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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Monday, December 17, 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, Service Director Wittman, and Clerk of Council Horn; absent was Fire Chief Rea.

A motion to approve Council Minutes from the December 3, 2018 Regular Council Meeting was made 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**

A motion to approve Schedule of Bills to be paid totaling \$ 75,023.56 made by Councilwoman Keller and seconded by Councilwoman Fleischer. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

NO OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION R-44-18 – A Resolution on behalf of the “Drive It Home” campaign in support of the union and workers at the General Motors Lordstown Assembly Plant.

MAYOR WOOFTER - We may have some additional people coming from the UAW; so, we are going to put this off until the last item on the agenda to give them time to come.

RESOLUTION R-45-18 – A Resolution specifying amounts appropriated by account numbers for the City of Cortland, Ohio was read and moved by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Piros.

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON - This is for the \$25,000 for the Veterans Memorial that we will be getting from the State. We will be the recipient. We will go ahead and pay Gilmore the \$25,000 once we receive it.

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



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ORDINANCE O-50-18 - An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Great Improvements to perform interior renovations at the City of Cortland Administration Building was read and moved for first reading by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilman Rowley.

MAYOR WOOFER - The whole purpose of this project is to increase our security on the administrative side. The Police Dept is already very secure over there with their set up and their entry door, window and so forth. We are sitting here wide open. This entails glassing the entire counter and then removing the half door that is there and putting in a steel door. I believe there is a window in the steel door. Is that correct, Don?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - Yes. That was discussed.

MAYOR WOOFER – It probably won't get started in February because this won't be approved until the last meeting in January.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - Have there been any incidents that have caused a need for this?

MAYOR WOOFER - Not here.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – So, you're just being proactive.

MAYOR WOOFER - Yes.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – I'm glad to hear we are looking out for the safety of the employees.

ROLL CALL ON O-50-18 - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED FIRST READING**

ORDINANCE O-51-18 - An Ordinance amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinance O-32-18 for the City of Cortland, County of Trumbull, State of Ohio, for fiscal year ending on the 31st day of December 2018 was read and moved by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Rowley. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilwoman Fleischer.

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON - This is just year-end appropriations so it's just a little bit of housekeeping.

ROLL CALL ON SUSPENSION OF RULES - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ROLL CALL ON O-51-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye;



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Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED EMERGENCY**

ORDINANCE O-52-18 - An Ordinance providing for the Council of the City of Cortland, Ohio to appropriate funds for the operation of the various funds of the City of Cortland, Ohio and its political subdivisions for 2019 was read and moved by Councilman Edwards and seconded by Councilwoman Fleischer. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Edwards.

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON - This is so we can operate 2019 before the first meeting. We have payroll to meet and the schedule of bills to get ready for the first meeting. So, we will be able to operate prior to the first meeting.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Because our first meeting isn't until January 7th.

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON - Yes.

ROLL CALL ON SUSPENSION OF RULES - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ROLL CALL ON O-52-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED EMERGENCY**

ORDINANCE O-53-18 - An Ordinance approving of and authorizing the Mayor to sign a Cooperative Use Agreement with the State of Ohio for the City's Veteran's Memorial at Point Park was read and moved by Councilwoman Keller and seconded by Councilman Piros. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilwoman Fleischer.

MAYOR WOOFER - Back in R-45-18 you approved the \$25,000 to be brought in and written back out to Gilmores. This is giving us \$25,000 from the State. It is our agreement with the State and the City that in order for this grant money to come to us, this agreement has to be signed and returned to them in order for them to award us the money. Patrick, do you want to say anything on this?

LAW DIRECTOR WILSON - When we first started talking about this project and Mr. McClain brought it to the city, the city wasn't identified as the project sponsor. But when the State considered the grant money, which is the \$25,000, to finish up the project, the State decided it wanted the city to be the project sponsor. So, this is really being done to placate the State of Ohio so when they issue the grant money to an entity up here for the Veteran's Memorial. The city will be that entity, receive it and then kick it right back to the contractor. Initially, you did not hear about this when we started the project



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because that wasn't our original plan. If we do this, the State will be happy and they will send the grant money up to Cortland.

ROLL CALL ON SUSPENSION OF RULES - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ROLL CALL ON O-53-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED EMERGENCY**

ORDINANCE O-54-18 - An Ordinance authorizing an agreement for legal defense for indigents 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 Councilman Edwards. **ROLL CALL ON SUSPENSION OF RULES** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ROLL CALL ON O-54-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED EMERGENCY**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - We are now going to go back to Resolution R-44-18.

RESOLUTION R-44-18 – A Resolution on behalf of the “Drive It Home” campaign in support of the union and workers at the General Motors Lordstown Assembly Plant was read and moved by Councilwoman Fleischer and seconded by Councilwoman Keller. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

MAYOR WOOFER – At his point I will read the resolution and afterwards we can do pictures.

(MAYOR WOOFER PRESENTS RESOLUTION R-44-18 TO NICHOLAS SANTUCCI, THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS OF THE YOUNGSTOWN AND WARREN REGIONAL CHAMBER)

R-44-18

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE “DRIVE IT HOME” CAMPAIGN IN SUPPORT OF THE UNION AND WORKERS AT THE GENERAL MOTORS LORDSTOWN ASSEMBLY PLANT

WHEREAS, on Monday November 26, 2018 General Motors announced that it was closing down the production of the Chevrolet Cruze, idling its Lordstown Plant and laying off the remaining workers at the Lordstown Plant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cortland has benefited from the production of vehicles at the plant either through suppliers that operated in Cortland or by virtue of Lordstown employees living in the Cortland Community; and



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WHEREAS, a community grass roots effort aimed at General Motors to convince it to build a new vehicle in Lordstown will benefit Trumbull County and its many citizens including those living here in our Cortland Community.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, OHIO:

Section 1. *That the Council of the City of Cortland pledges its support for the “Drive it Home” campaign to convince General Motors to remain invested in the Lordstown Plant and manufacture a new model vehicle at the plant.*

Section 2. *The City of Cortland pledges its full and unconditional support to the union and salaried employees of the General Motors Lordstown Facility and any other company that has a direct or indirect connection to the Lordstown Plant.*

Section 3. *The City of Cortland demands that the Federal and State elected officials including President Trump, Senators Brown and Portman, Congressmen Ryan and Johnson, Governor Kasich and Governor Elect DeWine and our state legislatures to put all partisan differences aside and lobby General Motors to remain invested in and active at the Lordstown Assembly Plant with production of a new vehicle.*

Section 4. *This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force as early as allowed by law.*

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS 17th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018.

MAYOR WOOFER - Thank you for being here tonight. This is Nicholas Santucci. I know he passed out his business cards prior to. Nicholas is the Director of Government and Public Affairs representing the Regional Chamber. Thank you so much for being here to receive this.

NICHOLAS SANTUCCI - Thank you. I appreciate it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Thank you, Mayor, for preparing this resolution.

REPORTS:

FINANCE DEPT REPORT:

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON – I’d like to thank you for the support of my legislation for year-end. We are getting ready to finish everything up for the year. Other than that, you have my report and I’d be happy to answer any questions.

POLICE DEPT REPORT:

POLICE CHIEF MORRIS – You have my report and I will entertain any questions you may have. I don’t really have anything else for you. I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

FIRE DEPT REPORT:



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(FIRE CHIEF REA ABSENT)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - We don't have Chief Rea here with us this evening but we have Pat Dales. What is your title? Captain?

CAPTAIN DALES - Captain.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - I didn't want to call you incorrectly. Do you have a report this evening, sir?

CAPTAIN DALES - I don't have anything for you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Thank you for being here this evening. I appreciate it.

SERVICE DEPT REPORT:

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – You received my monthly report. The only thing I would like to add is last week we were able to get the playground equipment installed that was formally at Bazetta Elementary over at Pearl Park. We had moved that out in the summer time and had it stored off in the parking area. We waited till the splash pad was closed and the park was not as active. We got in there and got the equipment reinstalled. It should be operational come this spring. So, check it out. We will have new recreation opportunities for the increase of children down there.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

MAYOR WOOFER – I just have a few comments. To start off with some bad news, some of you may remember Robert Welsh. He was a councilman here from 1990 to 1995. He was a friend of mine through Rotary Club. Patrick, were you here at that point?

LAW DIRECTOR WILSON - I was not.

MAYOR WOOFER – There's probably nobody here but myself that knows Bob. He passed away today of cancer so I wanted to remember him to council for his excellent service that he did here. He worked for United Telephone and was transferred to Nevada and that time. That's why he left here.

Merry Christmas to everybody. The offices will be closed on Christmas day. We are looking at closing down at Noon on Christmas Eve for the administrative side of the offices.

Our sign is still under construction. It's like, where's Waldo?

(LAUGHTER)



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MAYOR WOOFER – I've been stopping and looking at it. It's underway. It needs some finishing touches that have to be done to the frame itself. We are hoping it will come up this week and be installed. That's all I have unless there are any questions.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - Garbage will be delayed one day then?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Yes. The next 2 weeks with New Years.

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

NO QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL FROM AUDIENCE

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - I'd also like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We will see you on January 7th.

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 7:23 p.m.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL