

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Administration Building, 400 N High St, Cortland, Ohio with Council President Deidre 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, Finance Director Gibson, Police Chief Morris, Fire Chief Rea, Service Director Wittman and Clerk of Council Horn.

A motion to approve Council Minutes from the May 7, 2018 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilwoman Keller. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, abstain; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

A motion to approve Schedule of Bills to be paid totaling \$146,149.33 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-13-18 – An Ordinance by the Council of the City of Cortland authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the City’s participation in the Trumbull County Council of Governments was read and moved for third and final reading by Councilwoman Keller and seconded by Councilman Moore. **ROLL CALL O-13-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

ORDINANCE O-14-18 – An Ordinance authorizing the Service Director to purchase a new 2018 Jeep Cherokee 4 X 4 Sport Utility Vehicle to be utilized as the Service Director’s vehicle from Vision Automotive, LLC was read and moved for third and final reading by Councilman Edwards and seconded by Councilman Rowley. **ROLL CALL O-14-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

ORDINANCE O-19-18 – An Ordinance authorizing the Service Director to purchase a John Deere 310SL Backhoe Loader from Murphy Tractor & Equipment was read and moved for second reading by Councilwoman Keller and seconded by Councilwoman Fleischer. **ROLL CALL O-19-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND READING**

ORDINANCE O-20-18 – An Ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to purchase utility billing software and support services from Munilink was read and moved for second reading by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Edwards.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - I have one comment. In Section 2, it mentions the \$1,080 is for an entire year of service. That is a monthly service, right?

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON - That is a monthly service.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - For one year.

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON – For one year, yes. And then it will go up. I think it's like 2%, and then another 2%. That's what it is for the first year per month.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Well, I'm excited to have this.

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON –We are too. We are very excited.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - One more step forward, so that's great.

ROLL CALL O-20-18 - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND READING**

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION R-19-18 – A Resolution approving the veteran's memorial final development plan at Point Park was read and moved by Councilman Edwards and seconded by Councilwoman Keller.

MAYOR WOOFER - We have an entourage of people here this evening to speak on behalf of the Veterans Memorial. I think I will let them take over and do what they need to do. They took the plans to the Parks Board last Monday. The Parks Board approved it unanimously and the way our last resolution read was they had to bring the project back to council for your final blessing on it and approval. With that, I'll turn this over to Ian McAleer and he can introduce Bart Gilmore.

IAN MCALEER ~ CORTLAND VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

IAN MCALEER – Good evening, council members. We are here to give you an update and get your approval. Dick McClain is far better at this than I am. He will give the presentation and Bart will answer any questions you may have.

DICK MCCLAIN ~ 309 COPPERLAKE EAST ~ CORTLAND VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

(PASSES OUT HANDOUTS)

DICK MCCLAIN – I have copies of the handouts going around. I have more if anyone would like to have some. Please share. Let me get my easel. I apologize to you folks in the back. This might be as good a spot as any, I think. Let me run through the hand out that I've given you quickly before we get into the actually design. A little update on our fundraising effort: As of the 12th of May, the Cortland Community Foundation had \$112, 090. They have paid for a couple of items so far with a balance of \$104,827. Since last week, we have received another \$6,780 in donations. The committee has on hand from the different fundraising projects and so forth that we have been conducting \$8,439. We have one pledge that we will be receiving from the State of Ohio. We call it a pledge because we don't have it yet. That's \$25,000 in the 2019 capital budget. We understand we will be receiving that in July. The capital budget begins July 1st. So that will be coming to us sometime in July. We have a total of \$145,046. The cost of our project, which you see here on the following page, is now \$154,500 so we have to raise \$9,454. I will tell you since I typed this up Friday/Saturday night; that number is now even lower. That number right now is only around \$7,000. We expect with the 3 or 4 fundraising projects we have coming up in July we will definitely fulfill that \$7,000 and then some in a perfect timeframe. That will match up with what we are going to be receiving from the state. We are looking at having the project fully funded by late July. So, this gives you an idea of where the financial situation sits.

As the Mayor mentioned, we were at the Parks Board meeting last Monday night and received approval on our plan. We are here tonight to share with city council. We are going to work out a couple little details on the contract/proposal later this week so we can get that signed so all the components and various amenities that aren't already order can all then be ordered. As I mentioned, we are shooting to hit our fundraising goal in July to include the money from the state. We will actually break ground and start construction right after the 4th of July. So, Point Park will not be torn up at all during Cortland Street Fair, the Cortland Street Fair Parade or during the 4th of July holiday. We will begin right after that, the following week. According to Gilmore Designs, it will take about 5 weeks for it to be completed.

BART GILMORE ~ GILMORE DESIGNS

BART GILMORE - We will go with 6 on that.

DICK MCCLAIN – We are looking at mid-August at that point. As was mentioned earlier, you had a resolution applying to this entire project, R-05-18. To paraphrase from that, the city council agrees to review the finalized design plan... submitted by the Parks Board for approval... so as the construction may begin prior to July 15, 2018. I think we are in full compliance with that particular resolution. If you turn the page, you will see on the back is the design. I don't want to confuse you but one follows right after that. The design that is on the back of that first page is what we have here on this picture. This is what we have been working with on this poster for quite some time now. We made a couple minor changes/modifications to it from what you might have seen previously. The water feature is just surrounding this center section right now; it does not stand on the back of the back which we were doing at one point. The observation deck which we had back here is not going to be built in the initial build. We are going to build the foundation for that to support that but we are not going to build it during this initial build. That will come hopefully sometime down the road before too long if the funding and so

forth is there to do that. That's really where our savings was realized. We originally talked in terms of \$165,000. We now have it at \$154,500. Before you have any questions about the design, take a look at the next design that is in your hand out. This is the final drawing we are working on with Bart from Gilmore. If you have questions about it, we would be glad to answer them. The center section where the fallen soldier's cross is located, is also now going to have a kneeling soldier next to it. So, that little area is going to be slightly bigger to accommodate that. The water fountains around it. The lighting and so forth, the monument back here in the back for the 6 service branches. The clock, of course, remains up front here. This area right in here is where the pavers will be for our contributors and donors. The pavers around the memorial will be for the veterans. We have at least 4 benches right now that will be placed in there. This is what the memorial in the back will probably look like; and this is what the black granite benches will look like. Do you have any questions about the design we can help answer?

MAYOR WOOFER – Just to clarify a couple things... Bart, those 4 trees that I see in the back, those will all be brand new?

BART GILMORE – Correct.

MAYOR WOOFER – For the record, would you state what type of trees they are and how large they will be?

BART GILMORE – Currently, we have them spec'd as fastigiata hornbeam which is a narrow tall grower. It's a plant that would be 6 to 8 foot wide and 25 foot tall.

MAYOR WOOFER – When it's fully grown?

BART GILMORE – Yes, that's fully grown with some general maintenance.

MAYOR WOOFER – How large will they be when you plant them?

BART GILMORE – They will be about 3 feet widthwise and probably in that 10 to 12 foot range. This is an interesting plant because it doesn't spread out and like the ones that are there now; the trees have sort of overtaken and you can't even get into the park for the most part. It's tight, where this lets us enjoy the park a little more and lets us see between it.

MAYOR WOOFER – And they are not thorny, right?

BART GILMORE – Yes, they are a thornless plant.

DICK MCCLAIN – I looked it up online to see what they look like and they kind of look like a champagne glass.

BART GILMORE – Yes, they are narrow and tall with no significant fruit.

MAYOR WOOFER – And the two in front of those four, what are those?

BART GILMORE – So, these two in here are a tree-type lilac. They are probably 8 to 10 foot wide and 15 foot tall tree-type lilac. It will give some good color and good aroma in there. And then up in the front we have a pair of dwarf malus which is more in the 6 to 8 foot height range, and flowering as well. We are layering from the very front as we work our way back. Everything sort of gets bigger and bigger as we get all the way back.

MAYOR WOOFER – I know some of the rose bushes will try to be salvaged.

BART GILMORE – We are going to salvage the rose bushes. We are going to reuse barnstone that's there. We are reusing a couple of the taxis. I think that's about it.

MAYOR WOOFER – Is there anything else that can be taken out and salvaged for somewhere else in the city?

BART GILMORE – So the bricks pavers that are there now have some salvage so we should advertise those for some kind of a project. The reason we did not use those is because I'm after compressed clay; it's a tighter lay. Everything is on concrete here so we don't have to worry about movement and weeds and so on. We didn't go with concrete pavers. We all know with our own yards that over time they deteriorate surfaces and fade in color. We are going with compressed clay which is what they...

MAYOR WOOFER – Those bricks will be a red or orange?

BART GILMORE – A tan/beige, I guess, is what we call the interior pavement to contrast the black granite. And then the perimeter is a modeled brick with a tan/black to it. We also have lighting within to light up the trees, to light up the flags, to light up the memorials and to light up the water.

MAYOR WOOFER – The flagpole that is there will be used?

BART GILMORE – We will reuse that flagpole.

MAYOR WOOFER – It will just be in a different position.

BART GILMORE – Right.

MAYOR WOOFER – Towards the back.

BART GILMORE – Yes, towards the back. That is correct. Obviously, the American flag will be centered in the back and tallest. And then the Ohio flag and the POW flag, I don't know if we figured out which one is right or left yet, but the two of them will be on each side. I think the Ohio flag goes right.

MAYOR WOOFER – Right now, there is a lot of planting around the clock. Will that disappear?

BART GILMORE – Yes that will disappear. There will be a pavement circle around it so you can actually get out to touch and feel it.

MAYOR WOOFER – And the two stones, the existing veteran's memorial stone and the contributor stone for the clock, will they be...

BART GILMORE – They will both remain there. We will reposition them and put them on a concrete footer.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - The structure on the right coming in there, is that a walkway?

BART GILMORE – That's correct.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – Are there any plans for parking or anything along Walnut there? I presume that's the Walnut side.

BART GILMORE – Right, that's Walnut.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – That's where if people want to stop at the park and visit it...

MAYOR WOOFER – Well, Don, it will be the same as it is right now. There's no parking. So, if they want to stop and visit the park that's there right now...

BART GILMORE – They are visiting a business on one side or the other.

MAYOR WOOFER – Right, and then they walk over. Now, to clarify how things went last Saturday, when they had the Armed Forces Day event there, there was well over 75 people there. As we had talked about with council before, Walnut St was closed. There was a police car there that directed traffic. They had volunteers there to help people across the street that came from that side of the street. Anyone that parked on the Block side, there was plenty of parking over there. So, there weren't any issues with parking at all with that large number of people that were there. It went very smoothly. It went very well.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – But the thinking is, without a special event, people would approach it from the right?

MAYOR WOOFER – Well, from either side. They can park at the lawn mower place, the rental building, or they can park across the street in the large parking lot where the Dairy Queen is and so forth.

BART GILMORE – The thought with putting the walkway on the right is that's the least busy street of the two. So, if someone was going to walk the street, I would encourage them to cross the least busy street.

MAYOR WOOFER – And that's where it is now. You know there's a walkway there now, right?

COUNCILWOMAN FLEISCHER - Is the fence staying at the back for now?

BART GILMORE – The fence is staying at the back. In the long term plan, the intention is the fence would get cut down the middle and turn it into a railing that would go around the observation deck. But now it stays.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY – I have a question that I'd like to address to Don. This is the first time I've seen a list of specific maintenance things. Have you seen this before and are you agreeable and amenable to these?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - Yes. We did review that at the Parks Board meeting.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY –Very fine.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - My biggest concern with the water feature obviously would be the opening and closing and the maintenance issue. Fortunately, Gilmore Design has graciously agreed to provide those services at the startup.

BART GILMORE – We will donate the startup annually. We maintain about 150 irrigation and pond systems around northeast Ohio.

MAYOR WOOFER – So Bart, you are saying your donation is an ongoing thing? It's not just first year?

BART GILMORE – It's ongoing. It's not just first year. That's correct.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Thank you.

BART GILMORE – I'm not going to be alive forever but for a while.

(LAUGHTER)

DAVE CHRISTNER ~ CHAIRMAN, PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

DAVE CHRISTNER - We asked for that list because in the past we've had organizations that have stepped up and said, we'll help, and then after the first year they are kind of gone. With the facility and with this type of exposure and sensitivity, we don't want to see that so we wanted to nail down in the beginning who will take some responsibility and make it long term.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Outstanding. Thank you.

BART GILMORE – And we worked hard in designing to get it... There's no such thing as maintenance free but... (INAUDIBLE) ... very good for a very long time. We are using materials like granite and compressed clay and things that are the best we know to be available right now. So, it's not a twenty year thing.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Right. Thank you.

DICK MCCLAIN – If I can refer you back to your handout for just a moment, you will see the outline of the pricing from various aspects and various areas/sections. Down at the bottom, you will see Gilmore is asking for 5 payments of 20% each. We feel very confident that last payment, even though we couldn't make it today, we will be able to make it when that time arrives.

BART GILMORE – And I believe we are changing the wording on that a little bit, correct?

DICK MCCLAIN – Yes. We talked with Curt Moll about the Foundation signing the contract and proposal and he had two or three questions and Bart and I have communicated. We need to sit down and actually finalize that document. I think we are okay with that. We will get that done in the next few days so it can be signed.

(INAUDIBLE – MULTIPLE VOICES/NOISES IN AUDIENCE)

DICK MCCLAIN – The last page, as you already pointed out, is the brainstorming we did to try to identify all the various things that are involved to maintain this particular memorial. This is a lot different than any other park that exists. There are a lot of additional type things involved. This may grow; this may restructure in various ways but this is what we started out with to try to identify what's going to be necessary. Any other questions?

MAYOR WOOFER – Dick, thank you very much. At this time I would like to read a Senatorial Citation that was presented to the City of Cortland from State Senator Sean J. O'Brien on behalf of the State of Ohio.

(MAYOR WOOFER READS SENATORIAL CITATION)

The State of Ohio Senatorial Citation on behalf of State Senator Sean J. O'Brien to recognize the City of Cortland:

On behalf of the members of the Senate of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, we extend our congratulations on observing Armed Forces Day at Point Park in Cortland, Ohio on May 19, 2018. Please accept this senatorial citation to commemorate this event.

Armed Forces Day is a day when we pay tribute to the men and women who have served our country in the Armed Forces. We are proud to recognize the superb efforts of the city in planning and hosting an event that will honor those who bravely served their communities, the state of Ohio, and the nation.

This event will gather the community together to remember and thank those who served in the armed forces and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice serving their country. This is something that the Cortland Veterans Memorial does every day by serving as a reminder to all what veterans have done for our country.

Thus, with sincere pride, we commend you for observing Armed Forces Day in such a meaningful way and thank you for honoring all veterans.

Sean J. O'Brien, State Senator 32nd District

MAYOR WOOFER – So, thank you for that.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - I would like to commend everyone on the fundraising efforts. I think this is outstanding. Thank you to Dave Christner and the Parks Board for the foresight on the maintenance on this. This is truly a community effort. It's a beautiful project. Congratulations and thank you. Does anyone else have any questions or comments?

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

DICK MCCLAIN – Thank you.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - Thank you.

RESOLUTION R-20-18 – A Resolution authorizing the design and construction of a 911 Memorial as an Eagle Scout Service Project on municipally owned property in front of City Hall was read and moved by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilman Rowley.

MAYOR WOOFER – Derek, would you like to come to the podium and introduce yourself? Derek is the eagle scout who is presenting the project to us this evening.

BOY SCOUT DEREK SANDOR – Good evening. My name is Derek Sandor. I've been a boy scout for 6 years. I joined cub scouts as a wolf. This entails two towers containing 72 total bricks in both of them. There will be 36 glass bricks over each tower. Both towers will represent the twin towers. Each brick will represent one fallen officer in the attacks. It will be glass blocks. They won't be like bricks or something. It will be glass and see-through but it will be thick though so they won't break. The closest thing I could give you as an example would be something you put in a basement. It will light up through solar lights. On a normal day it will be clear and then on the actual date of 9-11 it will actually turn blue. It will be funded by me. I have all the funds. I should be able to start once you and the Eagle Scout Board approves it. We decided on a stone to commemorate those and give a little background on it. It will be right outside where the flagpole is. The flag would be right in the center. Each tower would be about 6' tall and about 11" wide and will sit on a 5x5 concrete slab.

MAYOR WOOFER – Derek, I'm going to put you on the spot here a little bit. During our initial conversation with myself and Don Wittman, you had brought up why you selected the police and not the firemen. If you'd like to give some type of an explanation on that.

BOY SCOUT DEREK SANDOR – One of my troop mates, his name is Brendan, he goes to Maplewood, did a 911 Memorial at the Bazetta Fire Dept. He put 300 bricks or so down around a beam each commemorating a fallen firefighter and since he did fire I could do police. I didn't fully agree with what he did; it's kind of boring. Not to be rude but it's kind of boring with bricks. I wanted to make something that would stand out and become a centerpiece, so if you drive by every day and you can remember every day and really commemorate those who sacrificed themselves to save others on that day.

MAYOR WOOFER – Good job, Derek.

BOY SCOUT DEREK SANDOR – Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY – Does anybody have any questions or comments? I think this is an outstanding project. Here is a mock-up of what it would look like.

MAYOR WOOFER – To clarify exactly where it's going to go, after meeting with Derek and Don and I, we walked out front. He is going to utilize the existing flagpole that is out front. The pad will be

poured around that flagpole and then the monument will be built on that pad so the flagpole will be in the center of that.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY – Thank you, Derek.

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

RESOLUTION R-21-18 – A Resolution authorizing the Clerk of Council to advertise for bids for refuse haulers for the City of Cortland was read and moved by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Rowley.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY – Don, do you have anything you want to say?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – No, just that it's been a quick five years so we need to go out and... Initially, we had the contract for five and they extended it for two years. So, this is going to allow us to go out and advertise for those bids as well. I am going to be looking at changes in the recycling industry. I did hear back from one of our liaisons with our current refuse hauler. He wants to make some suggestions. I think that should be helpful to solicit more bids because I think a lot of the times companies want to come in and bid their trash collection but they don't necessarily have the capabilities to handle the curbside recycling program that the city has. So, I will keep you apprised of any developments if the contractual terms are going to be suggestively changed.

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

REPORTS:

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON – First of all, I'd like to congratulate Chief Morris on his promotion. Congratulations.

POLICE CHIEF MORRIS – Thank you.

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON – You all have my monthly report. I have nothing further to report but I'll answer any questions.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

POLICE CHIEF MORRIS – I wanted to thank everyone. The last couple weeks have been a great transition. I want to thank Chief Andrews. He did a tremendous job of preparing me to take over and

make the transition very smooth. You have the report for April in the packets. Other than that, I'll entertain any questions.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - We'll go easy on you.

(LAUGHTER)

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

FIRE CHIEF REA – You all have my monthly report. The only thing I had to add was I did request the ERV for the street fair. So, you will see my guys out and about on that little unit. Hopefully we won't have to use it all that much expect for some inspections. Other than that, I don't have anything else to report. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - Chief, you had talked about the street fair regarding those new fire code regulations on trailers. Do you have any more to provide on that? Any feedback?

FIRE CHIEF REA – I sent out a packet to the Lions Club so they could forward on to their vendors. I also met with a couple members that were out getting their trailers ready today. They are going to try to forward it to them via the email. They said, well it went out in February, and I said well I couldn't do anything in February because they were still rolling out the new fire code. It should not be too bad.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – Is there any softening from the state?

FIRE CHIEF REA – The state softened on the distance between the trailers. They came down from 10 feet to 3 feet. I got it in writing just to make sure. They did that the week after I talked to you guys at council on it. They dialed that part of it back. So, we should have a real good street fair.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – Good. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY – Thank you on that foresight for submitting that request to the state fire marshal.

FIRE CHIEF REA – I think they got a lot of heat from all the county fairs. That's a lot of revenue they produce.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – You do have my monthly report. I would like to add that we got a window last week of weather so the contractor came and did the painting and striping of the pickleball courts. That's completed.

We did have a TRC meeting this evening. So, the updates on that will be in the next monthly report. I will entertain any questions that council may have for me.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR WOOFER – I don't have a whole lot to report tonight but Don alluded to the pickleball courts. As you know, we had the courts resurfaced, painted and striped, and so forth. Within 72 hours we had some unintended vandalism to the cosmetic surface of the court. We had an individual on the court that was in-line skating. So, there were considerable marks in the new paint. We are hoping that in time they may wear off. I found out about this last evening and checked it out first thing this morning. It prompted me to move a little faster on the no skateboards, no in-line skating, no roller skating, no bicycling, and no power motorcycles on the court. So, we had a sign constructed by 12:00 p.m. today. It was put on the pickle ball fence this afternoon. I had a discussion with our Police Chief Morris in regards to this. Even if there wasn't a sign there, we do have city ordinances in place that prevent any type of vandalism or destruction of park property. So, that could have been enforced last night. The individuals that were there when this happened did not call the police. So, the police were not brought in. This was an older person, possibly a teenager, maybe even older than that, we aren't sure. It was a female and her boyfriend that finally left in a car. Whether they were from our city, it really doesn't matter. It is now posted and that's the end of that.

The official ribbon cutting at the pickleball courts is a week from tomorrow, Tuesday, May 29th at 8:30 a.m. Paul Homick who represent Mercy Health will be there as well as the Rotary Club. Dave, I would like to have the pickleball members there for the ribbon cutting. Any council members are certainly welcome to come to this. This has been a long time coming to try to get this project completed and it's in beautiful condition for our pickleball players in Cortland and surrounding areas.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – The damage, is it a cosmetic thing?

MAYOR WOOFER – No, I have pictures of it. I'd be happy to show them to you.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – I saw it on Facebook.

DAVE CHRISTNER - It won't affect the performance. It's just a shame that within 72 hours, and just before the ribbon cutting, you've got swirls on it.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – So it's an appearance issue.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Have we contacted the person who applied it to see if there is anything we can utilize to expedite the fading process or clean it off in any way?

DAVE MAJICK ~ 138 DIAMOND WAY ~ PICKLEBALL MEMBER

DAVE MAJICK – I think over the long haul, the marks that they made will probably disappear. There is one group that is a little deep. It's about this long. I don't know what to do with that. I don't know if they left paint or anything. I don't know. I might just have to live with that. We did talk to the

individual that was there at the time. We should have called the police. You can't have vandalism; I don't care if you have a sign or not. I think over time that stuff will disappear; but it's just that one spot.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – To answer your question, I have not talked to the contractor who did the work. He did leave some extra paint. We will see how it develops. I do think it's a cosmetic issue and I'm optimistic. It should wear away with time.

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR SWEARS IN POICE CHIEF DAVID MORRIS:

MAYOR WOOFER – Just so everyone knows, David was officially sworn in on May 8th, the Tuesday following our last council meeting. Chief Andrews retired that evening, May 7th at midnight. So, the following morning, right away, Chief Morris was sworn in as the new chief. He's not just an acting chief. He is the chief. So, this is more of a ceremonial swear-in for the public and for council. So with that, please raise your right hand and repeat after me.

POLICE CHIEF MORRIS - I do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will support the constitution and the laws of the United States of America, the constitution and the laws of the State of Ohio, and laws and ordinances of the political subdivision to which I am appointed and to do the best of my ability will discharge the duties of this office.

MAYOR WOOFER – Congratulations.

(APPLAUSE)

(CHRISTA MORRIS, WIFE OF POLICE CHIEF MORRIS, PINS CHIEF'S BADGE ON HIS UNIFORM)

QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL FROM AUDIENCE:

BETH CARMICHAEL ~ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TRUMBULL COUNTY TOURISM

BETH CARMICHAEL – Good evening, everyone. I wanted to take just a few moments of your time and introduce myself. I am the new Executive Director of the Trumbull County Tourism Bureau. I wanted to take a moment and give you a little bit of information.

(PASSES OUT RESUME)

BETH CARMICHAEL – I have been making the rounds and one of the city council people in Niles said, the next time you see this map you should put Niles on it. I said, Ma'am this is just my resume, a little picture of my resume. So, you won't see Cortland on it or Niles because I'm actually from Warren, Ohio. I've come back home and I am thrilled to be here taking all my experience that I have gotten

throughout the years and promoting Trumbull County. I wanted to remind everybody, especially you guys in Cortland, because you have this wonderful lake, Mosquito Lake, the importance of tourism as an economic engine. It is really visitor based economic development and that's really conducive to the growth of the whole community and the whole county. If there are any tourism assets that I don't know about or you don't think we know about, please let me know. Remember to use us as a resource. If you are working with any of your tourism entities here in Cortland, or even in the region anywhere, give me a call. I'm happy to help in whatever way that I can. Does anyone have any questions?

DAVE CHRISTNER, CHAIRMAN OF THE PARKS AND RECREATIONS BOARD

DAVE CHRISTNER – I would like to thank the Service Dept, the Mayor, and all of Council for your continued support of our tennis courts at Willow Park. As many of you know, those courts are the home courts for the Lakeview Boys/Girls Tennis Teams. This last weekend we had five players go to Regionals and we have one player going to State this weekend. That would not have been possible in this community without those tennis courts. So, again, I want to thank you for that continued support. As you know, we are going to try to undergo a refurb project here in the next year or so; so your continued support would be appreciated on that. I'm more excited that some of our local youth can be moving along so far in the process. So, thank you.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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