had quite a bit. We will continue to take them as we always have.

On Halloween, we will have extra patrols out. It is Saturday night the 31st of Oct. Other than that, I'll answer any questions you may have.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFTER - How's the garage coming?

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS – All is good. Water has to be put back in from when they cut it through the walls differently. Also, there's a garage door fix and we'll be good.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

FIRE CHIEF REA – Our MDA Boot Drive that we had last Friday was very successful. We raised \$4,000. The initial estimate was for \$2,000 from the MDA themselves. I am very proud of the guys that went out and got that done. 100% of that goes to the MDA.

Our Open House is Oct 17th from 11 to 2 at the fire station. There will be food. We might not be able to feed everyone but we are going to try. We got some donations from local business to help with that. People can look at our equipment, do some station tours, and have some demonstrations. It should be a good day. Other than that, I don't have too much else to report. I'd be happy to answer any of your questions.

MAYOR MOLL – I would like to thank you guys for helping out down at Lake Vista for the duck race. It was another successful event.

FIRE CHIEF REA – Not a problem.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – As the Mayor alluded to, we will have Curbside Brush Pick Up for the final time this year. The north side will be the week of Oct 12 and the south side will be the week of Oct 19th.

Hydrant flushing is scheduled to be completed this month. I don't know exactly when that is going to occur. It will be more or less as time allows. We will try to get the information out via the website.

If you have driven by Pearl Park, you'll notice there is a kidney shaped cement pad. Phase I of the splash pad has been completed. The contractor finished up on Friday. So, at this point we are going to do some clean up as far as providing drainage and doing some backfill and seeding before the snow flies so that it has a chance to get stabilized before spring. Hopefully all goes well and we will raise enough funds to proceed with Phase 2 and we will be open for business Memorial Day or sometime thereafter.

MAYOR MOLL – What we have there now costs about \$35,000. We need the other \$35,000 to be able to put stuff on top of it. By no means are we done with the fundraising.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – As far as other city projects, the Asphalt Resurfacing has been completed. We were out sealing the curbs today and I think the last to do item is the center line striping of Willow, Russell and Wakefield. Although they did a good job, the asphalt... (Inaudible).

The perils of downtown waterline construction continue on Grove, Bank and Erie St. I have not been called down there too often. That tells me things have been running smoothly and as planned. I still anticipate that will be completed sometime in the next few weeks. Then the restoration of the sidewalks will come after that.

The pedestrian improvements on North High St. You can tell that the project area has been assigned as the orange barrels guided your way here to city hall. It will start soon. It will take two weeks to complete. Traffic will be maintained during that project however there will be lane restrictions. So, should find an alternative route.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - When do you anticipate that being completed?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Two weeks after they start.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - And you think they will start when? This week?

MAYOR MOLL - They are going to start with the sidewalks in the Grove St area.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - Oh, they are going to do those first?

MAYOR MOLL - I don't know if they are going to do those first but I'm pretty sure when they bring their crew into town they will do them all at the same time. They aren't going to start these until they are sure... (Inaudible)... They won't want to pull them out again.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - Too bad they can't start here first and then go down there.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - (Inaudible)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - To start here and then work their way down there?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - North High St project first.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - Good. That way it won't drag too long into the months.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - If you would like a more specific update I can contact the contractor and see what his plans are.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - Yes, I would like that information. Thanks.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - At your places this evening, I had a lot of inquiries as to whether the city was going to get into the rock salt settlement. We received our check today. The article was in the paper last Friday. The city received a little over \$3,200.00 which was a lot more than I anticipated.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - What fund did that go back into?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - I don't know.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - The General Fund?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - I don't know.

FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER - Well, if it was for salt it would go back into the street fund.

COUNCILMAN TACKETT - Don, what is that figure represent as far as per town?

MAYOR MOLL - Not much.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - More than we had before.

MAYOR MOLL - We use about 600 tons per year.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - This money that they got back was divided up between every entity in the State of Ohio. So, we are lucky we got as much as we did.

MAYOR MOLL - I don't think they started gauging until the year after that. I don't know if there is another suit going on but there should be.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Other than that I have no other updates unless council has questions of me.

SPLASH PAD COMMITTEE REPORT:

COUNCILMAN PIROS – The Splash Pad Committee met earlier this evening. At the Beef O Brady's fundraiser on Oct 1st, we made \$250. The next one is Nov 5th from 4 to 8 at Beefs O Brady's.

As the Mayor and Don alluded, A Taste of Cortland is next Thursday, Oct 15th from 5 to 8 at Country Porch Winery. I welcome each and every one of you to attend that. 100% of the proceeds go back to the splash pad. As the Mayor said, what we have in the ground was \$35,000; we need another \$35,000 to finish it. That's the safety surface and all the above ground devices you see. There are 28 nozzles embedded into that concrete. That doesn't include the 6 umbrellas, fire hydrants and things like that. What's in the ground is pretty impressive. If you take a drive by you'll see. Everyone who does says Wow! I didn't realize how big that was going to be. I'm pretty excited about it. So, don't forget. A Taste of Cortland is next Thursday, Oct 15th from 5 to 8 at Country Porch Winery. Tickets are available here at city hall, at Country Porch Winery or at the door.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - Kevin, can you announce how much the ticket prices are?

COUNCILMAN PIROS – Tickets are \$30 per person. That gets you food offerings from 17 different restaurants in Cortland, anything from appetizers to desserts. It also includes five wine samples. Additional wine can be purchased with cash at the winery.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - What about student prices?

COUNCILMAN PIROS – I was approach about having students come. Obviously, since they can't drink those prices will be \$10 to cover the cost of food and a donation.

MAYOR MOLL – We won't have any food left over at that rate.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – Well, hopefully it's going to all work out good. So, get your tickets today for those of you who can come and for those of you who can't, you can always buy a ticket and donate it. If anyone has any questions about the splash pad or fundraising, I'd be happy to answer them.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - Kevin, can you bring up what Patti is doing. We can start announcing that now.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – During the Gingerbread Walk, there will be carriage rides. They will be accepting donations towards the splash pad. 100% goes towards that. There will be a couple more fundraisers. As we work out more details those will be announced at council later.

MAYOR MOLL – You could send the firemen down there with their boots. We'll be done in no time. (Laughter) One of the girls put together a little flyer or brochure they gave out at a school PTA meeting or school function. The theme was if everybody in Cortland gave \$10, we'd have enough. We've been getting a lot of checks for \$10. I don't know how many but quite a few.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – If each household in the city limits donated \$10 that would fund the rest of the splash pad. That's not even per person, that's per household. So, that puts it into perspective.

MAYOR MOLL – I think the message there is if everyone in the Lakeview School District gave \$10, it would build the whole thing because I think there are about 6,000 homes.

PATTI KELLER - 328 OLD OAK

PATTI KELLER- (Inaudible) We raised money for the Lakeview High School track back in the day by families bringing in pennies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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