

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Tuesday, July 5, 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 Law Director Wilson, Finance Director Moyer, Police Chief Andrews, and Clerk of Council Horn; absent were Mayor Woofter, Fire Chief Rea, and Service Director Wittman.

A motion to approve Council Minutes from the June 20, 2016 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Moore. **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 \$91,397.11 was made by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilwoman Keller. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

OLD BUSINESS:

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 second reading by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Piros. **ROLL CALL O-28-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED**
SECOND READING

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION R-23-16 – A Resolution requesting the Auditor of Trumbull County, State of Ohio, to advance the amount of \$100,000.00 collected thru real estate tax, August settlement for use in the General Fund of the City of Cortland, Ohio was read and moved by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilwoman Keller. **ROLL CALL R-23-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

RESOLUTION R-24-16 – A Resolution requesting the Auditor of Trumbull County, State of Ohio, to advance the amount of \$200,000.00 collected thru real estate tax, August settlement for use in the Police Levy Fund of the City of Cortland, Ohio was read and moved by Councilwoman Keller and seconded by Councilman Moore. **ROLL CALL R-24-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

RESOLUTION R-25-16 – A Resolution requesting the Auditor of Trumbull County, State of Ohio, to advance the amount of \$200,000.00 collected thru real estate tax, August settlement for use in the Fire Levy Fund of the City of Cortland, Ohio was read and moved by Councilwoman Keller and seconded by Councilman Piros. **ROLL CALL R-25-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

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RESOLUTION R-26-16- A Resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation was read and moved by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Moore. **ROLL CALL R-26-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

ORDINANCE O-29-16 – An Ordinance authorizing the City of Cortland to enter into a contract with Karvo Companies Inc. for the 2016 Resurfacing Program was read and moved for by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilman Rowley. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Piros.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - I have a question and I see Don isn't here. I'm not sure anyone here can answer my question. Some of these companies look like companies we've never dealt with before. When a new company comes in, and after they have the lowest bid, do we investigate the company and make sure they are...?

FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER - I can speak to that because that question was raised in our staff meeting since this was a new name we hadn't seen before. Don assured the Mayor at that point and those of us in the meeting that he had done his research on this company and they were very viable.

COUNCILMAN ROWLEY – Along with the bid, don't they have to post a bond?

FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER - If that's part of the bid specs, yes. That would be part of all of this.

COUNCILMAN ROWLEY - So there would be a bond on this one?

FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER - I believe so. I don't know the...

COUNCILMAN ROWLEY - My question was the same as Kevin's. I recognized a lot of names but there were a couple I didn't recognize.

LAW DIRECTOR WILSON - That would be part of Don's research, whether these companies are viable in the sense can they get bonded. For him to even accept the bid he's going to make sure they can. Even though we maybe have not heard of them here.

ROLL CALL ON SUSPENSION OF RULES ON O-29-16 - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ROLL CALL ON O-29-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED IN EMERGENCY**

ORDINANCE O-30-16 – An Ordinance amending O-09-14 the City's water tap fees and setting forth the rules and regulations for water service connections was read and moved for first reading by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilwoman Keller.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – It looks like we just did this two years ago? Is that the last time we raised the fees?

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Yes.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – And the reason for it now? Can someone explain? I know Don's not here but...

FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER – His explanation would be that the costs have gone up to the point where what we were charging was no longer covering all of our costs. So, he reviewed them and these were the numbers he came up with.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – Is this work handled by the city employees? Do they do tap-ins?

FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER - Yes.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – Do you know how many we do a year?

FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER - I'd say maybe 10 or 12. We used to do more. We don't do quite as many as we used to. It just depends on if there is a section where things are being improved and this type of work is needed. It is a first reading so if you have questions you can certainly ask them.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – The smallest one was an 11.5% increase and the 2 inch was a 22% increase. It seemed high. I will have address that with Don, I guess.

ROLL CALL O-30-16 - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piro, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED FIRST READING**

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER – I will be filing those three resolutions with the county tomorrow morning to get the advances for our tax money. Also they will be notified tomorrow of the passage of the tax levy so they can prepare the document that needs to come back to us. We will have the second piece of legislation for that on the second meeting in July. That's all I have unless there are any questions.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS – We survived another 4th of July without any problems. We do get the normal complaints. Nothing was redundant from last year. So we are not getting the same ones from the same people, so that's good. I don't think there were any injuries, so that's good also. Other than that it has been rather uneventful. I'll answer any questions you have.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Uneventful is good.

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS – Definitely.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

(FIRE CHIEF REA ABSENT)

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

(SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN ABSENT)

MAYOR'S REPORT:

(MAYOR WOOFER ABSENT)

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

NO QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL FROM THE AUDIENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VICE PRESIDENT PETROSKY – I happened to just go by the Splash Pad today and it was being well used. I just wanted to let you know that. Kudos.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - It's been very popular especially in this heat.

COUNCILWOMAN KELLER - I saw it shut down on the 4th of July.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - There were some things on Facebook that it wasn't coming on. I responded on Facebook that it is on a timer. So, if there is a power interruption and the power goes out it could move it back 5 or 10 minutes. One of the officers replied also that it was coming on a little bit later but it was staying on a little bit later as well. It was consistent.

COUNCILWOMAN KELLER - I think they thought there was something they had to do being the first ones there to turn it on.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - No. I think it was 12:15 when it came on instead of 12:00.

COUNCILMAN ROWLEY - Where is the timer?

COUNCILMAN PIROS – It is inside the restroom facility. It's behind a locked door. Once the power to the Splash Pad is on, the mechanism will take over and function until the power is terminated at the end of the cycle.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - I would think that could be fixed readily.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – Yes. Once it's aware.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – If the timer is off, just change the timer.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – But if something goes off and no one is aware of it... That's not something we would go down there and check every day and make sure it's not off by 2 or 3 minutes. I'm sure Don and the Service Dept. will go down and check it out and make an adjustment accordingly.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL