

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Administration Building, 400 N High St, Cortland, Ohio with Council President Petrosky presiding. Members of Council present were James Edwards, Kathy Fleischer, Patti Keller, Don Moore Kevin Piros and Scott Rowley. Also present at the meeting were Mayor Woofter, Law Director Wilson, Police Chief Andrews, Fire Chief Rea and Clerk of Council Horn; absent were Finance Director Gibson and Service Director Wittman.

A motion to approve Council Minutes from the February 5, 2018 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilwoman Keller and seconded by Councilman Moore. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, abstain. **MOTION PASSED**

A motion to approve Schedule of Bills to be paid totaling \$48,527.08 was made by Councilwoman Keller and seconded by Councilman Rowley. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE O-01-18 – An Ordinance authorizing the Police Chief to purchase accessories and installation of the accessories in the 2018 Ford Police Interceptor Sport Utility Vehicle was read and moved for second reading by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilwoman Keller. **ROLL CALL O-01-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND READING**

ORDINANCE O-02-18 – An Ordinance amending Part Five General Offenses Code of the City of Cortland’s Codified Ordinances by establishing Section 521.101 to prohibit smoking in City Parks was read and moved for second reading by Councilwoman Keller and seconded by Councilman Piros. **ROLL CALL O-02-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND READING**

ORDINANCE O-03-18 – An Ordinance authorizing the Service Director to purchase a fluoride meter from USABlueBook was read and moved for second reading by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilwoman Keller. **ROLL CALL O-03-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND READING**

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION R-09-18 - A Resolution requesting the Auditor of Trumbull County, State of Ohio, to advance the amount of \$100,000.00 collected thru Real Estate Tax, March settlement for use in the General Fund of the City of Cortland, Ohio was moved by Councilman Moore and seconded by

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

RESOLUTION R-10-18 - A Resolution requesting the Auditor of Trumbull County, State of Ohio, to advance the amount of \$200,000.00 collected thru Real Estate Tax, March settlement for use in the Police Levy Fund of the City of Cortland, Ohio was moved by Councilwoman Keller and seconded by Councilman Piros. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

RESOLUTION R-11-18 - A Resolution requesting the Auditor of Trumbull County, State of Ohio, to advance the amount of \$200,000.00 collected thru Real Estate Tax, March settlement for use in the Fire Levy Fund of the City of Cortland, Ohio was moved by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilwoman Keller. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

ORDINANCE O-04-18 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign an intergovernmental agreement for the City of Cortland to participate in and partially fund the Trumbull County Transit Service was read and moved for first reading by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilwoman Fleischer.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - I noticed from the list that we got obviously we pay based by the number of residents and they keep track of them for Cortland, but some of these are from the townships surrounding us.

MAYOR WOOFER – Yes, that’s a blanket list. I had that same question.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - Does the township pay into this too?

MAYOR WOOFER – I don’t know. I can’t answer that but our fee is based on so much times the number of residents in the city. I think it’s \$.50.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - \$.50.

MAYOR WOOFER –That’s how they come up with that number. This is something we do every year. This will come back to council for you to approve the bills to be paid. All you are doing tonight is approving the amount then we let the board know it was approved after 3 readings and then they go to the commissioner and say here’s the money we got it. What’s our budget? This actually could change. If the commissioner’s would vote a lower budget for the transit board then they won’t require as much money from us, I believe. Am I right, Patrick? But they couldn’t exceed that.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - But it's available to anyone county wide. There are no restrictions geographically.

MAYOR WOOFER - No, we are just paying our share.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - I just didn't know how the other shares were split up. I know most of it probably comes from senior levy money.

MAYOR WOOFER - Some of it does.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - I didn't know what other communities paid into it, that's all.

MAYOR WOOFER - And I'm not sure either.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – Even the folks on that list that aren't part of Cortland would pay substantially more for the service rather than the Cortland residents.

MAYOR WOOFER - I presume so unless Bazetta has paid their share. Then they would do the same thing.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - I thought they were the same fees on the list, like \$1.50. They don't distinguish where you live.

LAW DIRECTOR WILSON - No, they do.

COUNCILMANWOMAN FLEISCHER – There was a distance too, I think.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - And there's a discount for elderly, people with disabilities, and children 12 and under.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – So, your concern is anyone with a Cortland address is getting the Cortland rate?

COUNCILMAN MOORE – No. I just wonder how the overall thing is funded, whether every community in the county is contributing towards it or not. I know we are and I have no objections to that. I just wondered how the system worked.

MAYOR WOOFER – I think some of the other cities are like Hubbard and Girard, unless they have their own transit system.

ROLL CALL 0-04-18 - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED FIRST READING**

REPORTS:

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
(*FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON ABSENT*)

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS – This is in reference to the new cruiser and the electronics package. We talked about the (INAUDIBLE)...., I submitted back in October. I have good news and bad news. The good news is the state says we should be funded for that. So, they like the grant. Unfortunately, the feds are putting a hold on this grant. It's one of two the feds are holding up monies on. When I called down to Columbus and explained this she said I have no idea why. They have done that with another one, it's a justice's system grant that was started in January. We are 1 of 4 agencies in the county that have been approved at the state level. I asked her if we could expect this or not and she said when we hear something from the feds you'll know as much as we do. The other good news is my budget did not necessarily need this to go forward. We had the money already. This was just a very good use of the money. This grant was really made for electronic communications, cutting edge type technology. That's what they like to fund. I've been getting this specific fund for the last 15 years. I never had a problem, now we do. I have no idea why. If we do get that down the road, great. If not, it's not like we can't fund it. Other than that, you have my monthly I believe and I'll answer any questions you have of me or the department.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

(*INAUDIBLE - TAPE FLIPPED OVER*)

FIRE CHIEF REA - ... for our last reimbursement yesterday so we should be getting that. Other than that, I don't have anything else to report and I'd be happy to answer any of your questions.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
(*SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN ABSENT*)

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR WOOFER – I have nothing. If anyone has any questions, I'd be glad to try to avoid those.

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

NO QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL FROM AUDIENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL