

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.**

The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Tuesday, September 4, 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 and Clerk of Council Horn; absent was Service Director Wittman.

A motion to approve Council Minutes from the August 20, 2018 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilwoman Keller. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, abstain; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

A motion to approve Schedule of Bills to be paid totaling \$56,738.87 was made by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Piros. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE O-28-18** – An Ordinance authorizing the City of Cortland to replace the municipal sign located at the Administration Building, 400 North High Street was read and moved for third and final reading by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilwoman Fleischer. **ROLL CALL ON O-28-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye.

**ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

**ORDINANCE O-31-18** – An Ordinance authorizing the Service Director to purchase a Billy Goat leaf/debris mulcher and blower from Bortnick Tractor Sales, Inc was read and moved for second reading by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Rowley.

**COUNCILMAN PIROS** - This does not have anything to do with residential leaf pickup. I just wanted to let people know when they see that.

**MAYOR WOOFTER** – No it doesn't.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY** - Thank you for that clarification.

**ROLL CALL ON O-31-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND READING**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION R-37-18** – A Resolution providing for the Council of the City of Cortland, Ohio to accept the annexation of territory from Bazetta Township to the City of Cortland, Ohio containing 0.8970 acres of land was read and moved by Councilman Edwards and seconded by Councilman Moore.

**COUNCILMAN PIROS** - Was there any turnout at the commissioners meeting that Don attended?

**MAYOR WOOFER** - This is Ashdown's property.

**LAW DIRECTOR WILSON** - Yes. This is an older one. This is after the county certifies it to us, then we formally accept it. This is not related to the most recent petition.

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

**RESOLUTION R-38-18** - A Resolution accepting the amount and rates as determined by the Budget Commission of Trumbull County and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor was read and moved by Councilwoman Fleischer and seconded by Councilwoman Keller.

**COUNCILMAN MOORE** - Any change in the millage?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON** - No.

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

**ORDINANCE O-34-18** – An Ordinance whereby the City of Cortland authorizes funding to S.C.O.P.E., Inc. to support its services for the Cortland Senior Center was read and moved for first reading by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Piros.

**MAYOR WOOFER** - At our last meeting, we voted this down because it still included the water and sewer that the city was going to be providing to them. Now there is a new owner/occupant of the building and they are simply renting off of them. It's a shared occupancy so we will no longer provide water and sewer directly to SCOPE.

**COUNCILMAN MOORE** - Have they been informed of that?

**MAYOR WOOFER** – No. It won't make any difference. They are going to be paying rent. They will have a lease from the new owners. So, what we do makes no difference.

**COUNCILMAN MOORE** - The new owners will be billed for water and sewer.

**MAYOR WOOFER** – Absolutely.

**ROLL CALL ON O-34-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED FIRST READING**

**ORDINANCE O-35-18** – An Ordinance authorizing the Fire Chief to purchase a new 2019 Ford E350 Braun Express Ambulance from Penn Care Inc. was read and moved by Councilwoman Keller and seconded by Councilman Piros. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilwoman Fleischer. **ROLL CALL ON SUSPENSION OF RULES** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ROLL CALL ON O-35-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED EMERGENCY**

**REPORTS:**

**FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

**FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON** – I informed Chief Morris today that we did receive our funding for the police cruisers. The transfer was in the bank account today for \$138,075. We are all ready for the new cruisers. I have nothing else to report. I’d be happy to answer questions.

**POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT:**

**POLICE CHIEF MORRIS** – The school is off to a good start today. We were all down in the school zones today and it seemed to go well. Everyone will get used to the new lay out with the parking lots and stuff like that.

We have an OVI checkpoint that’s in progress right now. I can tell you as of the time I walked over here we had one arrest. We will find out at the end here how many we have all together. Other than that, I have nothing. I’ll entertain any questions you have of me.

**FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT:**

**FIRE CHIEF REA** – I’d like to thank you for your support of the new ambulance. Thank you for passing it in emergency so I can get it ordered tomorrow. The reason I wanted it in emergency is that we get the new model year fees Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and on top of that we will get any tariffs that will be included on that. They are going to start incurring that in October/November. They already told us we are going to pass that directly on. They were thinking anywhere from 15% to 25% on top of this. So, that’s the main reason I don’t want to pay 20% more of \$100,000. Chief Morris was good enough to lend me \$138,000.

**(LAUGHTER)**

**MAYOR WOOFER** – That, by the way, is not true.

(LAUGHTER)

**FIRE CHIEF REA** – That is not true. The lift system we purchased with the Workers Comp grant that is sitting in the ambulance out back will be transferred. That is part of this price. The oxygen lift system we got with the state grant will be transferred. That's in this price. We are not losing stuff that we bought. It will be transferred. Once it gets home to us Penn Care has a side vendor to not only side stripe it but also install some of the minor equipment they don't want to do or don't have time to do in the factory. If you look on there that's included. If you look at the bid specs, it's just the itemized additions, the add-ons. I didn't give you a full bid spec because it's a lot of stuff. The striping I included will be done locally at Red Hot Signs. That's included in the price as well. We will have a couple more things out of pocket mostly just some antennas for our Opticom System and antennas to be up-fitted to meet the MARCS radio. Those will be already installed. So, we don't want to be drilling holes in a brand new ambulance. The factory is going to be doing that for us.

On Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, we are going to be having an active shooter drill in Bazetta Township, Cortland, Fowler, and the Sheriff's Office. We are doing a full scale drill. St Joes Hospital will be involved in this as well. We are trying to do the best we can to simulate real world conditions. We sat down. Todd Metzendorf has really been spearheading this project. We are trying to come up with an active shooter protocol for the entire county; so we can have something to roll out and say hey this works. That is what we are going to be testing this day. See how it goes and see what changes we need to make, what needs improved and what needs deleted.

**MAYOR WOOFER** – Chief, you said this was going to be in Bazetta but didn't say where. Is this at the old school?

**FIRE CHIEF REA** – It could possibly be there. We are trying to keep it down. We are letting the residents know it's going to be in that area. It will be in the area of the old school. We don't have a lot of room for spectators. We don't want them there with police coming in and fire coming in. They will be able to see some of what's going on. We don't want people getting injured. There will be a lot going on. Hopefully, we will have something. Myself and the Fire Chief from Howland will roll it out county wide. We will see how we are going to respond. The police side and the fire side will respond to an active shooter in Trumbull County.

We did Fill A Boot at the Howland football game last week. If you follow us on our Facebook page, we raised \$5,645 for MDA. I'd like to thank everyone who donated. They were very generous this year. Every penny goes to the MDA. Nothing is kept local.

Next meeting, I will be bringing to you, hopefully, if I get my sight inspection, new legislation for our second power lift cot to go with our other power lift device that's in our squad. It's going to be moved to our new ambulance. I have to wait. I have to reapply for money they already gave us. It's a little weird but I have a sight visit Friday. Hopefully, it will be ready next meeting again in emergency because again of Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. It's a 3% annual increase on the unit and it's all aluminum steel. Any tariffs they get placed on that will get passed directly on us. I'm just being cheap. I don't want to pay an extra \$1,000 for a 3% increase.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY** - You are being fiscally responsible, Chief.

**FIRE CHIEF REA** – Yes, and then another tariff. If it's 25% of \$20,000, I won't pay that. That's why I'll be bringing it in emergency for you guys. That all depends on Ohio Bureau of Workers Comp once I reapply for that money they already gave me. That's all I got.

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**MAYOR WOOFER** – I have some announcements:

**Trash/Recycling Collection** delayed one day this week due to Labor Day holiday

**Mosquito Spraying** ~ Sep 5<sup>th</sup> - Last spraying of the year. I heard it's supposed to rain Wednesday evening and Thursday. So if that happens, we probably will not spray at all.

**Brush Chipping** ~ week of Sep 24th

**Fall Clean Up** ~ Oct 4th and 5th. Items will be collected with your regular garbage

**Splash Pad** – We advertised on our city website all year that we close on Labor Day. Last year, we were able to keep it open longer because the weather permitted. We are actually intending on doing that this year as well. The company that installed the splash pad was here today to do some surface repair work. They did not winterize it. It should be, weather permitting, available to reopen on Friday weather permitting, as I said. We will try to keep it open as long as we can, within reason. At which point, we will put the information back out on our eNews and our website that it's closed for sure. That's all I have unless anyone has any questions.

**NO COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**NO QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL FROM AUDIENCE**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**

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