

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Monday, June 20, 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, Finance Director Moyer, Police Chief Andrews, Fire Chief Rea and Clerk of Council Horn; absent was Service Director Wittman.

A motion to approve Council Minutes from the June 6, 2016 Regular Council 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**

A motion to approve Schedule of Bills to be paid totaling \$48,765.67 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-27-16 – An Ordinance amending the contract with Browning Ferris Industries of Ohio, Inc. d.b.a. Republic Services of Youngstown for the removal of refuse from the City of Cortland, Ohio was read and moved for third and final reading by Councilman Rowley seconded by Councilman Moore. **ROLL CALL O-27-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION R-22-16 – A Resolution accepting the Alternative Tax Budget authorized by the Trumbull County Budget Commission and certifying it to the Trumbull County Auditor was read and moved by Councilwoman Petrosky seconded by Councilman Piros. **ROLL CALL R-22-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

ORDINANCE O-28-16 – An Ordinance authorizing the Police Chief to enter into an agreement with JC3 Builders for interior remodeling/renovations at the Cortland City Police Station was read and moved for first reading by Councilman Moore seconded by Councilwoman Keller.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - I see you got a grant or something on this?

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS - Yes. Just to give you some history, we talked about changing the station with the Safety Service Committee quite a while ago. I think last year. At that time, it was a long term project. We waited until the first part of this year to look at the budget. I budgeted about \$30,000 to get this started. We had heard about a grant that was coming down the pike in Ohio and decided to wait and apply for that. We got a return in May that we were accepted. It's a \$30,000 grant that I can put right into the building project. It's going to be geared for that. That frees up \$30,000 that's not tax payer money and doesn't have to come out of the budget. It was hard to pass up and we were very happy to get it. We were one of 54 places in the state to get it and the only one in Trumbull County. We did a joint conglomeration with Central District Court and Judge

Campbell to work on that angle. The majority of it will be a formal holding cell concept and then once we have that we will change the footprint of the station quite a bit around that. The secretary's office will be enlarged, the holding cell will move that will free up another room that we will take back and put into a kitchen area and work stations. It will probably make the building a little bit more accommodating for what we've changed into over 30 years. It's a 30 year old building that has been good to us but we use it every day and it needs updated. We can do this instead of going back to the taxpayers and say we need a bond or we need a building fund. It's not going to happen. This will last us well into the next 30 years. So that 30 can go right into that automatically and we will probably increase the timeframe that we can still continue with Phase 2, which is the rest of the project that's needed in there by the end of this year hopefully. If this gets passed, we will do the third reading and they can get started on this in August if we are lucky. He said it will take about a month to get all the remodeling and everything done. We did put out for quotes and I talked to five different people, one never showed up. The rest of the four showed up and I took them through the project and I explained what I wanted and gave them some of the paper work we had. Out of that, JC3 was the only one to come back. He actually brought in his HVAC people, his plumbers, and electricians. He gave me a great quote. It's still under the \$25,000 which is great. I was expecting that he would be able to project it out. That's why we broke it out down thinking this was going to be a 2 or 3 year project. He was able to tackle all three under the \$25,000 mark. I was really happy with that. The other \$5,000 for the grant will be used for things in the holding cell. There is some plumbing that needs to be put in special like equipment related things, cots, some safety features, things like that that are part of the grant.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE - Very good. Good job, Chief.

ROLL CALL O-28-16 - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED FIRST READING**

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER – You all received a copy of the Finance Report for May. Other than that, I don't have anything else this evening unless there are any questions of my department.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS – Street Fair went off real well, no problems. There wasn't too major that we couldn't handle. There were some issues with the Street Fair and Lions Club that we got resolved. Not a problem, same old same old. It was nothing that was insurmountable. I think they did a nice job.

We hired a new administrative assistant. Elaine Stredney is with us now. She came to us. We have been looking for about three weeks. She did about 30 years with Packard. At that time she went back and got her computer degrees, bachelor's degrees. She has a Master's degree in that also. She will be a very valuable asset to have, someone who really knows computers from the inside out. She started with us today so we are working on teaching her the ins and outs of what we do and how to deal with people. Once we get to a certain stage, I have no doubt she will start to revamp a lot of our software and things like that that we can use. It's definitely nice that she came on board with us.

Other than that, you have my monthly, I believe. I'll answer any questions you have.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

FIRE CHIEF REA – The power cots that we got with the grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Comp were installed in our 2010 ambulance. It is in service ready to roll. We are in the process of wrapping that grant up.

We need to get some additional paperwork. We applied for the money back from the State Dept Division of EMS to get the \$3,500 to help supplement what we had to pay out of pocket for that.

The restroom renovations start next week. Hopefully, they will take about a week to get done so we will have a nice looking women's restroom to match our men's.

Once again we borrowed the emergency response vehicle from EMA and I'd like to thank them for the use of that. It really makes getting around street fair a whole lot easier when we have to get in and get patients. We didn't have to do this year fortunately, but you never know. We've used it for some other purposes during that two day period.

I don't have anything else to report. You have my monthly and I'd be happy to answer any questions.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

(SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN ABSENT)

MAYOR'S REPORT:

MAYOR WOOFER – I don't have much at all except to thank the Police, Fire and Service Dept for their annual work they do on the Street Fair. Apparently, it mostly came off without any real main issues at all so thank you guys for that.

The Ohio Municipal League put together a three day session for the Ohio Mayor's Association which I attended in Columbus. I picked up some interesting things that I learned that I didn't know before. It's always good to come back with something you didn't start out with knowing. I shared a couple things with our Finance Committee tonight.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

COUNCIL WOMAN PETROSKY, CHAIR OF FINANCE COMMITTEE – The Finance Committee met on Monday, June 6th and Monday, June 13th to discuss options available regarding the General Fund and the need for additional levy money. For all the members of council who are not on the Finance Committee, we provided a packet of information for you that we reviewed and it should be at your places this evening. The reason for the additional levy money: The city has lost approx. \$340,000 in revenue since 2008. We have also reduced our total expenditures by approx. \$85,000 each year. After a serious discussion, it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee that a Replacement of the 1.9 mill General Fund Levy be placed on the ballot in November. This would generate approx. \$40,300 of additional revenue per year starting in 2017. On a home with a market value of \$100,000, the cost to the tax payer would be \$9.42 a year. Legislation will be prepared and presented at the next council meeting to proceed with this Replacement. If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please contact the Finance Director.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE - Thank you Dee Dee. I appreciate all the work you and the committee put into this.

QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL FROM THE AUDIENCE:

DAVE MAJICK – 138 DIAMOND WAY – I also lived 35 years on Charles. The reason I came tonight, as some of you know, we play pickle ball. We've had pickle ball for about 5 years now. I think Jerry and I instituted using the roller/skate derby in that area. My vision has always been to have some kind of a tournament thing to bring people to Cortland. When we started 5 years ago, we were the only ones to have pickle ball within 80 miles. What has happened now is Mentor has 14 courts. They are so successful on their projects that they have

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sponsors wanting to be a part of sponsoring their events. They run through the summer 8 to 10 different events garnering a lot of support from a lot of people all the way down to Wooster, all the way to PA, east and so forth and so on. New Castle now has courts. Austintown looks to have courts. The point is we were the first 5 years ago. I was hoping that we would be able to do that. If the surface of our courts were good enough, we would do that. They are deteriorating at a very rapid rate. We spent money on it 2 years ago, Jerry? The water just eats them up. I would like to tie something in with something like Street Fair. It could be the Cortland Street Fair Pickle Ball Classic. You would get people. You would. I've been around pickle ball long enough now in Florida and here. I know people from New Castle would come over here, from Wooster they would come down, I know Mentor people would come down and people in the immediate area. Every day we get 16 to 20 people at those courts every morning between 9:00 am and 12 Noon. Not only is that a nice participation, but it's also chubby people like us being active. It's a good thing. To me, that's one of the things you do for health care. Take care of yourself a little. We have a very active group every morning from 9:00 to 11:00. You can go down there. I know the Mayor has been down there a couple times. We are there. Last year a lady caught her shoe in one of the cracks. They are pretty big in some places. Jerry, Don and I have tried everything in those cracks. I don't know what we haven't tried. So, I worry about being at our limits at trying to make that playable. We really only have one court right now. The cracks are that wide and big pieces are falling out. They'll play in it but it's really not playable in a real sense. I am the President of our Pickle Ball Club, I am representing them. I come to you to see if you have someone who writes grants. I talked to the people from Cincinnati. They put in 6 beautiful courts at their park system. They went through the Ohio Dept of Natural Resources (ODNR) on a grant system. I'm assuming someone writes grants here for Cortland?

(MULTIPLE CONVERSATIONS)

MAYOR WOOFER – Yes, Don writes grants. Some do in the police dept. and some in the fire dept.

DAVE MAJICK – So you have someone from each department do it?

MAYOR WOOFER – Well, yes... We don't have a grant writer on staff but Don has been able to write grants. I know there are grants available in the State of Ohio for parks.

DAVE MAJICK – They got their grant through ODNR but they worked with their council. It is in Newtown, OH, just east/west of Cincinnati. They were able to do that. We need a backing from a council. We can't write that grant without saying we have this backing from our city or village. Someone did a great job on the water park. The facilities that were built over there were...

MAYOR WOOFER – That was completed funded by donations.

DAVE MAJICK – Right.

MAYOR WOOFER – The city put no money into that.

DAVE MAJICK – I understand that. But what I am saying is that's a source, for us to raise money for it too. I can go to those people and say how did you do it? What I'm trying to say is I like to get it from 3 different angles.

(MULTIPLE CONVERSATIONS)

COUNCILWOMAN KELLER – He’s right down there. He is being very quiet.

DAVE MAJICK – Did someone here head that up?

COUNCILMAN PIROS – I was part of the committee.

DAVE MAJICK – How did that work, Kevin?

COUNCILMAN PIROS – You bang on a lot of doors.

DAVE MAJICK – Did you?

COUNCILMAN PIROS – Yeah.

DAVE MAJICK – How much did you raise?

COUNCILMAN PIROS – We have raised to date around \$70,000. We still have work to do but we have a fence on order, we will be putting up a pavilion, some benches and other things down there.

DAVE MAJICK – That was all within that \$70,000 or more?

COUNCILMAN PIROS – The Splash Pad itself was a little under \$70,000, \$69,000 or something. Then we raised more than that which we have used for the fence that will be hopefully going in this month. There are a couple other things on our list that we are waiting on. We raised it all by going out to area businesses, did a lot of phone calls, and stop-ins. We had marketing material that we developed to show them. A picture is worth a thousand words. In my case, I can talk a thousand words anyhow without a picture.

MAYOR WOOFER – Dave, did you get a price on the resurfacing?

DAVE MAJICK – Jerry did. What’s the surfacing?

JERRY CARLETON – 415 CHERRY HILL

JERRY CARLETON - I bid it out last year. To do it right you have to tear out the surface that’s there and resurface. That number was around \$35,000 to \$40,000.

DAVE MAJICK – The other two surfaces there are fine. The tennis court is pretty good, the basketball courts are good. And those kids use it a lot. It is just that ours is a deteriorating situation.

MAYOR WOOFER - I don’t think we would be opposed to the resurfacing necessarily. We don’t have the money to do that now. If you were able to obtain a grant and outside donations, I don’t think there is anyone sitting on council here that would be opposed as long as it wasn’t costing the city any money at this point.

DAVE MAJICK – The reason I came here was for guys like you.

COUNCILWOMAN PETROSKY - Should this be put in front of the Parks Board?

MAYOR WOOFER - That's where it needs to go first.

(MULTIPLE CONVERSATIONS)

DAVE MAJICK – It has. Dave has been really good on the Parks Board.

COUNCILWOMAN PETROSKY - Dave Christner?

DAVE MAJICK – Yes. They understand. If you go by there you'll see windscreens all the way around. We worked with the school and they had them stored way up in the back somewhere and I said we could use that so we took it down and cut off the bottom to fit our thing and put it all the way around. Our club has some money mainly for painting the benches. I know the city could do that but old people need things to do anyway so we paint our own benches and put our own bulletin board up. We had a guy do a job on that. So, those kinds of things we do. I think it works pretty good for maintenance of activity in the area. When you have 40 adults over there the kids don't really get out of line too much, especially when you have 70 year olds that are cranky and say shut up and get out of here. It has worked really well there. I want to get a liaison such as Kevin so I can call him and say what did you do on this other project that we might be able to duplicate to get as Jerry said about \$35,000 to \$45,000. The good thing about the surface over there is the curbing. In Mentor they took tennis courts that weren't being used. They transformed them into pickle ball courts. When they resurfaced theirs, the edges started to fall away and now that created cracks. You won't have that on ours. Whatever we put in there will be there.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – Is that the original surface that was there?

DAVE MAJICK – I think so.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – I know we've put a gritty surface on it, like a coating, but that's the original base surface there isn't it?

JERRY CARLETON - The coating was a surface you would use on a tennis court.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – Right. We did the same thing with the tennis and basketball right around the same time.

JERRY CARLETON – The problem was way back when you filled that and you skated on it. The amount of water that was on that surface created problems that now have compounded to a point...

COUNCILMAN PIROS – So the base is almost the same base that was there with the skaters.

JERRY CARLETON – Yes.

DAVE MAJICK – I don't think its real thick either. There's not a real thickness base to it. I just want you to know...

COUNCILMAN ROWLEY - What is the material? Is it asphalt?

DAVE MAJICK – Yes, it is asphalt isn't it?

MAYOR WOOFER - The new material would be asphalt?

JERRY CARLETON – Well, that's the kind of bid that we got because we are looking what was there and tearing out to replace it. If you want to throw concrete in there, then you'll spend more money. We were looking at a cost savings to do that. That's what is on the tennis and basketball courts. Because of the nature of what was on that court prior to us getting it, (INAUDIBLE) a deteriorating situation.

MAYOR WOOFER - Well, we appreciate the information here at council but as Dee Dee stated, you really need to go through the change of command. It's got to go to the Parks Board and get their blessings for it.

DAVE MAJICK – I know that.

JERRY CARLETON – We've done that.

DAVE MAJICK – Yes, we've done that and I'm here just to let you know what might be going on in your community. Like Kevin said, if someone comes knocking on your door you can say that's Dave Majick or whoever trying to try to get a project together to do this. I'm not here to say I expect it because I'm a taxpayer for some 50 years and I expect \$40,000. I'm not doing that. I'm here because now I know Kevin. You have to network with a lot of people in order to get a project to go.

MAYOR WOOFER - One of the others things they did when collecting money was run it through the Cortland Foundation. That way the donations you receive go to the foundation and it's a tax write off for the person donating the money.

DAVE MAJICK – Can I get your phone number, Kevin?

COUNCILMAN PIROS - I'll give you my card after the meeting.

DAVE MAJICK – We have about 40 members in our club.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – Well, \$40,000 divided by 40...

(LAUGHTER)

DAVE MAJICK – That is an idea. Out in Toledo, they had 40 people and....

JERRY CARLETON – Shut up Dave.

(LAUGHTER)

DAVE MAJICK – ... that's \$500 apiece and they got their \$20,000.

JERRY CARLETON – Geez. You can't keep quiet.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE – Come on Jerry. Write him a check for crying out loud.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - You said there are 3 courts down there?

DAVE MAJICK – There are 4 courts. You couldn't make a better facility for pickle ball than that area. There's a lot of room on the back and there's a lot of room on the end. When we did the last paint down on the surface we made distance in between each court. It's a great place to play pickle ball by accident.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - You are talking about resurfacing the whole surface?

DAVE MAJICK – Yes, we have to do the whole thing. If you go there you will see there are cracks everywhere. We are going to try one more thing and we put everything in those holes. There is a substance in a rope form. It's tar that you put in and heat. We were looking at that the other day. You know how many jars or gallons of this we would need? So, that was my goal today; to let you know what was coming. You have now introduced me to Kevin. I will go back to my group and say I went to council and presented it. I understand your financial situation. This thing was done here by donations and I've got Kevin to help us out.

COUNCILWOMAN PETROSKY - Conveniently, Don Wittman also sits on the Park Board. Although he is not here this evening, he would be the person who would likely write grants.

JERRY CARLETON – He was asked by the Parks Board to in fact investigate what we are talking about here. It's not that he doesn't know that. Dave Christner has asked him to do just that. I think that's the direction to go. It is part of the parks system over there. It's not something new. It has to be taken care. You've taken care of basketball. You've put fencing around the basketball court. You've put surface on the basketball courts. You've taken care of tennis. You've take care of the skate park. You've taken care of all the diamonds.

MAYOR WOOFER - The skate park was funded by donations.

JERRY CARLETON – Well, in part that is true. It was still taken care of by the Parks Board and it continues to be.

MAYOR WOOFER - Well, they just gave us the blessing for that. All that equipment in that skate park was through donations.

JERRY CARLETON – Okay, then let's take the skate park out of the conversation. Everything else I have talked about to you has been taken care of by the Parks and Rec Board. So, when we tell you that in fact that is part of that whole system, it needs to be taken care of.

MAYOR WOOFER - And we put money into it as we have been able to.

JERRY CARLETON – I understand. I'm not trying to beat you up here.

MAYOR WOOFER - We appreciate the pickle ball courts and I especially do. It brings people into town.

DAVE MAJICK – It does.

MAYOR WOOFER - And they spend money here.

DAVE MAJICK – They do.

MAYOR WOOFER - And that's great. That's what we want.

DAVE MAJICK – That's my thing. I know we get campers from up here that come down here to play and I tell them do you want Italian? You can't beat Vasilios. We've got Chinese down here; we've got this down here and so on. That's what I am saying. My goal is primarily to have a tournament like that functions well with the Lions Club, the Cortland Street Fair and businesses. I really think, and I've been here a long time, Cortland is a great place to live. It really is. You have the lake, it's out of the main stream and you can go to all of these places to get all of this stuff. That's my goal, to try to bring people here.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - We can certainly talk about it. We had some very successful fundraisers. With your group having 40, there are 40 other people that have ideas and input that know people. So, you tell two friends, they tell two friends and the next thing you know you've reached 2,000 to 3,000 people.

DAVE MAJICK – Good. My purpose has been served. I have a contact person. I'm not here to take money.

JERRY CARLETON – We're trying to get money.

(MULTIPLE CONVERSATIONS)

JERRY CARLETON – Along those lines, as most of you know, I'm a member of the Rotary Club. The Rotary has been quite generous in what we have done around the community. They may look at that as well when we start looking at donations and contributions; but one of the things we really ask you to do is to go to Don, as he was directed by Dave, to study this thing for a grant that would happen and be ready to go next year. Get it completed. In two to three years, it will be in shambles by then. It needs to get done.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE – We will take it up with Don and get him moving on it.

JERRY CARLETON – Okay.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE – We need to set date for the second council meeting in July for Tuesday, July 5, 2016 because Monday, July 4th is Independence Day and the city offices are closed.

A motion to set the next meeting for Tuesday, July 5, 2016 was made by Councilwoman Petrosky and seconded by Councilman Edwards. ROLL CALL - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. MOTION PASSED

NO ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL