

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Monday, October 3, 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 Fire Chief Rea, Police Chief Andrews, Service Director Wittman and Clerk of Council Horn.

A motion to approve Council Minutes from the September 19, 2016 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilman Moore. **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 \$117,009.29 was made by Councilman Edwards and seconded by Councilman Moore. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE O-37-16 – An Ordinance amending O-11-07 the purchasing procedures for the Municipality of Cortland, Ohio was read and moved for third and final reading by Councilwoman Petrosky and seconded by Councilman Rowley. **ROLL CALL O-37-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

ORDINANCE O-38-16 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Trumbull County Combined Health District was read and moved for third and final reading by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilwoman Keller. **ROLL CALL O-38-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, abstain; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

ORDINANCE O-39-16 – An Ordinance amending O-08-13 to update the Civil Service Laws in the City of Cortland, County of Trumbull, and State of Ohio was read and moved for third and final reading by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilwoman Petrosky. **ROLL CALL O-39-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION R-34 -16 - A Resolution authorizing the Service Director to advertise for the sale and to sell (1) 1996 International Dump Truck with plow and spreader, (1) 1993 Ford 1-Ton Dump Truck, (1) 1986 Ford Van Bucket Truck and miscellaneous equipment and supplies was read and moved by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilman Rowley.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE - Quite a sale you are having here, Don.

ROLL CALL R-34-16 - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

ORDINANCE O-40-16 – An Ordinance repealing Ordinance O-72-14 and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a revised LPA Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation to establish responsibilities for the administration of the Lakeview Schools Pedestrian Enhancement Project - Phase II – PID 98870 was read and moved for first reading by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Edwards. **ROLL CALL O-40-16** - 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 – I really don't have anything this evening unless there are any questions of my department.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS – We are having a Drug Take Back Program on Sat., October 22nd from 10 am to 2 pm. We will be getting more out on it. Any pharmaceuticals you bring in and want disposed of we will hold on to and turn them in on Monday when BCI and the DA come by.

The Finance Director handed me a check today. We got a \$29,000+ check back as reimbursement for the reconstruction project next door. I was amazed because that was less than a two week turnaround from the time I submitted all the paperwork to when the check actually arrived. So, that's very rare for state government. It's very nice to have. Other than that, everything is running smoothly and I'll answer any questions you may have of us.

MAYOR WOOFER – Our contractor will be very happy to hear that.

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS – He's already been taken care of. This is all reimbursements. I'm very happy right now.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – Chief, anything local about clowns?

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS – Well, we have had some reports but none that have been verified. Most of these are from kids. It's part of this whole craze started on YouTube and things like that. Nothing has been substantiated. I imagine we will have some before long, much like Pokémon, etc. All I ask is that it doesn't get too carried away. I know in some communities it has and people have gotten hurt with this. With Halloween coming up, it will be interesting of what's going to be a normal prank and what's going to be over the line.

COUNCILWOMAN KELLER - Have they found those to be legitimate complaints?

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS – Ours or anywhere?

COUNCILWOMAN KELLER – All around. I saw some in Canfield...

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS –Some are legitimate. There are people dressing up as clowns. It started somewhere and someone picked it up and the next thing you know we are talking about tonight. I guarantee you kids probably heard about this months ago and that's why it's picking up.

COUNCILWOMAN KELLER – But no claims of anyone getting hurt, or being threatened?

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS –No. I think the worst thing that is happening is there was one department that ended up arresting two young men, 20 years old, mostly because they were jumping out in front of cars and going back in the woods. Stupid stuff. If someone was walking down the street in a clown costume, it's really not illegal, but in the middle of the night jumping out in front of cars with or without a costume... that's a problem. You are seeing this now. All it takes is that one person to say that would be kind of cool and does a stupid stunt. So, I think more parents are aware of it. Obviously, the adults are being made more aware of it so maybe they can tell their children. We have had some reports in town; some of those aren't really credible. They have not been validated at all.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

FIRE CHIEF REA – I received a phone call from City Hall and also some residents stopped by our fire station about phone solicitations on behalf of the fire department. We are not holding any phone solicitations; we never have. We are currently not doing it. I put a post on Facebook saying it's a scam and don't give to these people. They are not representing us. I have no idea who they are representing. They get a list of numbers and they just start dialing to scam people out of their money basically. So, I just want everyone to know so its gets out there on TV, and I put it out there on the internet as well. Do not give. We won't be doing phone solicitations and the union does not do phone solicitations. They haven't in 25 years.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE – Chief, my Caller ID, when they called this afternoon, said Ohio Fire.

FIRE CHIEF REA – Yes it did. And that's what several people said that it said Ohio Fire; and they said it was on behalf of the Cortland Fire Dept we are soliciting donations and they were willing to take checks.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - Is there a phone number that comes with that?

FIRE CHIEF REA – Yes.

MAYOR WOOFER – Yes.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - Can't that be traced to see who is making these calls?

POLICE ANDREWS - Possibly.

MAYOR WOOFER – I think I gave you the number after the one resident talked to me. I might have the number in my office.

FIRE CHIEF REA – She stopped down that afternoon and she was a little angry.

(MULTIPLE CONVERSATION)

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – As promised at the last meeting, I stated the 2016 Resurfacing Program would be kicking off and it has. Fortunately, we were able to mill the streets and nothing came to a crashing halt

as far as bussing on Lakeview today so all the worrying and everything that our paving program was going to start on the first day of school many months ago is gone and passed without much upset. So, in the next couple days they will be putting new asphalt to replace the old asphalt they removed. It should be done in a couple days. Once that is completed we will lift the parking restrictions on those roadways, primarily affecting Diamond Way and to a smaller extent Lakeview.

As far as the legislation before you this evening revising the agreement with ODOT to proceed with the Lakeview Phase II Enhancement Project, that is because the plans have been submitted to ODOT for review. We just have to update some of the language to be current with their new program. That's just a formality at this point. That will not hinder the project. Our goal is to bid it the first part of next year and go forward with construction as soon as school lets out. Other than that, I'll entertain any questions council may have of me.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – Don, the resolution we did authorizing the selling of three vehicles, you are getting one new one so were these other two just surplus ones?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Correct. It is some equipment we haven't gotten rid of at this time due to either we had some use hanging on to them as a surplus vehicle but with the need to get rid of this dump truck so we can get a good price on it, it was a good opportunity to dispose of the other two vehicles. I'm not sure at this point if I'm going to use the internet or just solicit open bids. It just depends what we can get out of it and if it would be beneficial to open it up to a larger target audience than outside say the city and the Trumbull County area.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

MAYOR WOOFER –First of all, I'd like to welcome our guests to City Council tonight. We don't generally get too many but we know when Mr. Pavlansky's government class starts to send the students out because they start showing up here. So, thank you for coming.

Last week, myself and Curt Moll representing the Cortland Foundation, Jerry Carleton and Dave Majick representing Kappa, the Pickle Ball Court Association, and Dave Christner were all invited to the Mercy Health Foundation to meet with their Board President who presented us with a check for \$12,500, which is a matching grant, for the resurfacing of the pickle ball courts. We were very happy to receive that money. Early estimates on the resurfacing are somewhere around \$25,000 and Kappa has stepped up to the plate. First of all, they were the ones that solicited Mercy Health and in addition will try to provide another \$6,500 through donations on their part so the city will have comparatively very little money to put up to resurface the court.

Also, I just drove down by the sled hill. I'm not sure everyone knows, but it was hydro-seeded recently and grass is growing which is a good sign. So I think after this week, with a lot of the sun and then rain towards the end of the week again I think it should grow pretty well, hopefully. Maybe we will have the sled hill open this year for the kids to sled on.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – Are they going to develop rules or guidelines?

MAYOR WOOFER –Yes. That's going to be in conjunction with the Trumbull County Metro Parks Board. This is a hand in hand project that we are doing with them.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – There's no lighting there?

MAYOR WOOFER – There is no lighting. The state parks have a sun up to sun down rule so lighting would be inconsistent with their hours of operation. So, unless that gets changed or if they decide to change this then at that time maybe we will look into lighting. I know when I was kid I used to go to Packard Park and sled ride at night. It was fun. It was well lit and a lot of fun to go there.

Announcements:

Curbside Brush Pickup – North Section - Week of Oct 10th, South Section - Week of Oct 17th. October is the last month for this program until next year.

Halloween Trick or Treat - Monday, October 31st - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

NO QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL FROM THE AUDIENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COUNCILMAN PIROS – We are moving forward with the Taste of Cortland. Something new this year, and we've posted it online, is we are going to have door prizes. We've gotten generous donations by area businesses. That's something we will step up a little this year. It's very exciting.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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