

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Administration Building, 400 N High St, Cortland, Ohio with Council Vice President Deidre Petrosky presiding. Members of Council present were James Edwards, Patti Keller, Don Moore, Kevin Piros, and Scott Rowley; absent was Council President Dennis Linville. Also present at the meeting were Mayor Woofter, 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 March 7, 2016 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Piros. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

A motion to approve Schedule of Bills to be paid totaling \$52,987.35 was made by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Edwards. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE O-10-16 – An Ordinance amending Ordinance O-04-12 establishing the terms of employment for the Part-time Firefighter/Paramedics and Firefighters/EMT-B of the City of Cortland was read and moved for third and final reading by Councilman Piros seconded by Councilman Rowley. **ROLL CALL O-10-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

ORDINANCE O-11-16 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign and for the City to fund a Mutual Agreement for Technical Assistance Between The City of Cortland and Trumbull Soil and Water Conservation District was read and moved for third and final reading by Councilman Rowley seconded by Councilman Moore. **ROLL CALL O-11-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

ORDINANCE O-12-16 – An Ordinance authorizing the W.E. Downie Company to perform repairs on the Emerson Circle Lift Station was read and moved for second reading by Councilman Rowley seconded by Councilman Moore. **ROLL CALL O-12-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND READING**

ORDINANCE O-13-16 – An Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the City of Cortland, County of Trumbull, State of Ohio, for fiscal year ending on the 31st day of December 2016 was read and moved by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilman Rowley. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilwoman Keller. **ROLL CALL ON SUSPENSION OF RULES ON O-13-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ROLL CALL ON O-13-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED IN EMERGENCY**

ORDINANCE O-14-16 – An Ordinance amending Ordinance O-37-10 of the City of Cortland regulating the activities of peddlers, solicitors, and canvassers was read and moved for second reading by Councilman Piros seconded by Councilman Rowley. **ROLL CALL O-14-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND READING**

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION R-15-16 – A Resolution accepting the donation of certain improvements on municipally owned property at Pearl Park was read and moved by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Edwards.

MAYOR WOOFER - I would like to clarify some things. The Splash Pad has been donated to the city through funds by donations. The city has no particular investment in the splash pad at this point. The construction of the splash pad will take place upon city park property. What this resolution does is it's accepting the donation of the splash pad to the city and we are allowing the improvements to be made on the city park property.

ROLL CALL R-15-16 - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

ORDINANCE O-15-16 – An Ordinance authorizing the Service Director to purchase a 2017 International 7400 dump truck cab and chassis from Rush Truck Centers was read and moved by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Piros. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilman Rowley.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - Don, would you like to elaborate on this?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – What you have before council is an ordinance to purchase an International dump truck. The reason for the emergency is the 2017 contract is going to expire at the end of this month. This is very similar to the 2015 truck we bought in 2014. In our replacement schedule, this is the next truck up in line to be replaced. The need for it is so we have two International trucks that are similar in body year and engine capabilities so that we can provide maintenance over the years.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – So, this was planned with your replacement schedule. It was something we you were looking at and it was all budgeted for.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Correct. We actual delayed some capital expenditures over the last couple years buying equipment every other year. So last year we didn't buy any big ticket equipment items in anticipation of this purchase this year.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – This is replacing a '94?

COUNCILMAN MOORE - A '96

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – A '96. We actually have two spares and once we get this up and operational we will look at getting rid of one of the Internationals after that. Then we will have another one as a

spare for water breaks and hauling materials and what not. This will be used primarily for plowing roads and salting in the winter time.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - You normally get 20 years out of these trucks? You're replacing the '96.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Yes and with these we anticipate an even a longer life cycle out of them because of the stainless steel bodies and improvements in the equipment.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT PETROSKY – I would like to make two comments. First, this was purchased through ODOT Co-Op Purchasing Program and this is the same dump truck you are going to see on the roads that ODOT uses.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – It will just be red.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Not the alien looking ones with all the flashes.

ROLL CALL ON SUSPENSION OF RULES ON O-15-16 - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ROLL CALL ON O-15-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED IN EMERGENCY**

ORDINANCE O-16-16 – An Ordinance authorizing the Service Director to purchase a hydraulic system, dump body, snow plow, spreader and accessories for the 2017 International dump truck cab and chassis from The Gledhill Road Machinery Co was read and moved for first reading by Councilman Rowley seconded by Councilwoman Keller.

MAYOR WOOFER - The truck is in emergency but the equipment isn't. That's because we don't need to have the equipment in an emergency situation. We don't have to purchase that right away. The truck is going to take a while to get here. We just need your authorization to purchase that equipment to furnish the truck.

ROLL CALL O-16-16 - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED FIRST READING**

ORDINANCE O-17-16 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Alexander's Pest Control Inc. for mosquito control was read and moved for first reading by Councilman Piros seconded by Councilwoman Keller.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - This is on a Thursday night schedule again?

MAYOR WOOFER - Yes.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - This is always trash night in my neighborhood so invariably they come down the street when I'm taking my trash out.

MAYOR WOOFER - You might want to go out a little sooner or a little later.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – Obviously.

MAYOR WOOFER - The schedule is in your packet. The schedule will be posted online if it's not on already. It probably isn't since we haven't passed it yet. There will be 9 applications throughout the year starting with May 12th and ending on up September 1st. There will be 9 applications if needed. If we have dry summer obviously we won't need as many applications and the total cost for this will be less money for us. If we have an extremely wet summer, and let's hope we don't, all 9 applications will be applied; same as any other year.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - Mayor, there is additional money in there for a 10th spraying.

MAYOR WOOFER - Thank you.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – I have a question for Don. For the safety of the stuff being applied, are there any precautions?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – No, they provide us with a MSDS sheet every year. It is nontoxic to humans. The bees, on the other hand, will fall. We do have some areas where we do not spray for local bee keepers. They call us and they get it into the driver's hands to not spray those areas. All accounts are that it's not harmful to humans. If there are concerns, close your windows and avoid outdoor cooking during those times. Unfortunately, we do not have a set routine or a set route. So, certain areas are treated earlier in the evening because that's when your most effective kill will occur. So, we rotate that out every 2 weeks. It really depends on who is riding around.

COUNCILMAN ROWLEY - Somebody for the city rides with them?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - Yes.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Since we have some guests with us, one thing residents of the city can do in addition to the spraying we are doing is eliminate any standing water that you may have on your property whether its buckets or whatever you have outside that may be collecting water if you can eliminate that if you can to help further our efforts.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - So, do you have any way of gauging to determine how effective it is?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Just people calling in saying how bad the mosquitoes are. There are ways you can go out there with dry ice and capture that. It's almost more expensive than treatments itself. So, we just made the decision to do it every two weeks; it seems to work well and is definitely needed when you are adjacent to Mosquito Lake. Also on a side note, the mosquito spraying that we do with the fogger is an adulticide. It only kills mosquitos it comes in contact with. Having a discussion with the Trumbull County Health Commissioner, they are coming up with a program where they are going to provide communities with larvicide, which is an actual charcoal briquette that goes into areas of standing water such as down on St Rt 305 or in wooded areas. So, if there are any areas where you think there are a need for the larvicide to be dropped, call city hall and we will call the Health Department and we will see what we can do as far as getting the larvicide dropped in that area. The Health District will actually do that for all communities in Trumbull County.

MAYOR WOOFER – As a footnote, any resident, if they have standing water in their yard, they are free to call the Trumbull County Health Department directly and arrange for them to come out and do that as well which is nice. That kills the young larvae, the babies.

ROLL CALL O-17-16 - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piro, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED FIRST READING**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

MAYOR WOOFER – First of all, I'd like to thank all the students for attending this evening. If you have any questions or if you miss anything you are certainly welcome to call up here but the first thing you might want to do is go to our website. All the minutes of the meeting will be posted later this evening. Also, by tomorrow we will have a link on the city website @ cityofcortland.org that will take you to a YouTube video that will have the actual recording of the meeting. You can review it on You Tube if you like. Thank you for coming, you are welcome back any time but we will probably never see any of you again but we'd love to have you back.

The City Offices will be closed this Friday, March 25th. Everyone keep that in mind. That's this Friday.

Curbside Brush Pickup resumes in April. A couple footnotes, if you are putting brush out in front of your home to be picked up by the city, keep in mind brush limbs should be no longer than 6' or 6' in diameter. Piles are also strictly enforced and should not be any larger than 6' high x 8' wide. You should not combine any piles with your neighbors to make two piles together. They won't be picked up. Keep them separate and in front of your own household.

Spring Clean Up will be May 5th and 6th. Please remember to put your items out with your regular trash pick on those days.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT PETROSKY – Mayor, do we have the instructions and/or specifications for the Brush Pick Up on the city's website?

MAYOR WOOFER - I believe we do. Rhonda?

CLERK OF COUNCIL HORN - Yes.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT PETROSKY – Thank you. So, if you need to refer to them they are there available to you.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER – In light of passing the appropriation ordinance tonight, that will be certified and submitted to the county so they receive that prior to the March 31st deadline. I will do my very best to make sure all the line item numbers get put into my software program prior to the end of this month so that when you get your month end report for the month of March all of the appropriations will be on the report. So, you can see where we are at as far as the budget for the end of the first quarter. That's all I have unless there are any questions.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS – Not much to give you. The activity in the parks is starting to pick up with the change in weather and the mild winter we had. We anticipate next month we will start to see more activity there. We encourage people to call us when it happens and not the next day. It's a little easier to get out there when

juveniles are involved and things like that. Other than that, you have my monthly report for February and I'll answer any questions you have of myself or the department.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

FIRE CHIEF REA – As you may have noticed, I got asked about the \$6,000 we put into an ambulance. We were having trouble with one of the turbos on our ambulance. It was under power. That was around \$2,200 to fix but when they pulled the turbo off, they found a little more problems under that. I shouldn't say a little, it was another \$4,000 for a valve and a coolant plate. So, it started adding up but we needed to get it repaired as soon as possible so we can have our ambulance back into the rotation. So, I called the Mayor and that's why it was passed in emergency, so we can get it back on the road as soon as possible. Also, next meeting I will be bringing some legislation, as I talked to you all of you about it, to replace a couple vehicles. One we had sold and the other is the Chief's car. That will be done under state bid similar to the dump truck Don is getting. The only thing we will have to do when it comes back is lettering, decaling and installing the radio; then they will both be ready for the road. Other than that, you have my monthly report and I'll be happy to answer any of your questions.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – First of all, I would like to thank council for their support for the purchasing of equipment. It has helped the moral of the service dept. when they have the backing of council and given the equipment. I would like to recognize Chris Guesman who is the Asst. Superintendent. Fortunately, I've been here and know what's going on with the truck. I didn't have to rely on him. If you have any other more detailed questions about the truck you can see him after the meeting. You have my monthly report. One update since our last Technical Review Meeting, I did reach out to the contractor and they should be starting the sidewalks on Phase III of downtown on Grove St here in April. Other than that, I don't have any other updates and I'll entertain any other questions council may have.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT PETROSKY – We have the citizen's concern letter in our packet. I did see an email that was sent by Republic Services and that has been taken care of? Our customer service representative has contacted the resident?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Yes I reached out to our contractual officer with Republic, John McGoran, and said look this was the initial question returned as a No. The resident called customer service they said they couldn't provide that because of the contract they have with the city. I worked it out with him that should any resident have a desire to get ala carte services that you provide other communities; by all means they will be eligible for that. To the best of my knowledge that was going to be worked out. I haven't followed up to see if that is actually going to be provided for that resident. This brings up another subject matter for consideration, the current 3 year contract will be expiring the end of August. We need to look at doing another extension for 2 years like we've done in the past or go out for bid. I think Republic would be interested in doing an extension.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT PETROSKY – With a slight modification including perhaps this new service.

MAYOR WOOFER - We will look at that. When you talked to them did they indicate if there was going to be an additional charge for that particular resident?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – I'm not sure. I left that up to those two parties.

MAYOR WOOFER - This will be something we look at as far as modifying the contract. I think that it is a great service offer. They do offer it I think in the City of Warren and a few other locals. We just have never negotiated that before.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT PETROSKY – Just to let the people in the audience know, we have some residents that aren't able to get their garbage out to the curb. We were informed that Republic Waste does have a back door service so Don has been working with them to solve the problem with this particular resident. As the Mayor indicated, when we renew our contract with them we will be looking at including that in our contract going forward.

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN MOORE – Scott and I spent Saturday in Cleveland at a workshop for newly elected council members. There were quite a number of people there from all over northern Ohio and northeast Ohio. I think Scott would agree it was very informative and definitely worthwhile. Even if you haven't been to one you might want to attend one. I know it raised some things we are going to look at. It was very educational and very worthwhile.

COUNCILWOMAN KELLER - Do they offer it on-line?

COUNCILMAN MOORE – No, you had to go to this.

COUNCILWOMAN KELLER - They don't have anything on-line?

COUNCILMAN MOORE – I don't think anything is offered on-line by the Ohio Municipal League. They offer this every 2 years after the election. There will be another one coming up in two years. There was a section for cities and a section for villages.

MAYOR WOOFER - I think there is another location coming up this summer. This was the closest and most convenient one to attend.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – There is one in Toledo. We may have been the third one. There may be one more left.

MAYOR WOOFER - I think it was the second. I believe there is two or three more.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – I don't have it here in my materials.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT PETROSKY – But it's offered through the Ohio Municipal League so we can look on-line.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – Yes, you can check on their website as well.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT PETROSKY – Thank you for attending.

NO QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL FROM THE AUDIENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COUNCILMAN PIROS – If anyone is looking for dinner tonight, Quaker Steak and Lube till 10:00 tonight is splash pad night. If anyone is interested, I'll stick around. You do have flyers you have to take. We get 15% of the food sales. So, if you are hungry and looking for some place to eat, go to the Lube tonight till 10:00. They will donate a portion of your bill back to the city for the splash pad. But you have to have a flyer. I do have some here if you are interested.

MAYOR WOOFER - Kevin, what kind of money have you received from them over this period of time they have been doing that?

COUNCILMAN PIROS – Well, we've only had one so far and it was a little under \$90 that we made that one night. We are hoping to do better tonight. I was there before council taking advantage of that. Beef O Brady's is going to continue the first Thursday in April for them. Everything for the splash pad fundraising is on the city website; all the different links for different activities are on there including a 5K Run. If anyone is a runner out there. We are doing a 5K Run with Coopers Fitness on April 16th, I believe. All that information is on the website as well.

MAYOR WOOFER - What about the lawn mower?

COUNCILMAN PIROS – The lawn mower is at Furniture Décor and More if you are interested in a lawn mower. How many of you are interested in a lawn mower? Come on, maybe a second prize of \$100. Raffle tickets are available at city hall and at Furniture Décor and More. There is a wonderful mower that was donated by Cortland Mower. So, we have that up for raffle too.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT PETROSKY – Thank you, Kevin.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL