

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Monday, November 21, 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 November 7, 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 \$31,429.31 was made by Councilman Edwards and seconded by Councilman Piros. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

OLD BUSINESS:

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 third and final reading by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Rowley. **ROLL CALL O-43-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL 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 third and final reading by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilman Rowley. **ROLL CALL O-44-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

ORDINANCE O-45-16 –An Ordinance authorizing an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program for the 2017 City Resurfacing Program and to execute contracts as required was read and moved for second reading by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Edwards. **ROLL CALL O-45-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND READING**

ORDINANCE O-46-16 – An Ordinance authorizing an agreement for legal defense for indigents was read and moved for second reading by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilwoman Petrosky. **ROLL CALL O-46-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND READING**

ORDINANCE O-47-16 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter an agreement with GPD Group to perform a traffic study of the State Route 5 and State Route 46 corridor was read and moved for second reading by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Rowley. **ROLL CALL O-47-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller,

aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND READING**

NO NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS:

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER – Things are moving forward towards year end in my department. I will be bringing some adjustments to the next council meeting.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS – I don't have anything to bring to Council this evening. I'll answer any questions you have.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

FIRE CHIEF REA – My new vehicles are out being lettered this week and probably next week. They should be ready to go by the end of November.

I also asked the Safety Services Committee to meet on Dec 19th to discuss replacement of some vehicles for next year. I'd like to get on that. We are putting a lot of money into maintaining the ones we have. We need to start on the schedule for replacing those. That's all I have. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – I have nothing to report this evening but will entertain any questions Council may have.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – Did you use the sled hill?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – No, I did not.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

MAYOR WOOFER – I have a couple announcements:

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. To remind our residents, the Thanksgiving holiday is Thurs, Nov 24th. City offices will be closed both Thurs and Fri Nov 24th/25th this week.

I would like to give you all a little bit of an update on our new website. I'd like to invite you all to view it.

CLERK OF COUNCIL HORN - I will send Council a link to it tomorrow.

MAYOR WOOFER – Please look it over. We are making some great progress with it. It looks really nice. It's very modern looking. There is going to be some pretty very cool stuff about it. There will be changes made probably within the next week. I am going to meet with all my department heads and we are going to review it and do some finalizing with it and get it up and rolling. Once we get that up then we are going to be transferring all our email accounts from Cboss over to Clear Choice Creative. Then we will be official divorced from CBoss at that time.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - Is trash delayed this week?

MAYOR WOOFER – Yes.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - It should be delayed one day.

MAYOR WOOFER – They sent out a schedule. You should have gotten a letter from Republic with their holiday schedule. They sent it to everyone. It will be delayed on Christmas as well.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - No it's not.

CLERK OF COUNCIL HORN – Actually, the weeks of Christmas and New Years it is not going to be delayed.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - Because it's a Monday.

MAYOR WOOFER – Okay. As far as the sled hill, did the Service Dept get the fencing on the back side? I didn't go over and look. We are going to be fencing the back side of the sled hill so the kids are going the right direction, not that they shouldn't be able to figure that out.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – I was out there. There are fence posts and heavy gauge wire roped through the top. I'm not sure if that is completed or if there is going to be some snow fencing as well. The wire should help people climbing up the hill. It is slippery and steep. It is open pending more snow.

MAYOR WOOFER – Did they get the rules posted?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - Yes

MAYOR WOOFER – Okay. So the rules and regs are posted. That, of course, is based on what the...

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - Leave it to the attorneys to make a... (INAUDIBLE)

(MULTIPLE CONVERSATIONS)

COUNCILMAN MOORE - Is there going to be anything there to block them at the bottom like bales or something?

MAYOR WOOFER – I don't think they will get that far.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - You don't think they'll go that far?

MAYOR WOOFER – Back towards the tree line?

COUNCILMAN MOORE - Yes.

MAYOR WOOFER – I don't think they will get that far.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - The trees will stop them.

(LAUGHTER)

COUNCILMAN MOORE - I'm sorry. It's the insurance guy in me that asks that.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - Yes. I blame the attorneys; but they are really in cahoots with the insurance guys. But all kidding aside, it is something that we will monitor and adjust to make any changes necessary so there is a safe and enjoyable sledding experience for all those involved.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - It looks like it's reasonably flat at the bottom but if that gets icy, kids can move pretty quick.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Obviously, the weather conditions are going to dictate how far they go whether its icy or slushy snow.

MAYOR WOOFER – Did they take the “No Trespassing” signs down?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - Yes.

MAYOR WOOFER – So the sled hill is officially open.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

COUNCILWOMAN PETROSKY, CHAIR – First of all, I would like to thank the residents of the City for passing our General Fund Replacement Levy.

Second of all, the Finance Committee met tonight at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the ordinance for a Deputy Finance Director. I would like to make a motion to set a Special Meeting for Wednesday, November 23, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. to pass this proposed legislation in emergency.

A motion to approve a Special Meeting on Wednesday, November 23rd at 12:00 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Petrosky and seconded by Councilman Moore. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Keller; aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piro, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL FROM THE AUDIENCE:

SANDRA EDWARDS – 528 SYCAMORE TRAIL

SANDRA EDWARDS – Every time I come through the traffic lights, they are always red, every one of them.

MAYOR WOOFER – You are not supposed to go through red traffic lights.

(LAUGHTER)

SANDRA EDWARDS – Every time I go through town, I catch every red light.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - But the person not far after you hits them all on green so they are thankful.

MAYOR WOOFER – You just start out at the wrong time.

SANDRA EDWARDS – It doesn't seem like they are sequenced right to me because every time I'm by the bridge I get a red light. Then, at the second light, I get a red light there too. They are never green when I am going through.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE - Do they still have to stop at red lights, Tom?

(LAUGHTER)

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS – Yes.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE - We are going to be doing some traffic studies in some areas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COUNCILMAN PIROS – I would like to recognize and thank the Service Dept for their work in getting the seating area at the splash pad done. So, now we can finish the fencing and move forward. The pavilion is almost done. I think everyone is going to be really happy next year. Everything is going to come together and it will look really impressive. So, thanks again, Don, and your dept.

MAYOR WOOFER – Also, in conjunction to the splash pad, at the end of the season, John Forker, who owns the company that installed it, had to dig up part of the pad to repair a leak. They re-cemented the base of it. I'm not sure you seen it or not, but they came back. He was perplexed as to how he was going to repair that so he made a big water splash out of the area they had cut off. It does look very nice. It's a different color. He's got some sprinkled gray area in it so it sort of looks like a splash. He did an excellent job in repairing that.

A motion to adjourn the 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**

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL