

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Administration Building, 400 N High St, Cortland, Ohio with Council President Dennis Linville presiding. Members of Council present were James Edwards, Patti Keller, Deidre Petrosky, Kevin Piros, and Scott Rowley. Also present at the meeting were Mayor Woofter, Law Director Wilson, Finance Director Moyer, Fire Chief Rea, Service Director Wittman and Clerk of Council Horn.; absent was Police Chief Andrews.

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

A motion to approve Council Minutes from the December 28, 2015 Special Council Meeting was made by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Edwards. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Keller; abstain; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

NO SCHEDULE OF BILLS

OLD BUSINESS:

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 second reading by Councilman Piros seconded by Councilman Rowley. **ROLL CALL O-37-15** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED**
SECOND READING

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION R-01-16 – A Resolution authorizing the adoption of same rules and regulations as in the past based upon Robert’s Rules of Order was read and moved by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilwoman Petrosky. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

RESOLUTION R-02-16 – A Resolution authorizing the Clerk of Council of the City of Cortland, Ohio to advertise for sealed bids for regular and premium grade of gasoline and oil for both bulk and pump rates for use in the city vehicles of the City of Cortland, Ohio was read and moved by Councilwoman Petrosky and seconded by Councilman Rowley. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

RESOLUTION R-03-16 – A Resolution appointing Frances E. Moyer Clerk of Council Pro-Tempore in the absence of the Clerk of Council in 2016 was read and moved by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Edwards. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

ORDINANCE O-01-16 – An Ordinance providing for the Council of the City of Cortland, Ohio to appropriate funds for the operation of the various funds of the City of Cortland, Ohio and its political subdivisions was read and moved for by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilwoman Petrosky. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilwoman Petrosky. **ROLL CALL ON SUSPENSION OF RULES** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ROLL CALL O-01-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED EMERGENCY**

ORDINANCE O-02-16 – An Ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to advance \$100,000 from the Sewer Fund to the General Levy Fund was read and moved for by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilwoman Keller. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Piros. **ROLL CALL ON SUSPENSION OF RULES** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ROLL CALL O-02-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED EMERGENCY**

ORDINANCE O-03-16 – An Ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to advance \$100,000 from the Water Fund to the Fire Levy Fund was read and moved for by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Edwards. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Edwards. **ROLL CALL ON SUSPENSION OF RULES** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ROLL CALL O-03-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED EMERGENCY**

MAYOR WOOFER – Part of my duties are to appoint or re-appoint people to boards and commissions. Some of these are re-appointments and we do have one new appointment. I'm asking for the approval of these people to these particular boards. This will commence on Monday, Jan 4th, which is today with your approval.

APPROVE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Joe Goske	Parks & Recreation Board	Term expiring 12-31-17
Katie Watson	Parks & Recreation Board	Term expiring 12-31-20
Sally Lane	Planning, Zoning, & Building	Term expiring 12-31-20
Donna Lyden	Civil Service Commission	Term expiring 12-31-21
George Gessner	Board of Zoning Appeals	Term expiring 12-31-20

MAYOR WOOFTER – All are re-appointments with the exception of Joe Goske who has been selected to fill the remaining vacant position on the Parks Board expiring in 2017. Mr. Goske information is attached for council's review. Thank you in advance.

A motion to approve the Mayor's appointments and re-appointments to various boards and commissions was made by Councilwoman Petrosky and seconded by Councilman Piros. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

MAYOR WOOFTER - I'd like to thank everyone for coming this evening. It gives me great pleasure to become Mayor of the City of Cortland. I appreciate everyone's attendance here for council. I would really appreciate if we had more people come to council. There is a lot to learn by sitting here and listening to how we run our city. We do record the council meetings and they are accessible by the next morning if you go to our website which is cityofcortland.org. You click on a link that will take you to our current council meeting. That is viewed through YouTube. I appreciate all the interested people in the city that are here tonight to express their desire to run for the vacant council seat. We will hear more from you all later.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER – The only thing I have this evening is a heads up. This evening we passed temporary appropriations and then we passed two advances to put money into two different funds. I will be coming back, if not the next meeting, the first meeting in February with additional temporary appropriations because I can't appropriate money until it has been put into the funds. So, we may do two this year. We will get the \$100,000 transferred and then we will have another appropriation ordinance.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

(POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS ABSENT)

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

FIRE CHIEF REA – I don't have anything to report tonight. I'd like to thank the council members and Mayor Moll that have left. I would also like to congratulate Mayor Woofter on taking his position. I know in his speech he had some concerns of rocky times. I've only been doing the fire chief job for about two years, but I think we have a clear path; and with Mayor Woofter, we will be able to get the city through these times. Congratulations to the new members.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – I have nothing really to report except the Christmas Tree Recycling Program has been disbanded by the Gauga Trumbull Solid Waste District. However, the city has set up a drop off in Willow Park for residents. So, that is still available. If people want to haul

their used Christmas trees to the back parking lot near the T-ball field, we will dispose of those. However, we will not be doing the curbside pickup. Allied Waste or Republic has indicated that they will take those so long as it's no longer than 5 feet.

MAYOR MOLL - If someone had a 10 foot tree and they cut it in half, would they take it?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – It would be best to call Republic Services.

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE – Now we get to the meat of the evening which is introducing and listening to the 14 candidates for the open council seat. What we would like to do at this time is call each one of them to the podium and allow them 2 minutes. We aren't going to time you but hopefully you'll respect everyone's time here tonight and limit your comments to 2 minutes or less. We do have resumes on everybody so we know who you are. We would really like to hear what your plans are for the City of Cortland. So, if you could gauge your remarks towards those comments we would greatly appreciate it. We will call you up in order as we received your applications. We will listen to all 14 people and then council will recess and come back with a choice. I'm not sure how long this is going to take; but I will tell you, when you start hearing these people talk, it's a very good group of candidates. It will be a tough choice.

CANDIDATES FOR VACANT COUNCIL SEAT:

JAMES DRAPCHO – 181 ELIZABETH COURT

JAMES DRAPCHO – Good evening. I have been a resident of Cortland for the last 15 years with myself and my wife. Where I see Cortland and City Council is, right now there is a ton of momentum in Cortland. When I say momentum, you see the refurbishment of High St, the viaduct and the plan for the splash pad. You see accolades in the newspaper that say Cortland is one of the best cities in Ohio to retire. I would like to maintain that momentum. I would like to work with city council to continue to grow and expand Cortland to help us maintain that small hometown feel that welcomes people and makes it feel like a pretty strong community. That is really what I would like to see Cortland go to and continue to evolve into.

DONALD GALBREATH – 346 DEER CREEK TRAIL

DONALD GALBREATH – Good evening ladies and gentlemen. I want to thank you for the opportunity to present myself for the open position for council. I feel that two of my strengths are fiscal responsibility mainly from a 40 year career in banking. I know that some of the things we will be facing in the City of Cortland, as Mayor Woofert mentioned, will be figuring out our finances and how to be able to pay bills and so forth. I feel that is one of my strongest accolades. Also, my honesty. My father was a steel worker and my mom was a stay-at-home mom in the City of Warren. I went to Kent State University and majored in political science, thus my interest in serving on council and serving the

people of the City of Cortland. My other major was mathematics. I served in the United States Army and the Army Reserves. I'm a veteran obviously. My banking career was with Trumbull Savings. For the majority of my time I was Vice President there and also at Home Savings. Two of the most important things are family. That's why we chose to live in the City of Cortland. My wife, my daughter and myself live in the City of Cortland on Deer Creek Trail. We love it here. We love the schools and everything the city offers. On the questionnaire we just filled out, one of the questions is why do people want to live in the City of Cortland? It's the residents. Having 14 people show up tonight for this open position is an indication of the commitment that the residents have for the City of Cortland. I'm also the voice of the Bulldogs with the Lakeview Marching Band. Some of you know that. Some of you don't. It's a volunteer thing even though my daughter has been out of high school for 4 years and I don't have any more kids in school. I still enjoy doing that. I love the young people. I love the band director, Sensabaugh. I end up showing up maybe 1 to 3 hours prior to every performance we have whether it's a band night, away game, home game, or playoff game. Mr. Sensabaugh wants everything done in a timely fashion and that's what I do. I want to be able to do that for the City of Cortland. Thank you.

JODY ROSSI – 343 ORCHARD LN

JODY ROSSI – Hi, my name is Jody Rossi. I am a long time resident of the Cortland area. I'm retired with almost 31 years with Delphi. I have a degree in literature and English. I'm interested in keeping Cortland the same as it is but more advanced. I think we need money for that and I have experience in writing grants. I thank you for your consideration.

WILLIAM SASSE – 110 WOODVIEW DR

WILLIAM SASSE – You all know who I am, so Hi. Since I have 2 minutes, every once in a while on a Thursday, I get an envelope with the agenda of the Planning and Zoning Commission. I go through that envelope and take a look to see if I have to do a drive by, look at my ordinances to see if it meets the ordinances, and call Don to see if he can answer any questions I might have. Then on the following Monday we have a meeting. A lot of times there is nothing on that agenda. What surprises me is the commitment that our Planning and Zoning has had to the Commission. They all show up. We have nothing on the agenda, but the entire board is there. That got me thinking as to why I ever read the agenda for City Council. To be honest with you, I look in the paper to see what happened. I doubt if more than 5% of the people read the agenda. Why?... because they trust council. They trust council to do the right thing for the City of Cortland. That's why I am applying for the job. Just so I can earn the trust of the City of Cortland and make the commitment that I've made over the last 14 years with the Planning and Zoning Commission. Thank you.

ERNEST GREKIS – 304 N HIGH ST

ERNEST GREKIS – Well, my name is Ernie Grekis. I know a lot of you. I've lived in this community for 47 years. I've lived and worked in this community for almost that long. I've seen a lot of the people from way back when as mayors, as councilmen and other characters who were part of the community that gave great contributions. I was a history/political science/philosophy major. I almost got it in Russian but it didn't matter anyway. I've always had an interest and lo and behold even

though government was one of my loves and interests, I never did decide to participate. Although, I was an avid reader and a learner. Anyway, why do I want this position? Well, since I've lived here all this time, and since I've experienced what I have, and since I love the community, and much like other people here stated, this is a great place to live. It became that way a while ago because we did have and do have outstanding schools. We want to maintain and there's always room for improvement. My love of the community. My involvement in all kinds of activities. My close association still with the schools. I just decided, just for the heck of it, I'd like to do this. I do think I have all the qualities and strengths that you got to have. In my profession you had to be a good listener. You had to make decisions and some of them were very difficult but they were fun and I thought they were fair. I think I can contribute a lot in that area. Again, my love for the community. My love for everything about the community and to make sure it's maintained now and for decades to come.

ALWYN GALELA – 255 WHITETAIL RUN

ALWYN GALELA – Good evening everyone and especially to the newly assembled city council and the newly elected mayor, Mayor Jim Woofter. I have been a resident of Cortland since 1998. Cortland has been and up to now a nice quaint town. I found it's more than that, so after almost 20 years later, we still reside in the same house. I have decided to volunteer my services as councilman to continue the good community that Cortland is. In 2010, a 3.75 mill levy was approved, a first since 1999. Even with the financial constraints in 2007 and 2008, a state report card for Lakeview earned an "Excellence with Distinction". In 2013, FBI crime statistics by city, ranked Cortland as 39th among the safest cities with a population over 5,000 in Ohio. A study by SmartAssets, a data gathering website on financial topics, places Cortland as #1 place to retire in Ohio. I received my BSN from Kent State University and a year from now a master's in public health from Kent State University. My wife went to the University of Illinois for her PhD and is a professor. I have twin boys. One goes to Lakeview and the other goes to Fairhaven. I have never held public office but I have been involved in public service. I was the board member of the Philippine Nurses Association of Ohio, president of the Filipino- American Organization in Northeastern Ohio, a medical mission volunteer, organizer for relief for the Typhoon Haiyan victims in the Philippines. I would like to contribute to what makes Cortland work and make it even better. With my background, I can be of assistance to legislation regarding community health and safety, the special needs population and community development. Thank you.

BETH KANE – 130 GROVE DR

BETH KANE – Again, my name is Beth Kane. Its funny when we were talking at the last meeting as well how many individuals came up to be a candidate for this position. So, many of the things I am hearing tonight too is kind of the same things that I actually wrote down as well so you guys are going to have a tough time. Fiscal responsibility was also one of my key points as well as just a general sense of devotion. I moved to Cortland in 2007. My husband and I bought an old century home. Its 118 years old so definitely a sense of devotion. You can see when we tear apart 20 layers of wallpaper. The house has great structure and great bones. I think that what is important to the City of Cortland is that structure and those great bones. One of the things I would bring to our city council is that 30 something perspective of the new age coming into the town. A lot of the kids are friend's children growing up

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going to the schools. They have a different perspective too which is also the off and the here. I think also that's one of my strengths, open-mindedness. I have served on the Trumbull County MetroParks Board. I was appointed by Judge Swift and served on that board for 6 years. During that time, I was president for 1 year and vice president for 2 years. I also serve as the Trumbull County Commissioners designee for the Trumbull County Tourism Bureau. I am in that role until 2018. I work in Warren. I work full-time at Color 3 Embroidery. I am their marketing manager as well as the head of the screen print department. I also own my own small business that I do on the side. One of the funny things too, and I think not necessarily as like an underdog type scenario, in talking to my customers at work one of our customers said you are one of my #1 suppliers. I can always call on you and count on you. Of course that's a great thing to have somebody say and I said why do you say that? He said it's not the things that I say and do when things are going right, it's because of the things I do and say the when things aren't going right and the actions that I take. So, I think that also shows some of the devotion that I would have and that I do have for our city. I had a couple other things prepared but like I said, it seems like we are all in that same boat. The other thing I wanted to add, regardless of the decision that's made ahead, I do think we live in a great town. I grew up in Howland so I wasn't that far away. I ran track at your all-weather track because we didn't have one so that was always a treat. I always saw Ernie there too. One of the great things about Trumbull County and about Cortland is that hometown feel. You can go to Sparkles Market and run into half the town. Everyone is happy to see you and you're happy to see them. I think that's a great attribute of what we have here. I would love to try help build that in the future. Thank you very much.

RICHARD MCCLAIN – 309 COPPERLAKE EAST

RICHARD MCCLAIN – My wife and I have lived here in Cortland since March of 2008. I'm retired from ALLEL Communications which is now called Windstream where I worked for 35 years in the telephone operation division in 5 different locations, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Kentucky. I spent half of my 35 years at the company's headquarters in marketing and training launching new services and working with state regulatory commissions; and the other half as a District Manager, Regional Manager and State President. As I summarized in the letter that I submitted, I've been involved in community service in all of the locations. Just to mention a couple of these, I was elected twice and served 8 years on the school board where I chaired the budget committee and I chaired the negotiations committee. I served 2 years as the school board president as well as vice president and treasurer. I chaired a successful tax levy campaign. I've been active in our church and I've served on the Chamber of Commerce board of directors and chaired a committee to build a new community building, and I co-chaired the economic development council. I served 5 years on the Board of Directors at Licking Memorial Hospital and the Central Ohio Technical College (COTC). As a member of council, I would support every aspect of economic development attracting and retaining businesses, continuing to provide quality police, fire and emergency services, funding the city operations in the most equitable manner, and take the most appropriate and most compliant approach to governing city affairs. In the past 7 years we've enjoyed the town. It's a great place to call home. I'm very impressed with the community pride, progress and the improvements we've seen. I welcome the opportunity to join with you on council and work with the new mayor and city staff. Thank you.

DONALD MOORE – 290 ROSEWAE AVE

DONALD MOORE – Good evening. My wife, Debbie and I, along with our 2 young children moved to Cortland in 1990. We decided to live in Cortland because we were looking for a small town with a safe environment and good schools. For the past 25 years, I've seen the City of Cortland provide outstanding services and the administration and council are to be commended. As I believe most residents are very satisfied. If that was not the case you would not see 14 good candidates here tonight wanting to contribute. On a personal note, it's always been my philosophy to give back to the community which we live. My parents set the example and my employers over the years have always encouraged and supported me. You have my resume, so I won't list my accomplishments and past community activities. Instead, I would like to tell you what I plan to do if appointed. One, I plan to meet with the Mayor and the Dept. Heads in the next 30 days to get a better understanding of the city operations. Two, I also plan to attend the training session for new council members that's offered by the Ohio Municipal League to be held in Cleveland on March 19th. Three, as I take my commitment seriously, I will make every effort to attend all council meetings. During my 8 years on the Lakeview School Board I only missed 1 meeting to attend my father's funeral. Finally, I pledge to faithfully serve the residents of Cortland and be a good steward of the funds provided to us by the tax payers of this community. Thank you for this opportunity.

CAROLANN D'ERRICO – 214 GOLF DR

CAROLANN D'ERRICO – Hi. My name is CarolAnn Derrick. I put my name in for city council mainly because I really love this town. I've lived here for 7 years. I like the country feel of it. It's a small town. It's a great town. We have really wonderful people here. I have an MBA in business. My undergraduate work was in English. I did teach for a while, but mostly I was in insurance claims for a large ship ownership operator in Manhattan. I'm used to dealing with hazardous cargo. Liability and negotiations are my strengths. If selected, I would just love to work with everyone here for the improvement of the city. It would be a pleasure to leave the town better than I came.

DR THOMAS MONTGOMERY – 148 W MAIN ST

DR THOMAS MONTGOMERY – Good evening everyone and congratulations to new council members and to Mayor Woofter. I'm very excited for you. I think that excitement is something I really enjoyed in watching our city council perform our now ex-mayor's plan in strategic planning. There was an idea of where everyone was going to go and developing consensus. I was part of the strategic planning process many years ago where we set an agenda of where do we want to go with this council, what kind of town do we want to be, and when do we want to be there. So we set a 5, 10, and a 15 year plan. That keeps everyone on the same page, the citizens, the council and the mayor. Everybody pulling the same direction. There are some towns around here that are quite funny to watch when their council meets. You never know what's going to happen. They are all kind of pointing their guns inside the wagons and shooting at each other. That's no way to develop and run a city. The current mayor stepped down and the new mayor has stepped up. I am very excited for that. I've worked with our current mayor through rotary and other city and community projects. My history of leadership has been

as president of the Ohio State Chiropractic Association where I was involved in strategic planning and developing our profession. I was President of the Cortland Rotary Club, past Chairman of the Board of the American Red Cross for 17 years and developed strategic planning for that organization. I am currently the medical director of Integrative Medical Centers here in beautiful uptown, downtown, Cortland, OH. Our city can succeed with planning and everyone working together. I look forward to that. Thank you.

NATE SCHICK – 150 FOX RUN

NATE SCHICK – I don't even know how to follow any of these young men and women. My name is Nate Schick. Thank you for having me. Thank you for hearing what I have to say. I didn't prepare anything extensive because you have my resume. I reside at 150 Fox Run. I have lived here pretty much my whole life throughout. I moved away a little bit. I traveled the country for a little bit. I shot major sports. I have a Bachelor's degree from Kent State in 2001. I currently teach with a Master's Degree at Grand Valley High School. On a volunteer basis, I am the vice president of the Lakeview Athletic Club Baseball/Softball/Basketball. I am the treasurer for Thunder Elite Fast Pitch Softball which is also a voted position. I was the recent Chair for the Levy Committee who got the school board passed for the recent Lakeview Schools. I'm very proud of that. I can't take full credit by any means because it was such a complete effort by the entire City of Cortland. Thank you for everyone that voted yes. My favorite question on the sheet that I'll finish up with is where would you like to see Cortland in 5 years. Really, there is a reason I am still here. I was born and raised in Cortland. I went to Matthews here but I had a Cortland address. I'm 37 years old now. There is nowhere else I would rather raise my kids and family. I feel I would be a great fit here for the long haul. I really do. Not only living in Cortland, but sitting up here with you kind- minded people who clearly care for the city and all of us sitting here too. So, thank you very much.

PHILLIP BORAN – 264 SUNSET DR

PHILLIP BORAN - Thank you City Council for allowing me to speak to you. I would also like to thank you for your letter of support campaign in 2013 for the removal of a low head dam in Lowellville. I appreciate that. The City Council signed a letter and sent it to the Ohio EPA. It means a lot to me for Friends of the Mahoning River. You probably already have my resume so I will skip all my accolades and accomplishments. The one thing I do see that Cortland lacks is a community building aspect for gardening and agriculture. I realize we do have an Ohio State University Extension office here in Cortland, Ohio. I believe our education system lacks gardening and trying to teach sustainability to our children. That is the one thing I would push as a city councilman is try to reinvigorate that idea of sustainability and also try to get more kids involved in growing their food locally so they can sustainably achieve what they want. I really don't have any more comments other than that because I feel that that is the one thing that city council really lacks is somebody to really push the education to try to achieve more with the children on trying to get gardening and agriculture more into the lives of the children.

J JEFF TRURAN – (ABSENT)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE – Jeff was our final applicant this evening. The process now will be council will recess and talk about what we heard tonight. You are welcome to stick around. We are recessing. We are not ending the meeting. Feel free to stay or leave. This may take a while. We will do the best we can to try to get back out. The new council person will be sworn-in at the next council meeting. We will come back this evening and make the nomination and vote on that person but they won't be sworn-in until the following meeting.

A motion for an Executive Session to discuss candidates for vacant council seat with the councilmembers was made by Councilwoman Petrosky and seconded by Councilman Piros.

ROLL CALL - Edwards, aye; Linville, aye; Keller, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye.

MOTION PASSED

Council went into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

The Council Meeting reconvened at 8:09 p.m.

**NOMINATION AND VOTE TO FILL COUNCIL VACANCY ~ TERM EXPIRING
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PRESIDENT LINVILLE – We met and I can tell you, as you might have figured out from sitting here through the presentations, it was a very, very tough choice. We looked at not only the issues that we had decided prior to this that would be important to the city, but there some new issues raised this evening by some of the speakers and we gave a lot of thought. We have concerns whether or not the person that is appointed would run for re-election. That's an important part of the process. We looked at the commitment they've made already to this town. I can tell you it was a very difficult choice. We were blessed to have such a strong group of people that wanted to serve on council. At this time I will open up the nominations for our new council member.

Councilwoman Petrosky nominated Donald Moore and was seconded by Councilman Edwards.

PRESIDENT LINVILLE - Are there any other nominations for the open seat? If not, Rhonda, could you please call the roll?

ROLL CALL ON APPOINTMENT OF DONALD MOORE TO COUNCIL - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

PRESIDENT LINVILLE - There we have it. Don, welcome.

DONALD MOORE - Thank you.

PRESIDENT LINVILLE - To the rest of you, thank you very much for your time and your concern. We really appreciate your comments and your dedication to the city. It is well noted. From here, we need to set the next council meeting date. Don, I hope you are available.

Set date for second meeting in January for Tuesday, January 19, 2016 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day is Monday, January 18, 2016)

NO QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL FROM THE AUDIENCE

MAYOR WOOFER – I want to really thank everybody that took the time and energy to apply to that position. Please don't be discouraged if you weren't selected this evening. It really was a difficult decision to make by council. I read over all the resumes. There were very impressive resumes here this evening. Just to remind you, when we recently had an election a few months ago, I ran unopposed and so did our council people. We all ran unopposed. So, I would challenge you all as city residents interested in our city government, in 2 years there will be another election. I would ask that you reconsider the position to run for council again. There will be 4 opportunities to run. The next election will have 4 council people running for election so if you still feel strongly about serving our city please go to the Trumbull County Board Of Elections and pick up your petitions and get your signatures and put your names in and run. Thank you. That's all I have.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – Quaker Steak and Lube has a fundraiser I think called Chicken4Charity. They have graciously agreed to allow us to do splash pad fundraising. I don't have the dates. There will be one in February and one in March. It will be a Monday from 4 to 10. They will donate 15% of the proceeds towards the splash pad. You will need to take in a flyer. We will be creating a flyer for that. It's not like Beef O Brady's where everyone that comes is automatic. They have to specify it's for the Cortland Splash Pad. It does help that it's Burger Monday at Quaker Steak and Lube so they are usually pretty busy on Mondays. So, stay tuned to the eNews. If you don't subscribe to the Cortland eNews, please do so. We will post the dates on the website and the Cortland News. As soon as I confirm those dates I will forward them.

COUNCILWOMAN PETROSKY - Just as a reminder, we have a fundraiser at Beef o Brady's this Thursday.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – Yes, from 4 to 8.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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