

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Monday, April 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, Don Moore, Deidre Petrosky, Kevin Piros, and Scott Rowley. 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 21, 2016 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Rowley. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, abstain; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

A motion to approve Schedule of Bills to be paid totaling \$96,671.06 was made by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilwoman Petrosky. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

OLD BUSINESS:

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 third and final reading by Councilwoman Petrosky seconded by Councilman Moore.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – President, I discovered an error late Friday in this ordinance. We are authorizing payment from the water fund and not the sewer fund. So, we need to vote this down. I will either present the legislation at a later date or proceed in an emergency situation if conditions so dictate.

ROLL CALL O-12-16 - Edwards, nay; Keller, nay; Linville, nay; Moore, nay; Petrosky, nay; Piros, nay; Rowley, nay. **ORDINANCE FAILED**

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 third and final reading by Councilman Piros seconded by Councilman Rowley. **ROLL CALL O-14-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

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 second reading by Councilman Piros seconded by Councilman Moore. **ROLL CALL O-16-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND 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 second reading by Councilman Rowley seconded by Councilman Edwards. **ROLL CALL O-17-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND READING**

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION R-16-16 – A Resolution whereby the City of Cortland supports efforts of S.C.O.P. E., Inc. to develop, implement and offer senior services in Trumbull County was read and moved by Councilwoman Petrosky seconded by Councilman Piros.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE - You received correspondence from the Mayor regarding his research on this matter.

MAYOR WOOFER - I would like to say thank you for reviewing this. The reason I sent out the letter is we had questioned it last year whether to move forward on doing this or not, as this year. Its goes without saying, we should. The senior center in the City of Cortland is advantageous to many people. If you see on the report we received from Mr. Smith, the Director of SCOPE, there are over 222 senior citizens in the city that use this. All our citizens pay into the senior levy. They pay taxes. This is a good use of the senior levy money to fund the senior center. In order for them to receive their \$50,000, we would contribute \$10,000. It's just a little money out of our General Fund of almost \$1 million to continue to support the senior center. I feel it's a good thing for our citizens. Also, remember that the City of Cortland was voted the #1 area to retire. Part of that is we have the senior center here. So, it's a good thing and I'd appreciate the support on this. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - Jim, I saw that too on the amount of \$50,000. I know last year it was \$53,000. I called Ralph Smith today because I served on the board there. He said the amount they are actually applying for is \$49,840 which is probably where the \$50,000 number came from. It looks like maybe we won't spend as much as we did last year because they are asking for less.

MAYOR WOOFER – True. And there are more people dipping into the senior levy monies. So, just because he is applying for the \$49,840 doesn't mean he is going to get the amount depending how many people are going to be drawing from the senior levy fund. They could end up with a lot less money. We are going to contribute 20% of whatever funding they eventually receive.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – As a matching, yes. I think it is more likely with the match from the communities, they will grant them the full amount.

MAYOR WOOFER – I would think so.

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

ORDINANCE O-18-16 – An Ordinance authorizing the Fire Chief to purchase a new 2017 Ford Utility Interceptor Sport Utility Vehicle to be utilized as a medic truck for the Fire Department from Statewide Ford Lincoln was read and moved for first reading by Councilman Moore seconded by Councilman Piros.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE - I want to thank Fran for putting together the memo that she distributed to everybody regarding the financing and the appropriations for this purchase and the next purchase. Well done Fran, thank you.

ROLL CALL O-18-16 - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED FIRST READING**

ORDINANCE O-19-16 – An Ordinance authorizing the Fire Chief to purchase a new 2017 Ford Utility Interceptor Sport Utility Vehicle to be utilized as a Fire Chief’s vehicle from Statewide Ford Lincoln was read and moved for first reading by Councilwoman Petrosky seconded by Councilwoman Keller.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - Chief, for public record, a lot of this money has been being accumulated by the fire dept. for some of these purchases.

FIRE CHIEF REA – Yes, it will come out of the Capital Improvement Budget for the Fire Dept.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – And with the sale of the existing chief’s vehicle we will be able to recoup additional money that will offset some of these purchases.

FIRE CHIEF REA – I’m hoping for anywhere from \$15,000 to \$18,000. It’s going to out of here with the lights and the sirens all ready to go. Pretty much all they have to do is change the striping on it. Someone will have a new police car or fire chief car that is a little better suited for the climate.

ROLL CALL O-19-16 - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED FIRST READING**

ORDINANCE O-20-16 – An Ordinance authorizing the Fire Chief to purchase and install a power lift cot and load system for the Fire Department was read and moved for first reading by Councilman Edwards seconded by Councilman Rowley.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE - The Fire Chief appears to be spending lots of money this evening, but it’s well worth it.

FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER - I would like to make a comment on that. The key word in that statement was appears because on this particular ordinance we actually already received the \$33,083.19 from the Bureau of Workers Comp. In all my years of being Finance Director here, this is the first time we actually received grant money prior to passing the legislation, so we made sure we covered that in the legislation to show that out of the cost of the \$33,083.19 is a grant. The cost the city will actually put out is \$11,027.73 and then \$3,500 will be reimbursed. So, our net cost for this particular project is only going to be around \$8,000.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE - That makes you happy doesn’t Fran?

FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER – That makes me very happy. That makes the fire dept. happy too.

FIRE CHIEF REA – Yes it makes us happy. It took us a while to figure out the wording of the legislation because these are coming from 3 different vendors. One vendor we buy the cot from, the load system comes factory direct where we actually purchase it and then the install, the recommended install from the factory. If we are going to do it we are going to do it right. So we had to list 3 different vendors. That took us a little while. I just started filling out the paperwork to get the state reimbursement. Of course you have to spend it first. As long

as we are all in line we are good to go. They want it spent and in within 90 days. That's what I'm hoping for. It will depend on the delivery from the factory on the cots because they are a little bit behind. The nice part about this is it's going to take a lot of the lifting out of the patient movement process. The cot itself is power operated by batteries. So lifting it from the ground level up is going to be done for the most part by the cot itself and then loading it into the actual ambulance will be done by the power load system you see here. That's coming from Stryker. Hopefully we will reduce knee injuries, back injuries, sprains, and strains. It will be a lot safer for the patients because these systems, the cot and the load system, will meet the new standards for rollover and front end impact. Our current ones don't. There were no standards before this. They are just starting to roll these standards out that say they have to meet so many g-force front end rollover and rear end. This meets it.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - Is there a maximum weight?

FIRE CHIEF REA – 770 lbs. The actual weight went up. Our current one is around 670 lbs.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - It will take me.

FIRE CHIEF REA – It certainly will.

MAYOR WOOFER - Just to reiterate the fact the reason this money is coming from Workers Comp is because of the overall claims from the fire dept. using the old systems, raising the cots up and the firemen getting back injuries.

FIRE CHIEF REA – The \$33,083.19 came from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Comp. The \$3,500 came from the Ohio Division of EMS. The Division of EMS gives us grants every year. It's not competitive. The Ohio Bureau of Workers Comp is competitive. The reason we got that is because we had 3 injuries within a year directly tied to worker comp claims which costs us a whole lot more than \$7,000, a whole lot more. So, I'm trying to phase these in. I know we have 3 ambulances and at \$44,000 per unit, it's a lot to bite off at once. We got one. We will start looking. We already applied for grants for the other two. If we can't get the grants, to we will start to look for new units on-line that have this system in it.

ROLL CALL O-20-16 - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED FIRST READING**

ORDINANCE O-21-16 – An Ordinance authorizing the Service Director to purchase and install a lift with rolling jacks and accessories from O'Reilly Auto Parts for the Service Department was read and moved for first reading by Councilwoman Petrosky seconded by Councilman Piros.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - We don't have anything to lift the vehicles now do we?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Currently there are just 5 ton jacks to lift up a front end or rear end and for working on the vehicles utilizing a creeper bar. So, this is a long overdue piece of equipment for servicing vehicles. There will be two 7 ½ ton jacks. So, essentially we will be able to lift the front end or the rear end of our heaviest vehicles.

ROLL CALL O-21-16 - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED FIRST READING**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

MAYOR WOOFER – I'd like to welcome our students here this evening. Thank you for coming. Anything you happen to miss, you have copies of the agenda. Our website address is on there. Later this evening or tomorrow you'll see the minutes of the meeting have been posted on-line. Also, there will be a link from our website that will take you to a You Tube. This meeting is being recorded. You can watch the whole thing. So if you miss anything, you can play it back through You Tube and clean up your notes if you need to. Thank you.

Some of you may have seen; I saw Russ driving around today sweeping the streets in the street sweeper. So, the Service Dept has started to clean the streets.

Curbside Brush Pickup resumes in April. The North Section starts April 11th, a week from today and then the following Monday, April 18th, starts the South Section.

Scrap Tire Program Drop off at Willow Park – April 11th to May 6th - Monday through Friday 7 am to 3:30 pm at the City Service Garage. So, if anyone has any tires or knows of anyone with tires in their garages or wherever, you might want to make them aware it. This will be posted on our website as well as in the weekly eNews and various publications. There is a limit 8 passenger tires. Do they take pickup truck tires?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – They will take pickup tires, essentially those are passenger tires; but no semi-truck or tractor tires. And to expand on that, this is different from past years in that we are not getting reimbursed for any labor. This is a drop off only. No curbside pickup as in past years. Due to that reason we are extending the period of drop off. Normally it would only be a week and now it will essentially go for 4 weeks.

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER – I have no reports this evening unless there are any questions for myself or my department.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS – The Safety Services like to work together and as I knew the Fire Chief was going to have a lot tonight, I don't have anything to bring before council. I'll entertain any questions you may have.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

FIRE CHIEF REA – I'd like to thank the Police Chief for giving me the remainder of his time. I do have a few things. I just want to remind everyone that spring storm season is coming. They did the tornado siren test around town. That was on the 21st of last month and at that time all the tornado sirens worked. This past Sat. one decided to not work over at the high school. We had someone out to look at it and the antennae between now and then disappeared. I don't know where it went. So, they ordered a new antenna. He played with it a little bit and when they retested it, it went off Sat afternoon. They reordered a new antennae for that one and it should be back up and running as soon as he gets it.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - Have you checked EBay? Has it showed up on EBay?

(LAUGHTER)

FIRE CHIEF REA – I don't know how they got it. It's way up there.

LAW DIRECTOR WILSON – Aren't these students from the high school. Should we ask them and interrogate each and every one of them?

(LAUGHTER)

FIRE CHIEF REA – One other thing I'd like to remind everyone, with this nice weather I know people want to get out and have fires outside and whatnot. We had a relative large grass fire for Cortland, not in the township, but in Cortland because the houses are so tight together. It was up behind the old M&M Manufacturing building. Someone decided to burn some cardboard. I'd like to remind the public that we have cardboard recycling available at Willow Park so there is no need to burn it and you're not allowed to burn it. Only clean seasoned firewood. It has to be 3'x 2' and in some kind of burn container. It just can't be on the ground. So, those are all posted on the city's website.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Just to expand upon the brush chipping, the week we are performing that work we ask that limbs be out the Sunday beforehand. We will only make one pass on each street and will not go back. Typically, we try to have Monday be the first day and complete the city in a single day; however, if there is an emergency we may not get to it until later on in the week, especially if there is rain and whatnot. It tends to gum up the chipper a little bit. Those would be some reasons why we would delay it; but typically we try to get it picked up the first part of the week. But if it's there Wed. we'll be around. Typically with the chippings, we are hauling those for disposal up to Buckeye Bulk but would like to offer council members or anyone in need of wood chips to call up to city hall and we can arrange for some sort of delivery with those. I wouldn't recommend putting them around the house because they are not treated or not double ground. We've delivered them to the Lakeview School District over at their land lab for use on trails. We take them down to the gardener's at the Agricultural Center. Those are available if anyone has any future need for them.

MAYOR WOOFER - Does that mean you'll actually drop them off at their house? Or do they need to pick them up?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – We can work that out. For us to dump it and load it, it's almost as simple as to drop it at the house.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE - Don, can you take a minute and review the rules on what they can put out and what size they can put out. I know it's on the website.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – You're putting me on the spot. It's on the website but there is a size requirement of 4 X 8, or 6 x 8? Basically, the limbs are to be cut down to 6' and stretch longer than 8' along the curb. There is no weight restriction. It can be as high as you want. It's more of an area restriction. The only limitation is on how far you can throw it up on top. 6" in diameter. No tree stumps or root balls. Those will be left behind. The majority of people are using it for the big sticks that come down in the yard. We get into

discussions with residents when they decide to take down a tree on their own and put a whole tree out along the curb. If there are any questions, see the website or call city hall.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - I know there have been cases where people combine their piles over the limits.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – They think they are helping us out. It's better not to combine with your neighbor and leave them with at your house. It's funny when you can see the same tree at 5 different houses spread out down the street. I know we're city workers, but we can figure that one out, especially when it's left at a vacant house.

The other thing with mosquito control, I am asking for a new MSDS sheet. I haven't got a new one in a while. I will try to get that posted on the website. That's all I have to update council but will entertain any questions you may have.

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

NO QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL FROM THE AUDIENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MAYOR WOOFER - I do have one more thing. The President of Council is usually pretty laid back and quiet sitting up here but he's pretty giddy tonight. I don't know if he'd like to share why.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE – I'm going to retire the end of the month. Not from this job.

MAYOR WOOFER – He's feeling pretty good tonight. Congratulations.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE – Thank you, Mayor.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – When I stood before you back in January to apply for this spot, I said one of my goals was to meet with the Dept Heads. I'm glad to say that has been accomplished. I want to thank the Finance Director, Service Director, Fire Chief and Police Chief for taking time to meet with me and bringing me up to speed on what their departments do. I appreciate their time. So, thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE – We have a great group here.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – Beef 'O' Brady's has continued their Splash Pad nights. It will be this Thursday being the first Thursday of the month from 4 to 8. Beef 'O' Brady's will donate a portion of food sales to the splash pad. We thank them for their ongoing support. I do want to mention so it's on record that as we continue to raise funds for the splash pad and the area around the splash pad with the seating and things like that, no funds from the city's general fund or any of its funding sources are being used for the splash pad, the installation, or anything around the splash pad. That is all being raised through private donations. Just to put you all at ease that we are not using city funds to construct or anything around the splash pad. I just wanted to go on record and make sure everyone knew that.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL