

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

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

A motion to approve Council Minutes from the December 7, 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, aye; Woofter, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

A motion to approve Schedule of Bills to be paid totaling \$128,094.37 was made by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilwoman Petrosky.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFTER – There has been a change to this number and I would like Fran to explain what the difference is.

FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER – One of the items on there was listed for the original amount and it was found that part of it had been paid already. So, it was adjusted accordingly. That’s why there was a difference in the amount.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE O-29-15 – An Ordinance changing the zoning classification for 136 S Bank St from Service, S-1 to Central Business, C-1 was read and moved for third and final reading by Councilman Linville seconded by Councilwoman Petrosky. **ROLL CALL O-29-15** - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

ORDINANCE O-30-15 - An Ordinance repealing Ordinance O-40-09 and creating the position of Administrative Assistant in the Cortland City Police Department and establishing its terms of employment was read and moved for third and final reading by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Piros. **ROLL CALL O-30-15** - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

ORDINANCE O-31-15 - An Ordinance amending Ordinance O-03-12 establishing the terms of employment for the Part-Time Police Officers of the City of Cortland was read and moved for third and final reading by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Edwards. **ROLL CALL O-31-15** - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

ORDINANCE O-32-15 - An Ordinance authorizing an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program for the 2016 City Resurfacing Program and to execute contracts as required was read and moved for third and final reading by Councilman Linville and seconded by Councilman Edwards. **ROLL CALL O-32-15** - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

ORDINANCE O-33-15 - An Ordinance levying a municipal motor vehicle license tax pursuant to Section 4504.171 of the Ohio Revised Code was read and moved for third and final reading by Councilwoman Petrosky and seconded by Councilman Rowley.

UNKNOWN MAN FROM AUDIENCE - I don't see an amount.

MAYOR MOLL - \$5.00 more.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFTER - It's an additional \$5.00. For the record, anytime anyone speaks at council they need to step up to the podium, state their name and address.

UNKNOWN MAN FROM AUDIENCE - It's not like the old days.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFTER - No. Thank you though. We appreciate that. For the record, this license plate tax will not go into effect until 2017. So, it's an additional \$5.00 license plate tax.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - If anyone would like to know why it's needed, it's to maintain our roads. Drive down McCleary Jacoby...

MAYOR MOLL - It's not one of ours.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - Right, it's not one of ours. But it shows you the condition of our roads and we need to keep it that way.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFTER - 100% of this tax goes to road and improvements in the road department.

ROLL CALL O-33-15 - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, nay; Woofter, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

ORDINANCE O-35-15 - An Ordinance authorizing an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program and to execute contracts as required for the South Mecca Waterline Replacement Project was read and moved for third and final reading by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Piros. **ROLL CALL O-35-15** - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

NEW BUSINESS:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFTER - It gives me great pleasure at this point in our agenda under new business to read this resolution.

RESOLUTION R-50-15 – A Resolution honoring Mayor Curt Moll for his 12 years of dedicated service to the City of Cortland was read and moved by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Piros. **ROLL CALL R-50-15** - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye. **RESOLUTION PASSED**

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION R-50-15 TO MAYOR CURT MOLL:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFTER –

RESOLUTION R-50-15 - A Resolution honoring Mayor Curt Moll for his 12 years of dedicated service to the City of Cortland

WHEREAS, Mayor Curt Moll is being recognized for his service of 12 years to the City of Cortland spanning the time period of January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Curt Moll is one of the longest serving Mayors in the City of Cortland, joining Lewis Hutton (1911-1914 and 1918-1925) who also served in office for 12 years; and,

WHEREAS, under his leadership and guidance, Cortland City expanded many of its services to our community while advancing the technology of the City's website and creating a first of its kind mobile app to meet the technological needs of the City; and,

WHEREAS, throughout his years of service, Mayor Curt Moll has upheld the highest ideals of public service, represented the City with the utmost ethical standards while always promoting the virtues of the City of Cortland, and is to be commended for his dedication, loyalty, and leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE:

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

Section 1. That the Council of the City of Cortland does on its own behalf, and on behalf of the residents of the City of Cortland hereby recognize and honor Mayor Curt Moll for his loyalty and dedicated service to the community for 12 years.

Section 2. The Council of the City of Cortland, Ohio does hereby extend heartfelt appreciation and sincere thanks to Mayor Curt Moll for his distinguished and outstanding service to the citizens in our City.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in effect and in full force as early as allowed by law.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFTER – It give me extreme pleasure in presenting this to you Curt.

MAYOR MOLL - Thank you.

ORDINANCE O-37-15 – An Ordinance changing the zoning classification for 113 and 123 Walnut St from Residential Multi-family, R-M to Highway Commercial, C-2 was read and moved for first reading by Councilman Linville and seconded by Councilwoman Petrosky. **ROLL CALL O-37-15** - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED FIRST READING**

ORDINANCE O-38-15 – An Ordinance amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinance O-36-15 for the City of Cortland, County of Trumbull, State of Ohio, for fiscal year ending on the 31st day of December 2015 was read and moved for by Councilwoman Piros and seconded by Councilman Rowley. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilwoman Petrosky and seconded by Councilman Linville. **ROLL CALL ON SUSPENSION OF RULES** - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye. **ROLL CALL O-38-15** - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye; Tackett, aye; Woofter, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED EMERGENCY**

MAYOR’S REPORT:

MAYOR MOLL - I’d like to start off by welcoming the students here and all the prospective councilmembers as well. I see there are a number of them in the audience. It’s always good to have people here at council meetings. You are always welcome to come back. Students if you go to our website you’ll find a lot of information about what’s on our agenda tonight and the information we presented here this evening. That can be a help in spelling people’s names right and thing like that. That’s about all I have to officially report.

I am very pleased with the resolution and certainly the plaque I received this evening. There is no way I could have done this without the strength of my staff over the years. They’ve allowed me to do this job in the minimum amount of time to get the maximum benefit. So, that has been a wonderful help to me. Council has been another great help. They’ve been focused what’s been right for the community. They’ve had disagreements and we’ve worked those out over time, but we haven’t had any fights which is positive unlike some other places I could name. They’ve always focused on what’s right for the community. I’ve enjoyed working with all of you. I will certainly be around. I only live down the street a few blocks now. I can walk up here for meetings if I need to. It’s been a joy.

FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER – The CHIP grant, we have been receiving requests for payout on those. That money has been utilized and I just wanted to report that I received the final request this week. That grant fund itself will zero out on this year’s books.

Also, there will be one more appropriation ordinance for that Special Meeting on the 28th. We will have money that will need to be certified for the sidewalk project. So, there will be one more amendment to those appropriations before the end of the year.

Last but not certainly not least, I have had the privilege of serving the 12 years here with the Mayor Moll. I would like to state for the record it has been an honor and a privilege.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT:

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS – First of all, on behalf of the part-time officers and the administrative assistant, thank you for the raises. Especially the part-time raise will definitely make us more marketable in the year coming. I look forward to that.

We talked about the Walmart Foundation grant we received last month. Some of you may have seen in the paper, we took care of that last Wednesday. We provided coats, jackets and hats to the Cortland Area Cares foodbank. That was in conjunction with Cortland and Bazetta. I'd like to thank Chief Hovis for bringing us up to speed on that. He did a lot of the background work with Walmart.

Lastly, on the last page on the dept. monthly report you received, there is a picture of the new cruiser designs we are going with. Those are all ordered up and you'll see those hopefully within the next couple months. We'll get those on all the cruisers when the new one comes in. That's what prompted this. It's not too drastic. I think it's a nice little change for the community.

Mayor, I'd like to say thank you very much. It's been a pleasure working with you for my short period of time that I have been in this seat. You have been a leadership role model for me and I'm going to miss you a lot. If you ever need anything, you know who to call.

MAYOR MOLL - That's good to know.

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS – Other than that, I'll answer any questions you may have of myself or the department.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:
(FIRE CHIEF REA ABSENT)

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Building off my last report, it was Dec 7th and we hadn't used any salt. It is now Dec 21st and we still haven't used any salt.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER - That's a significant savings for those interested.

MAYOR MOLL - So far.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Hopefully come 2016 with the new leader fielding new phone calls and complaints it will be a great way to start. You have my monthly report. I don't have anything else to add at this time. Thank you for passing the OPWC applications. I will be hand delivering those tomorrow. Tomorrow is the deadline for the signed legislation. That is projects for next year and the year after. Things we will be working towards.

I would like to echo what Tom stated as far as the Mayor being a very positive leader. Someone you could follow. It was very easy to work for him. No matter whether it was ups or downs, we were there together. I can honestly say you were the best mayor I have ever worked for.

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MAYOR MOLL - City Offices will be closed Friday, December 25th and Friday, January 1st for the holiday. During the weeks of Christmas and New Year's, customers who normally have Friday collection will have their garbage picked up on Saturday. Thursday collection will take place as regularly scheduled.

Suspension of Christmas Tree Recycling Program - The Gauga-Trumbull Solid Waste District Policy Committee has voted to suspend the Christmas tree recycling grant program in 2016. Therefore, the city will not be picking up trees this year. Republic Services does pick up Christmas trees, but they do have a size restriction of 5 feet. I think you can make a 10 foot tree into two. Any specific questions on what they can pick up should be directed to Republic at 1-800-437-1123. Another option would be to save your tree until the city's brush chipping program recommences in April.

Vacant Council Seat - On Jan 4, 2016, the council seat of Jim Woofter will become vacant when he is sworn in as mayor. The person appointed will hold office for his unexpired term which ends on Dec 31, 2017. Anyone interested can submit their resume to the city by Dec 28th. They will be invited to speak at the Jan 4th Council Meeting where a new council person will be appointed that evening. We currently have 9 submissions.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFTER – Actually, we have 10 now. We just got another one a little bit ago.

MAYOR MOLL - Good luck to everybody. I'm sure we will get somebody good out of that crowd. I'm very pleased to see that much interest in the council seat having had at least two of the elections totally unopposed. That's really good. The city certainly deserves that kind of attention.

NO QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL FROM THE AUDIENCE

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFTER - Some reminders of upcoming Council Meetings – There is a Dec 28th Special Meeting at 5:00 p.m. We need at least 5 councilmembers in attendance to pass any emergency legislation we have to close out the year. Are we good? Anyone not able to come?

Also, the Jan 4th Re-organization Meeting is at 6:45 and the Regular Council Meeting is at 7:00 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCILMAN TERRY TACKETT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFTER - We would like to recognize and thank Councilman Terry Tackett. He has decided not to run for re-election for council again. Terry served 12 years on City Council (Jan 2004 – Dec 2015) and over 11 years on the Planning, Zoning and Building Commission (Sept 1992 – Dec 2003). I got to serve with Terry and Planning and Zoning as well. Terry has given over 23 years of service to the Cortland Community! So council appreciates your service and the community appreciates your service. Congratulations.

RECOGNITION OF MAYOR CURT MOLL:

COUNCILWOMAN PETROSKY – As some of you may already know, I was not a big fan of the Mayor when he started. Sure, he managed more people and more money than he ever would have to here at the city, but he did not have the proper education or experience to head the city; or so I thought. But as I watched and worked with the Mayor it became more and more evident to me that he does have what it takes. He has served as a great

ambassador for the city on a number of area organizations and committees. And even more importantly to me, he is concerned with fiscal responsibility and the state of the city's infrastructure. Mayor, you've earned my respect and my gratitude. I apologize for giving you such a hard time in the beginning. I thank you for your 12 years of service to the city and its residents. I wish you well on your future endeavors but note you will be missed here.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER – Again, in appreciation for the Mayor's 12 years here, I would like to say I have been on council for 10 years and Curt, you are the reason I ran for council in the first place. I respected you, your background with Delphi Packard, and what I thought you would do for the city was a great thing and you achieved those things for sure. It's been an honor for me to serve along with you to the city and I thank you for that. So, again, we are honoring Mayor Moll for 12 years of dedicated service as Mayor (Jan 2004 – Dec 2015). Curt is one of the longest serving mayors in the City of Cortland, joining Lewis Hutton (1911 – 1914 and 1918 – 1925) who also served in office for 12 years. We have a gift for you from Council and several people from the city.

MAYOR MOLL IS PRESENTED WITH A WOODEN PARK BENCH THAT READS:

**DEDICATED TO MAYOR CURT MOLL
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY 2004 – 2015**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER – We are hoping to have this in Pearl Park. It's close to home. Again, we thank you.

MAYOR MOLL – I don't know what to say. Thank you very, very much. This is really special. I thought the parks were important. We worked a lot on parks, and sidewalks and how to improve getting around the city. I think we've done a lot toward that. This is another place to sit down. I hope this eventually will be a resting point for a walking path around Pearl Park. I think that would be a really good addition to this park. This would be okay for that. Thank you very much.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – I would like to give a year end update on the Splash Pad. We are right at 35% of Phase II funding. So, I think we are in really good position for 2016. Just a reminder, if anyone is looking for last minute charitable deductions on their 2015 income taxes, the Cortland Community Foundations is a 501C3 and is tax deductible. We would welcome any contributions.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOOFER – Thank you, Kevin. We do have a cake for Curt and Terry. If anyone would like to stay, you are all invited to stay afterwards for cake and coffee. Please stay and join in the festivities.

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Piros 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 7:34 p.m.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL