

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Administration Building, 400 N High St, Cortland, OH 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 September 17, 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, abstain; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

A motion to approve Schedule of Bills to be paid totaling \$194,928.33 was made by Councilman Piros 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-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 third and final reading by Councilwoman Keller and seconded by Councilwoman Fleischer. **ROLL CALL ON O-34-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

ORDINANCE O-37-18 – An Ordinance authorizing the Fire Chief to purchase and install a power lift cot for the Fire Department from Southeastern Emergency Equipment was read and moved for second reading by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Moore. **ROLL CALL ON O-37-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND READING**

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE O-39-18 – An Ordinance approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the codified ordinances of Cortland, Ohio and to amend or enact sections of the Traffic and General Offenses codes to conform to enactments of the General Assembly and declaring an emergency as not to disrupt the services for continued operation of the affected departments was read and moved by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Rowley. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilwoman Fleischer. **ROLL CALL ON SUSPENSION OF RULES** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye;

Petrosky, aye; Piro, aye; Rowley, aye. **ROLL CALL ON O-39-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piro, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED EMERGENCY**

ORDINANCE O-40-18 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Shelly & Sands Inc. for the Main Street Resurfacing Project, PID 101759 was read and moved by Councilman Piro and seconded by Councilman Rowley. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilwoman Keller.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – Don, on the amount, I think I questioned this before. The low bid was quite a bit lower than the others. Are you sure everything is in there?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Yes. I reviewed the bid tabs and everything was in order.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – From my work of doing contract security bonds, I know bonding companies always worry when their bidder is way lower than everybody else. So, that's good.

ROLL CALL ON SUSPENSION OF RULES - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piro, aye; Rowley, aye. **ROLL CALL ON O-40-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piro, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED EMERGENCY**

ORDINANCE O-41-18 – An Ordinance authorizing the Police Chief to purchase four (4) Point Blank Level IIIA Ballistic Vests from Red Diamond Uniforms was read and moved for first reading by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilwoman Fleischer. **ROLL CALL ON O-41-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piro, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED FIRST READING**

MAYOR WOOFER - Chief, you want to make a comment about the funding for this for our records?

POLICE CHIEF MORRIS – Sure. The Attorney General's Office working with the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation provided a grant this year. Normally, we get a grant through the Feds that cover 50% of the cost of the vests. We've done that for years. This grant covers 75% of the cost. At \$1,200 a vest we are basically buying 1 vest and getting 3 free. The vests we are purchasing here were scheduled to get replaced throughout 2019; but I wanted to take advantage of this funding opportunity with this grant. I believe the Ohio Bureau of Workers Comp and the Attorney General's Office is going to pay about \$3,500 for this.

ORDINANCE O-42-18 – An Ordinance to retain services from the State of Ohio, Local Government Services to prepare for the City of Cortland General Purpose Financial Statements for the years ended December 31, 2018, December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2020 was read and moved by Councilman

Rowley and seconded by Councilman Piros. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilwoman Fleischer.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - Patti, this is done every 3 years, I presume?

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON - Yes. We did it last year for 1 year because I was new. It's the annual financial statements, the GAAP statements that we do every year. It needs to be in emergency. I received the letter and the contract after our September meeting and it's due the first week of October. So, it's due this week.

ROLL CALL ON SUSPENSION OF RULES - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ROLL CALL ON O-42-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED EMERGENCY**

REPORTS:

FINANCE DEPT REPORT - FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON – Once again, thank you for the support of that ordinance. We will get that off to the state so we will be secured for the next 3 years.

Also, we had some more Munilink training. We will be live with the new software for the utility billing on October 15th. So, today was our last billing with the old software, thank goodness, because we had to call and have it fixed in the middle of billing today. We will start in November with our new software. They will be with us during the first billing cycle to make sure it goes smoothly and that all the numbers are correct. We will be double checking accounts before the bills get sent out. Other than that, that's all I have. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Good luck with the roll out.

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON – Thank you.

POLICE DEPT REPORT - POLICE CHIEF MORRIS - Oktoberfest is coming up this weekend so there will be some road closures similar to street fair except we don't go all the way down to Erie St, we will go to Bank St. Bank St to Lattin St will be closed and Park and West Main. Hopefully, that will go smoothly. I'm sure there will be a lot of folks there this weekend.

Also, we have been working with MARCS Radios. If you are not familiar with those, it's the State of Ohio run radio communication system. It's similar to the radios we use now except the infrastructure is owned by the state. It allows officers to have a lot better coverage than what we currently have. It's a quite pricey system but we are going to have to go to it. You may see legislation as soon as the next meeting for us to purchase these radios. They are significantly more expensive than the current radios we are using, but that is the direction. We are one of the last 3 counties in the state that

have not gone to this system. I won't bore you with all the technical detail. If you have any questions about them, I invite you to visit with me and I can go over that with you... (INAUDIBLE)

FIRE DEPT REPORT - FIRE CHIEF REA – I really don't have anything to report but we are looking at MARCS too. We are first looking at going through a county-wide grant with several other fire depts. to try and acquire a substantial portion of that funding. If we can't get it, then we will have to purchase on our own next year. The grants go in next week so hopefully we will hear mid-summer or sometime around then.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Are we in the same position that we are in our Police Dept that our county is at the end?

FIRE CHIEF REA – Yes. It's the entire 911 system going to it.

SERVICE DEPT REPORT - SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Since our last meeting, I'd like to update you on the new equipment that was delivered. The backhoe came in two weeks ago. The Cherokee was delivered this past Thursday. So, that equipment has finally arrived. If anyone wants to view the Cherokee, it's available after this meeting.

I would also like to announce I will be in the dunk booth at the Oktoberfest on Saturday evening from 8:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There are a number of people that have half hour shifts. Whoever gets dunked the most is going to win half the money. It's a 50/50 set up. I'd just like to announce that if I am a winner, I'm going to donate that money back to the cause. So, at 8:30 get in line and take your best shots.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - I think you have a costume planned, perhaps?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Possibly.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY – You'll have to come down and check it out. See what it is.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - I think the Chief will need more officers for the crowds.

(LAUGHTER)

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Other than that, I don't have anything else to report. Thank you for the support of the resurfacing project; and just to note, that project will be completed at no cost to the City. It will be 100% funded by the federal highway dollars as well as the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC).

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY – Excellent. Congratulations.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – Did we inform the insurance company of the new equipment?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Yes.

MAYOR’S REPORT - MAYOR WOOFER - Some announcements:

Fall Clean Up is this week - Oct 4th and 5th. Your items should be put out with your normal garbage pick-up night.

Trick or Treat is Wednesday, October 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Brush Chipping – Week of Oct 22nd – It is the last pickup of the year. Put your limbs out on Sunday night. That doesn’t mean they will be collected on Monday. It will be sometime during the week of Oct 22nd.

Splash Pad is closed for the year. It was officially closed last week. It is no longer operable this season. It will reopen again next year on Memorial Day, weather permitting. That’s all I have unless anyone has any questions.

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL FROM AUDIENCE:

DAVE CADWALLADER – 231 FOX RUN – I was in here a number of weeks ago bringing up a fact that a drain on my street was plugged up with a limb and leaves and all that stuff. I came in here not to complain but to say great work. Within a few days they came down and cleaned all the drains on the street. I am not used to seeing government work that fast. So, when this happens I have to come in and say, hey this is great and I think this is the man we should thank, right here. A couple of times I’ve been in here and made comments about some problems and they were very... I’m used to government in a township where you bring it to them and they go to discuss it and then months later they start working on it. I’m not used to things happening within a week or two, or within a few days. So, I figured I better come in here and say, great work. I’m happy. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - That’s good to hear.

DAVE CADWALLADER – I keep seeing this throughout the City and from other people that I know. They say things are going to get fixed and the next thing you know they’re fixed. They take care of it. The speed of the splash pad being put in, the town clock and the Veterans Memorial. The speed of all this being done... I’m used to a smaller township. I grew up in Bristol. What you people take a week or two to do, they take months, and months, and years. I’m not used to seeing that. I think its great work and that’s what I am here to say.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY – Thank you very much. We appreciate you coming in just to thank us. Don, could you pass that along to your staff as well? Congratulations to you too, Don.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - Absolutely.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – This praise should not keep you from trying to dunk him.

(LAUGHTER)

COUNCILMAN MOORE –We wouldn't want word of how good a job he is doing. We want more people there.

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 7:19 p.m.

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL