

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.**

The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Monday, August 15, 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, Don Moore, Deidre Petrosky, Kevin Piros and Scott Rowley; absent was Patti Keller. Also present at the meeting were Mayor Woofter, Law Director Wilson, Finance Director Moyer, Fire Chief Rea, Police Chief Andrews, Service Director Wittman and Clerk of Council Horn.

A motion to approve Council Minutes from the August 1, 2016 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilman Moore. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Keller, absent; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

A motion to approve Schedule of Bills to be paid totaling \$66,141.86 was made by Councilwoman Petrosky and seconded by Councilman Rowley. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Keller, absent; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE O-31-16** – An Ordinance whereby the City of Cortland authorizes funding to YNG Air Partners to support its services for daily flights in and out of the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport was read and moved for third and final reading by Councilwoman Petrosky and seconded by Councilman Moore. **ROLL CALL O-31-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, absent; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, nay; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

**ORDINANCE O-32-16** – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter an agreement with Thomas Fok and Associates, Inc. to perform engineering and bidding assistance for the S. Mecca Waterline Replacement Project was read and moved for third and final reading by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Rowley. **ROLL CALL O-32-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, absent; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

**ORDINANCE O-33-16** – An Ordinance authorizing Ohio Pump to perform control panel improvements to the Southdale Lift Station was read and moved for third and final reading by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilwoman Petrosky. **ROLL CALL O-33-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, absent; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION R-29-16** – A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cortland, Ohio to place his signature on the Replat forming Cortland City Lots 83 & 84 formerly known as Lots 3 & 4 Cowdery's Allotment to Cortland Village Plat Volume 4, Page 107 was read and moved by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Rowley.

**COUNCILWOMAN PETROSKY** - Basically, we are separating this into two lots. Is that correct?

**MAYOR WOOFER** - Yes.

**COUNCILWOMAN PETROSKY** - Okay. I wanted to get that on the record.

**ROLL CALL R-29-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, absent; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION R-30-16** – A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cortland, Ohio to place his signature on the Replat of Lot 18 Cortland Estates Plat No.1 Volume 48, Page 24; Volume 48, Page 77 to include part of Great Lot 28 was read and moved by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilwoman Petrosky.

**COUNCILWOMAN PETROSKY** – I want to explain what this is or have an idea of what’s going on. Here we added some proposed acreage and the city retained a drainage and gas line easement. That’s the bottom line.

**MAYOR WOOFER** - Bottom line, correct.

**ROLL CALL R-30-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, absent; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION R-31-16** – A Resolution by the Council of the City of Cortland indicating the services the City of Cortland will provide to the owners of real estate containing 14.335 acres of territory proposed for annexation from Bazetta Township to the City of Cortland, Ohio was read and moved by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Edwards.

**COUNCILWOMAN PETROSKY** - This is an ordinary annexation of four properties into the city, correct?

**MAYOR WOOFER** - It’s a traditional annexation.

**COUNCILWOMAN PETROSKY** - Thank you.

**COUNCILMAN MOORE** - I understand this goes before the County Commissioners for approval?

**LAW DIRECTOR WILSON** – There is a hearing October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCILMAN MOORE** - Is there any problem they would have with it, do you think?

**LAW DIRECTOR WILSON** – I’m not aware of any but that’s why they have the hearing.

**MAYOR WOOFER** - There’s always that possibility.

**GENTLEMAN IN THE AUDIENCE** – (INAUDIBLE)... goes through the EPA as well...or has it already.

**LAW DIRECTOR WILSON** - I don’t know.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE** - Sir, if you have questions, could you come to the podium please so we can hear you? Your comments are welcome, just state your name and address please.

**DONALD GRAY – 4705 WARREN MEADVILLE RD**

**DONALD GRAY** – I'm one of the parcels to be annexed. I'm trying to understand the sequence of events. It's been a timely event so far. It has taken several months. The EPA gets into this as well. As I understand, it is out of Twinsburg. Do you know of anything that happened with the EPA? Or what will happen in terms of timing with the EPA?

**LAW DIRECTOR WILSON** - On behalf of the city, we don't know anything as far as the EPA is concerned. You may want to direct that question to Attorney Rieger.

**DONALD GRAY** – Okay. That's all I have for now.

**ROLL CALL R-31-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, absent; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER** – You all received copies of the Finance Report. The only thing I would have in addition to that is we did receive the second installment in our advances that we had requested on our real estate tax in August. So, you will see those reflected on our month end statement for next month. That's all I have unless there are any questions.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

**POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS** – The building project is coming along very well. We are probably about 90% done. We are in a holding pattern now waiting for some items to come back in and then the crew will come back in and finish it. We are moving back into some of the spaces we can. I'm very happy with the work. Everybody I've showed it to is really happy with it. The officers are ecstatic. It was very well worth it.

School is starting next week. You will probably hear from Service Director Wittman about some construction projects that are also starting up around the high school. Our major concern right now is the middle school with some of the patterns they have. The construction started. They are changing the way they are getting the kids in and out of there quite a bit. We are working with the school. It's going to be a work in progress. Superintendent Wilson, our SRO and some other people are working to get some patterns. We will see how that plays out. Our biggest concern is the traffic backing up on Wakefield. They are going to limit the amount of cars and busses that can get in and we are hoping that doesn't back everything up. If it does, we are going to have to look at something different, either from our end trying to get something worked out or even getting some signs up that say we can't have people stopping on that road at that time. All it takes is one person trying to get out or go around and we are going to have a nightmare. We are working on that so bear with us. With that said, and the school is reiterating this too, if you know people that can send their kids on busses that would help a tremendous amount. You have my monthly. I'll answer any questions you have of us.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

**FIRE CHIEF REA** – As you know we had an employee retire this past week. There were interviews to fill that position. We found one of our candidates that works part time for us. We have extended an offer of conditional employment pending his physical and he passes all that. Hopefully, we will have that information back sometime this week and we can go ahead and move forward with bringing him on board. I hope to bring him in front of you guys at the Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting; I presume we are going to do it on the 6<sup>th</sup> and not on Labor Day, to be sworn in.

In front of you Rhonda placed a one page informational flyer about a meeting that's going on at the auditorium at Kent State Trumbull Campus. This is an informational meeting about MARCS Radio System. I urge some of you to attend. I've been on the Mayor to get him down there too and he has politely agreed to go. Find out more about the MARS System because this is a system that's coming sooner or later. The more you know the better prepared we can be. So, I urge you if you can, to take the time and go over and listen to what they have to say.

**MAYOR WOOFER** - It's expensive which is why council should maybe....

**FIRE CHIEF REA** - It's insanely expensive. I'm not going to sugar coat it. But what you truly have to look at is infrastructure. I can't talk to another county that's not good, or if I can't talk to the state, that's not good. If we declare an emergency and he and I can't talk to the federal authorities, that's really bad when we are calling for help and we can't communicate with each other. It doesn't take much to have a disaster in your area as you're looking at Louisiana. If you think those small towns were entirely prepared and didn't think of that and sat around saying we will put it off because it's going to cost us money. They are in trouble now too. We've got to be able to talk to each other and that's part of what this is.

**MAYOR WOOFER** - Chief, didn't you tell me this is going to be mandatory at some point?

**FIRE CHIEF REA** - Sooner or later it's going to be. This arose out of the 911 Commission; the final chapter of the 911 Commission is interoperability and communication among all members of government. They punted it back to the states to come up with a communication system that the state will work with and will work on a national level. This is Ohio's answer to it. It's a MARCS System. It's an 800 MHz system. It runs off the old cell phone apparatus that it used to... not the towers, just the hardware. Sooner or later they will make us go to it so we can in the face of disaster communicate with each other.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE** - What type of hardware will we need to invest in?

**FIRE CHIEF REA** - Well, we are looking at the county as a whole. You can't take just Cortland and not the rest of the county or Warren and not the rest of the county. It's about a \$6 million venture right now.

**COUNCILMAN PIROS** - County wide

**FIRE CHIEF REA** - Yes, county wide with ongoing fees. It's not cheap but it's the first leg. The second leg of that is a data plan like the MDT we bought. It's so we can talk nationally and broadcast data and information. MARCS is voice transmission.

**COUNCILMAN MOORE** - Is there any hope of any grants for this?

**FIRE CHIEF REA** - Yes. That's what we are hoping to do, regional grants through the Trumbull County Fire Chiefs, State Fire Marshal's office and some other ones to help pay for it. I can't tell you when they are going to tell us but they already narrow banded us about three years ago. They cut our bandwidth in half which was a mandate. All they have to do is cut our bandwidth in half again and take us down to 6.25 MHz and that means we have to go to the digital system. They've already mandated us to do it; they will do it again and force us to go to this system anyway. Last time it is was \$25,000 per incident a fine if you don't narrow band your system. They

have ways of convincing you. If you don't know about it, this is a great opportunity to go learn. The head of the state's MARCS Commission is going to be there.

**MAYOR WOOFER** - I will be going. I invite all council people to go if they are able to.

**FIRE CHIEF REA** – I tried to keep it brief. I don't have anything else. You have my monthly report and I'd be happy to answer questions you may have.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN** - The monthly report was sent via email and hard copy if that's what you requested. As the Police Chief alluded to, the resurfacing program is set to kick off August 22<sup>nd</sup>. That is when the contractor has it scheduled, on or before Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>. Hopefully, it will be delayed with all this rain they have been having. If they get tied up on 88 they should be mobilizing into the city sometime next week. I don't see them starting on that Monday but there are other areas of work that can be done and avoid the school. More than likely, they will do that last. I will convey to the contractor that there are certain hours they will be only be able to work over there without traffic headaches. Otherwise, they will be responsible for traffic control. Other than that, I'll entertain any questions council may have for me.

**COUNCILMAN MOORE** - We talked at the last meeting and I asked you about it directly, the portable generator.... there is a trailer with that, correct?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN** – Yes. It is mounted with a trailer.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**MAYOR WOOFER** – I'd like to welcome our guests this evening. We don't normally have people here. We're pleased that you all decided to come.

Our Fall Clean Up is Sept 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Your items will be collected with your regular garbage pick-up.

The new Lakeview Pre-K through 8 building ground breaking ceremony will be August 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. If you haven't gotten an invite, mark that on your calendar and try to attend if you can. It's from 5:00 to 6:30 or 7:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. is the high school football stadium dedication and the first football game.

**NO COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A motion to set the next meeting to Tuesday, September 6, 2016 in honor of Labor Day was made by Councilwoman Petrosky and seconded by Councilman Moore. ROLL CALL - Edwards, aye; Keller, absent; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. MOTION PASSED**

**NO QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**COUNCILMAN PIROS** - We are planning a 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Taste of Cortland fundraiser on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at the Country Porch Winery. More details to follow

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE** - Is there a specific purpose for the fundraising for this one?

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**COUNCILMAN PIROS** - Continued fundraising for the Cortland Community Foundation as well as additional improvements around the splash pad and for Pearl Park in general.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE** - That's a very nice event. I'd encourage anyone who hasn't been to try to attend.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:21p.m.

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