

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Monday, June 18, 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, Don Moore, Kevin Piros and Scott Rowley; absent was Patti Keller. Also present at the meeting were Mayor Woofter, Law Director Wilson, Finance Director Gibson (also Clerk of Council Pro Tempore for this meeting), Police Chief Morris, Fire Chief Rea, and Service Director Wittman; absent was Clerk of Council Horn.

A motion to approve Council Minutes from the June 4, 2018 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Piros. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

A motion to approve Schedule of Bills to be paid totaling \$81,015.99 was made by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilwoman Fleischer. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

NO OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION R-23-18 – A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cortland, Ohio to place his signature on the Replat of Lots 269, 270 and 286 to include part of vacated Brook Drive in Brookside Allotment of Cortland, Volume 10, Page 149 and part of lands of Vincent J. DiGiacobbe was read and moved by Councilman Edwards and seconded by Councilman Rowley. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

RESOLUTION R-24-18 – A Resolution authorizing the City of Cortland Police Department to participate in a Memorandum of Understanding with the Northern Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association was read and moved by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilwoman Fleischer.

MAYOR WOOFTER - Chief, would you like to explain exactly what this is for the purpose of the minutes?

POLICE CHIEF MORRIS – Yes. Lakeview Schools has requested a second resource officer. We negotiated with them and came up with an agreement on price. That will put four officers on day turn. We currently have three officers on day turn. Currently in the summer or on the weekend we have to use part timers. We want to be able to use this full time officer on the weekends but it’s mid shift bid and the current contract does not allow us to change the shifts around mid-bid because the way the

school year falls and the shift bid falls. This allows us to use that full timer on the weekends during the summer. That will alleviate the need to have part time officers working during those shifts.

LAW DIRECTOR WILSON – So, we are amending the collective bargaining agreement to allow the police to do this with the union’s 100% cooperation.

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

ORDINANCE O-22-18 – An Ordinance authorizing the Police Chief to purchase and install a mobile records software system for the Cortland City Police Department was read and moved for first reading by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilman Edwards.

POLICE CHIEF MORRIS – Officer Smith, our current school resource officer, has requested the ability to write police reports out in the field vs having to come back here to the station. That way he can remain at the school and write reports. This is actually something that would benefit all our officers that we’ve considered in the past. It will allow all our cruisers to link to our records management system back here at the station without having to come back here.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - That’s awesome. That really improves the efficiency, doesn’t it?

COUNCILMAN MOORE – Is this common with many departments?

POLICE CHIEF MORRIS – I’m not aware of what other.... I mean, it’s part of the same vendor package that Trumbull County uses for the mobile CAD which is the computerized dispatching. It’s just integrating it all together.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - Will these units that are in the cars be able to be transferred to new cruisers as we get it?

POLICE CHIEF MORRIS – No. These are not computers; this is just a software package. Every year when we buy a new car we buy a computer because we keep a car for 5 or 6 years and at the end of 5 or 6 years that computer is... if you know anything about computers, it’s a paper weight. So, we have a handful of laptops that are slow as molasses so we try to replace them with the car so we don’t have to buy them all at once. So, we never have six outdated computers, we usually have one really new one and one really old one.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - The individual costs, are those for the licenses then?

POLICE CHIEF MORRIS – That is the license fee for the...

COUNCILMAN PIROS – So, the license can be transferred from a computer to the next computer without any additional...

POLICE CHIEF MORRIS – Yes.

ROLL CALL ON O-22-18 - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED FIRST READING**

ORDINANCE O-23-18 – An Ordinance authorizing the Service Director to purchase Acutec 35 Chlorine Sensors from BissNuss Inc. was read and moved by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Edwards. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Piros. **ROLL CALL ON SUSPENSION OF RULES** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ROLL CALL ON O-23-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED IN EMERGENCY**

ORDINANCE O-24-18 - An Ordinance repealing Ordinance O-14-18 and authorizing the Service Director to purchase a new 2019 Jeep Cherokee 4 X 4 Sport Utility Vehicle to be utilized as the Service Director's vehicle from Lebanon Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram was read and moved for first reading by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Piros.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - For the record, so folks know this was something any local dealership could have if they were willing to meet the state purchasing price that we got.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - Correct. I had reached out to Greenwood; haven't heard back from them. As I discussed at the last meeting, the contract by Vision Automotive could not be honored because they were in the midst of a sale. So, that got pulled from the State of Ohio. So, Lebanon Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram is the new supplier for those vehicles. Basically, that's why we are repealing the original ordinance we had passed. This is to go with the new vendor through the state purchasing program.

COUNCILMAN ROWLEY – Don, it looks like you were able to move up from a 2018 to a 2019 and the price was similar?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - Yes. Actually, the last one would have ended up being a 2019 as well even though the ordinance said 2018 based on when the timing was.

ROLL CALL ON O-24-18 - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, absent; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED FIRST READING**

REPORTS:

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON – I got a call the other day from Munilink who is our utility billing company we are going with now. We have a kick off meeting phone call conference that will start the process. I let Don know and I will let Dorraine know in case she has any questions with it. It's mainly just to find out what we have now and go forward to see what they need to do to do all the transferring and get us started onto the new software which will be wonderful.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Excellent.

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON – Other than that, I really have nothing to report unless you have any questions.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

POLICE CHIEF MORRIS – Like I mentioned earlier, I talked to Mr. Wilson at the school and they requested a second school resource officer. Zach Horner will be getting sworn in on Friday as a full time officer. He is not going to be the next school resource officer; however, he will allow us to have enough bodies in order to fulfill that position. We will also be swearing in a part time officer on Friday as well because Zach will be moving from our part time ranks to our full time ranks. Other than that, I believe you have my monthly report. We are getting ready for street fair this weekend and hoping it all goes well.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - I'm sure it will.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

FIRE CHIEF REA – We are also getting ready for street fair. We are getting everything set up for our inspections. I predict everything should go pretty well. That's all I have to report. You have my monthly. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – You received my monthly report. I don't have anything else to add at this time but will entertain any questions that Council may have.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - I want to thank you and the Parks Board for the increase in the hours for the splash pad. It has been very well received online, very positive. So, thank you.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – You're welcome. It just seemed to make sense. We were wrestling with if it's open in the evening and its cool then there's not a lot of use and will be wasting water. I guess that will dictate itself. We kind of went back and forth as far as extending those hours. Those were the hours we initially had set up when we were going to open the splash pad. Then we had

some leaking and whatnot going on so we scaled that back. I think we have a better handle on how it's operating. Really what precipitated that was making a permanent rule sign at the splash pad to go up on the fencing. So, that was the time to pull the trigger on extending the hours.

COUNCILWOMAN FLEISCHER - Is that a current timer you have set where it just cuts off the water?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Correct. I hold the key to that. No one can have it.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - Unless there is a power outage which affects the timer.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Yes. Actually we had a call over the weekend because the ground fault running the power had tripped out. Someone was able to be over there to reset it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY – It conveniently coincides with this heat that we are having. I'm sure everyone appreciates it.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR WOOFER – I really don't have much to report at all tonight. Just to remind everybody, as we alluded to earlier, the street fair will take place on Thurs, Fri, and Sat. The parade will be on Sat at 6:00 p.m. The roads will close at...

POLICE CHIEF MORRIS - 5:45

MAYOR WOOFER – ... at 5:45 p.m. The route for the parade will be the same as last year.

The new splash pad signs with the hours and so forth I had made and were hung at the splash pad. That's all I have unless anybody has any questions.

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL FROM AUDIENCE:

DAVID MAJICK ~ 138 DIAMOND WAY

DAVID MAJICK – I'm here to represent the CAPA pickle ball players and also there are quite a few community members that are using the courts as well. It was a long process but I think we got through it and I think our courts are the nicest there are in the area. We do have some additions to it. We had some low spots in there and the CAPA group bought a big squeegee that get the water off pretty good. We also dovetailed with the Trumbull County Tennis Association. They want to do something with pickle ball. So, I went to their meeting last week and I asked them if we could get another squeegee because we use one at each end and they bought it on the spot for us. We are going to do more things with the

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Trumbull County Tennis Association. They have a nice budget so that will come in handy too when we need things.

Other than that, we are going to have the first ever open pickle ball tournament here on Sat and Sun. It's going to be called the Cortland Street Fair Pickle ball Shootout. You will see t-shirts. There are about 40 people involved in the shootout. Probably the best players in western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio will be playing starting around 9:00 or 9:15 a.m. If you want to see how pickle ball is truly played, it would be a good time to get up there and see some people that can really play pickle ball. We also, as a club, added upper deck seating to our facility. You have the one bench and then the next bench we added up and put some stone rock. The people really enjoyed having that addition as well. We've put rugs that we drag on it to get the water out of there. We are about as efficient as they can come. I have put a letter into the Tribune. As the Mayor knows, I submitted it a week or so ago. It hasn't appeared so I wrote another one. Hopefully, it will be in there to thank Mercy Health, thank Council, thank the Rec Board, and thank CAPA members and Rotary, all those people that put their efforts together to put the pickle ball courts into motion. That should be appearing in there.

MAYOR WOOFER - The story was already written in the Cortland News.

DAVID MAJICK – Yes, it was in the Cortland News but it was also supposed to be in the Tribune too. I had sent it to the Tribune ultimately.

MAYOR WOOFER - There was a picture in the Tribune.

DAVID MAJICK – Yes, there was a picture in both yours and the Tribune too. But, I thank Don as well for helping to be the go-between guy to allow us to do what we wanted to do in the facility and to get it to be a pretty nice facility. I thank all the council members and all those people that had a hand in it. Hopefully, next year we are going to dovetail with Dicks Sporting Goods and Sherwin Williams. They sponsor the tournament up in Mentor. They get 250 people to come in for 3 days to play pickle ball. I went to Dicks this year but we were late. Corporate wide you have to do this a couple months ahead of time but we set the foundation for it. So, hopefully next year we can get a nice sponsor for the tournament. Make it something that brings people into Cortland which I think is a good thing. I think Cortland is a great place to be. I think it's the people that play pickle ball are generally those people that have a little bit of stuff so they are nice to have in their community. Any questions? I appreciate it.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - I walked through the park last week with the Parks Board to review. The courts looked great. Certainly wish you luck with the tournament and hopefully the weather cooperates and if not you'll be using those squeegees a lot.

DAVID MAJICK – Thank you, Don.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY – Congratulations and best of luck with the tournament. Sounds like we have a lot of exciting things coming up. Best of luck. Thank you, Dave.

DAVE CADWALLADER ~ 231 FOX RUN

DAVE CADWALLADER – I don't usually come here to make too many complaints but I have one. We have been having some water problems with the drainage on our street. Just up from me, between me and the Mayor's house, there is a street light on the other side. There are two catch basins. If you walk up and look into the grates, there is a limb inside. I called the Service Director months ago and said there is a pile of leaves in there so big that the water can't get around it. It's going over the leaves. The water never got out of there. The other catch basin that's right next to it has a pile of leaves in there. There is always standing water. The last few big rains we had we have water coming back out of those catch basins. Not for very long but when it was really storming terrible it came out and then went back down again. I think someone needs to go up there and look at it and see about getting it cleaned out. It's been there a long time and with that big limb in there blocking the draining; it's not going to get any better. With the rains we've had recently, it's something we need to move forward with.

MAYOR WOOFER – Dave, I talked to Don about it a couple weeks ago and filmed the water discharging from it. So, he's aware of it.

DAVE CADWALLADER – Okay, good. That's all I need to know then. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY – Thank you.

MAYOR WOOFER – You're welcome. We just haven't gotten to it yet. It's on our list of places to do.

DAVE CADWALLADER – That's good. I'm happy with that.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

CLERK OF COUNCIL PRO-TEMPORE

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL