

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Monday, October 17, 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, and Kevin Piros; absent was 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 October 3, 2016 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilwoman Petrosky. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Keller; aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, absent. **MOTION PASSED**

A motion to approve Schedule of Bills to be paid totaling \$33,206.15 was made by Councilwoman Petrosky and seconded by Councilwoman Keller. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, absent. **MOTION PASSED**

OLD BUSINESS:

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 second reading by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilman Moore. **ROLL CALL O-40-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, absent. **ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND READING**

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION R-35-16 – A Resolution congratulating Trumbull County Recorder Diana Marchese on her retirement was read and moved by Councilwoman Keller seconded by Councilwoman Petrosky. **ROLL CALL R-35-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, absent. **MOTION PASSED**

ORDINANCE O-41-16 – An Ordinance approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of Cortland, Ohio and to amend or enact sections of the Traffic and General Offenses Codes to conform to enactments of the General Assembly was read and moved by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilman Edwards. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilwoman Petrosky and seconded by Councilman Piros.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - I presume this is just housekeeping.

MAYOR WOOFTER - Pretty much. Each year the state may change certain ordinances as far as the police, fire, and traffic, etc. and in order for us to update our codified ordinance we have to go along with the state. All we are doing is just updating our codified ordinances.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - Thank you.

ROLL CALL ON SUSPENSION OF RULES ON O-41-16 - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, absent. **ROLL CALL ON O-41-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, absent. **ORDINANCE PASSED IN EMERGENCY**

ORDINANCE O-42-16 – An Ordinance authorizing the City of Cortland to accept a proposal from the Ohio Fire Chiefs’ Association to perform testing services to aid in the filling of its vacant Fire Captain position was read and moved by Councilman Edwards and seconded by Councilman Moore. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Edwards and seconded by Councilman Moore. **ROLL CALL ON SUSPENSION OF RULES ON O-42-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, absent.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - I wanted to check with the Chief. Are there three captain spots?

FIRE CHIEF REA - Yes.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - Is there one for each shift? Is that how it works?

FIRE CHIEF REA - Yes.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - Just wanted to check on the structure of that. Thank you.

ROLL CALL ON O-42-16 - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, absent. **ORDINANCE PASSED IN EMERGENCY**

ORDINANCE O-43-16 –An Ordinance authorizing the Service Director to contract with University Electric Inc. for electrical improvements at four (4) sewage lift stations was read and moved for first reading by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilman Edwards.

COUNCILWOMAN PETROSKY – What’s going on, just routine?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – The generator that was purchased will be capable of running the three phase lift stations in the city; those lift stations require a lot of modifications as far as not really a transfer switch but a shut off so we can disconnect the lift station from the electrical distribution system while we are running it so we don’t send power on down the line. University Electric will also be providing some cords that will allow us to directly plug the generator into the lift station so it’s not a wiring situation. It will aid in the response of getting power back to the lift station. So, we did four of them six or seven years ago so we could directly plug in the generator, or a smaller generator, for a single phase lift station. This is the other four lift stations.

ROLL CALL O-43-16 - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, absent. **ORDINANCE PASSED FIRST READING**

ORDINANCE O-44-16 – An Ordinance authorizing the Service Director to purchase a 2008 Ford F350 extended cab flatbed truck with auto crane from Wike Lift Service was read and moved for first reading by Councilman Edwards and seconded by Councilman Moore.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – This is a piece of equipment that showed up in town from the installer of the lift down at the maintenance facility. It is essentially a really good deal at this point. It has an auto crane attached to the bed of truck which will again enable us to do services to the lift stations. Currently any time a pump needs to be pulled, we have to grab an equipment operator, take the back hoe up there, pull the lift pump and do maintenance on it. So, with this auto crane and truck we are going to look at having all the lift station equipment all in one vehicle so we can service the station. Much like we have a water squad to do water repairs, we will have a sewer repair truck to address the lift stations.

COUNCILWOMAN PETROSKY – Just for the record, this looks like an awesome purchase. The total price is not to exceed \$8,200.00. It's a good deal.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE – Yes it is.

ROLL CALL O-44-16 - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, absent. **ORDINANCE PASSED FIRST READING**

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER – It's that time of year where I'm going through the books and looking at where I need to certifying grant monies and any other additional monies, anything that has come in this year. So, there will probably be some legislation forthcoming in November to amend our appropriations. Other than that, I don't have anything else this evening unless you have any questions of my department.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS – The Drug Take Back Program is this Saturday, October 22nd from 10 am to 2 pm. People can drop off any unused medication at the police station. Please no needles, inhalers or liquids.

We have been contacted by Donna Umbrazun. The Mayor pretty much made this happen. She is with the band boosters. We are going to have a Cortland Halloween Parade. We haven't had that for quite a few years and it was down Main St. I believe the Cortland Lions Club was responsible for that. She has pretty much gotten it together. It will start at the middle school and run to the high school. Any child can participate to march. The Fire Dept will be there, we will be there and possibly the Service Dept. I think someone from the airbase may be there. It will run next Thursday, Oct 27th, at 6:00 p.m. Afterwards, she is planning on having a Truck or Treat. A lot of the military vehicles will be there to hand out candy and I'm sure we will as well. So, the kids can pick up a lot of candy in the northern parking lot right off Portal. If there are questions of how to get a hold of her, I think the Mayor has her number, I do and Terri does as well. So, one of us will get them to Donna.

The school has paid their part of the School Resource Officer program for this year. We just got that check in last week. It was about \$32,000 for the year so that's real good. Obviously, they see the value in the program. It's working real well. Other than that, I believe you have my monthly and I'll answer any questions you have of us.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

FIRE CHIEF REA – I know a lot of you have been asking questions about our new vehicles and I finally got an answer for you. The vehicles are in. They are supposed to start the install of all the equipment and light bars and all that stuff on the 19th. So, hopefully we will have them right around the first of the month. That's what we are looking at. Then we have to get them decaled so people know who we are.

We met with the school architects for one meeting about water supply issues then I sat down and met with Service Director Don Wittman and we got most of that hammered out. Don gave me some good ideas on how I could get what I wanted and maintain a decent water flow around the school.

Last week was Fire Safety Week. We had three area daycares come in and we also went up to the high school for those kids. We had a great time with them. We had probably 100 kids come through and got to see the fire dept. and fire trucks and get a little bit of education as far as fire safety.

One of my guys has been working hard doing a facelift on the front of the fire station. Take a look at it. We got all the bay doors painted and we will start on the man door and some of lintels over the bay doors. It looks real nice. That's all I have. You have my monthly report and I'd be happy to answer any questions.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – You were supplied with the monthly report as well as the quarterly report. Hard to believe that ¾ of 2016 is over but that's where we are.

The Asphalt Resurfacing Program was completed last week in time for the time of completion. It took a while for them to get in town but once they were here, they had everything completed within the 6 or 7 days they had scheduled.

Some other things we have going on as far as on the Parks front, I was just out looking at the sled hill where we hydro-seeded a few weeks ago and that grass has really taken hold. It looks good.

Also, they started on the pavilion down at Pearl Park today. Next spring we will have a pavilion adjacent to the splash pad. So, that's just a minor update to what we have going on but I'll entertain any questions council has for me.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

MAYOR WOOFER – I have a couple announcements:

Taste of Cortland – This Wednesday, Oct 19th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Kevin will talk more on this.

Make a Difference Day - The Rotary Club of Cortland annual food and clothing drive - Saturday, Oct 22nd 9:30 to 2:30 p.m. ~ Lakeview High School bus garage. The food drive benefits our local Cortland Area Cares and the donation drive for clothes helps the Appalachian Mountain families.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE - They go to the Warren Family Mission now.

MAYOR WOOFER – Oh. I guess they are keeping it local. The clothes they obtain will be going to the Warren Family Mission. So, please get out and support that. Bring clothes and food. And regards to the food pantry, I recently was able to find a new home for them. They moved off of Pearl St and they are over on Fowler now. The address is 1000 Fowler St; the building was a former Packard Electric plant facility. It's been a plastic plant and various other things. They have a couple thousand square foot area now which is about twice as much room as they used to have. They have their own huge parking lot that can be utilized so the car traffic that comes there to pick up the food they can all park within the parking facility of the Metal Works of Ohio plant. They are serving over 220 homes now in the area. Bruce, who owns the facility, was very generous in donating a lot of the time and labor to facilitate this happening. They are not charging them any more than what they were paying down at the old facility. It's working out great. The people are happy. There will be an Open House on Nov 12th at 11:00 a.m. All the council members are invited if you haven't received that information. Please try to come. I think it's a great thing for our community.

Cortland Halloween Parade – Thursday, Oct 27th 6:00 p.m. The proceeds that come from that parade are going to assist in purchasing new band uniforms for the Lakeview High School Band. The band will be performing that night as well. I think this will be an annual event to help the band with their proceeds.

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

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL FROM THE AUDIENCE:

DOUG SCHERER – 263 PORTAL DR

DOUG SCHERER – We will start on a good note. I am very pleased with our safety services. I'm glad to stand here and listen to them tonight. I've called upon them a few times in the last year and everything has been done very candidly and correctly.

The other thing I came about is the sidewalk program up Portal Dr. I'm not totally against putting sidewalks up Portal Dr, but if we are only going to put them to the culvert on Portal Dr and the kids still have to walk on Stonewood and Cedar to get to another sidewalk, it doesn't make a whole lot of sense to me that we don't start at Cedar and come down Stonewood and then come into the concrete that we have.

The other part of that is the most major park that we have in this town that you use at least seven months of the year, doesn't have sidewalks to it. You have sidewalks on Fowler St, you have sidewalks on East Main St., and you have kids on the road going down Willow and Russell all summer long to get into that park. It is very well used. It's just something you might want to think about. Like I said, I'm not against putting a sidewalk up Portal; but half the people in this town, which I believe there is an ordinance that says you will clean your sidewalk, don't. So, all winter long, kids aren't going to be on the sidewalks on Portal Dr walking to Lakeview anyhow. It's just something you might want to think about when we don't have sidewalks going to the major park in this town and you use it seven months out of the year, maybe more, than what they do walking to school. So, it's just something to think about. I'd rather see it go there first or start at the other end and come down rather than have sidewalks, not sidewalks, and then sidewalks. I've lived there for 15 years now and there is only one child that I know of this year that walked Portal to go to the school. The rest of them come off of Cedar, Fowler and up in Shepherds Hill. Like I said, it's just something to think about. I appreciate your time. Thank you very much.

MAYOR WOOFER - We will take that under advisement. I certainly appreciate your comments on that Doug.

DOUG SCHERER – Like I said, I'm not against putting a sidewalk by my house. I don't have a problem with that.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE - We've always had an issue with the kids using the sidewalks once we put them in. They still want to walk in the road.

DOUG SCHERER – I don't disagree, Dennis. I'm just saying that at Willow Park, there are a lot of people that walk their kids, their dogs, their strollers, and there are kids on bikes. I know they're not supposed to be, but I'm never going to complain about that. That's the most used park. If you go by there all summer long, there are

people using the tennis courts, pickle ball, and little baseball players. They are all there and there is no sidewalk there for them.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE - That's a good point, I appreciate it. Thank you for your time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COUNCILMAN PIROS – I wanted to follow up on the Mayor's mentioning of the Taste of Cortland event. It is Wednesday from 5 pm to 8 pm at Country Porch Winery. We are doing a couple things different this year. We are doing door prizes this year. For every ticket you purchase you get a free raffle ticket, if you buy a glass of wine you get an extra raffle ticket, and if you buy a bottle of wine you get an extra raffle ticket too. So, by buying merchandise, like wine, you are also getting a chance at some very nice door prizes. At last count, we have 17 food vendors. There should be plenty of food. If you coming, come hungry and come thirsty. Stick around and enjoy yourself.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE – I know that anyone that was there last year raved about it. It was really a well-organized event. They did a nice job with it. The food, as Kevin said, is more than anybody could eat. It was very well done. It's a good chance for the Cortland restaurants to display their fares for everybody to see.

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, absent. **MOTION PASSED**

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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