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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 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, Service Director Wittman and Clerk of Council Horn; absent was Fire Chief Rea.

A motion to approve Council Minutes from the February 4, 2019 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Edwards. **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 \$221,015.87 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-03-19 - An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter an agreement with Thomas Fok and Associates, Inc. to perform engineering and bidding assistance for the Cedar Drive Waterline Replacement Project was read and moved for second reading by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilwoman Keller. **ROLL CALL ON O-03-19** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND READING**

ORDINANCE O-04-19 - An Ordinance approving the Solid Waste Management Plan of the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District was read and moved for second reading by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Edwards. **ROLL CALL ON O-04-19** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND READING**

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION R-14-19 – 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 1.4768 acres of land was read and moved by Councilman Edwards and seconded by Councilman Piros.

COUNCILWOMAN FLEISCHER – Don, are they planning on building anything there?



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SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – I believe a single family house is going to be constructed there.

COUNCILWOMAN FLEISCHER – And this is for Ainsley's, right?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Yes.

LAW DIRECTOR WILSON - Larry and Alice Ainsley.

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

RESOLUTION R-15-19 – A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cortland, Ohio to place his signature on the Replat of Lots 43 & 44 now known as Lot 43A in Custer Estates Volume 45, Page 66, City of Cortland, Trumbull County, Ohio was read and moved by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilwoman Fleischer.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - This is just a combination of two lots making one larger lot.

MAYOR WOOFER - Correct. It's across the street from City Hall.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Yes. It will be approx. 0.595 acres at the end of the combination.

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

ORDINANCE O-05-19 - An Ordinance amending in part O-19-18 authorizing the Service Director to purchase a John Deere 310SL Backhoe Loader from Murphy Tractor & Equipment was read and moved for first reading by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Rowley.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY – Basically this is an accounting thing. We are changing it from state highway funds to m&r.

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON - Yes... to the m&r fund.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY – and that also applies to the next ordinance that we will be reading.



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ROLL CALL ON O-05-19 - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piro, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED FIRST READING**

ORDINANCE O-06-19 – An Ordinance amending in part O-24-18 authorizing the Service Director to purchase a new 2019 Jeep Cherokee 4x4 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 Piro and seconded by Councilman Edwards. **ROLL CALL ON O-06-19** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piro, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED FIRST READING**

REPORTS:

FINANCE DEPT REPORT:

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON – You have my monthly report. I have nothing further to report but I’d be happy to answer any questions.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY – I noticed in your report a Finance Committee Meeting will be convening next week?

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON – Yes, next week.

POLICE DEPT REPORT:

POLICE CHIEF MORRIS – You have my report in there. I was notified within the last day or so we received a \$5,000 grant for purchase of tasers. We were looking for \$20,000, because that’s what we need, but we will take the \$5,000 and put it towards the project and then evaluate how we will proceed. You will probably see an ordinance coming through here shortly to purchase the grant tasers. With the remaining tasers, we will have to figure out how to purchase those. That will be a separate ordinance.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY – Very good. Congratulations.

POLICE CHIEF MORRIS – Thank you.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – The Chief spoke at Rotary a week ago and did a good job. He followed up on the Mayor so we are just bombarding them with our city business. Good job.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY – Thank you, Chief.

COUNCILWOMAN FLEISCHER – I have a question. Do we already have tasers? Are we just replacing them?



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POLICE CHIEF MORRIS – We do not. We've never had tasers.

(INAUDIBLE ~ MULTIPLE CONVERSATIONS AND LAUGHTER)

FIRE DEPT REPORT:

(FIRE CHIEF REA ABSENT)

SERVICE DEPT REPORT:

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – You received my monthly report. I'll take any questions that council may have. If not, thank you for not questioning or understanding the ordinances and the bookkeeping. It probably falls back on me. I didn't look at those close enough and have an understanding of the new accounting software numbers to see the change in fund codes. This is a bookkeeping measure because otherwise, the state highway fund would be significantly depleted. We felt it best necessary to correct that and get the funds spent out of the correct accounting codes and then we will be able to move forward with that. So, thank you.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

MAYOR WOOFER – Just as a reminder again, and I will keep reminding you until the Spring Clean-Up comes up. Spring Clean-Up is May 2nd and May 3rd. If you have things you want to clear out or off of your property, you may do so. Put it out with your normal garbage at that time.

The Civil Service Commission has met and approved the updating and testing of our lists for police and fire. Advertisements appeared in the Tribune this past week. We started to accept applications today and that will run through March 1st. Testing then for both the departments will be March 18th at 9:00 a.m. at the Trumbull County Agricultural Center on West Main St.

The Records Commission has met and updated our retention record's list. They were voted on and approved today for each of our departments, police fire, service and finance. They all needed to have those updated. There will be another meeting on April 15th to vote and approve on having their own records retention schedule set for their own commission. Other than that, that's all I have unless somebody has questions of me?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY – The sign has been installed and it looks very nice.

MAYOR WOOFER – Thanks so much.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - At least half of it does. It's dark when you come up on...

MAYOR WOOFER – We are replacing the lights. We are taking out the old bulbs. They are rather expensive to operate because they are the hot type temperature bulbs. They are going to be replaced, as I



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understand from Don tonight, with LED lighting. So, you'll see the one head on the south side of the sign is completely missing.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - Yeah, I saw that.

MAYOR WOOFER – We will get those fixed here shortly. I thank Mark Brown from Mark Brown Signs in Cortland, one of our newest businesses that moved into town. He did an excellent job on the sign. It took a while to get it but he came through and did a great job.

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

NO QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL FROM AUDIENCE

BILL SPRING ~ ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

BILL SPRING – Good evening. As you may know, in 1944, Mosquito Creek Lake was completed and filled. So, this year marks our 75th anniversary. We are having a large event that I have already been in touch with the Mayor on. We would like to include the city. We feel that Cortland and Mosquito Creek Lake kind of go hand in hand. I want to present to you a couple things I have with me to get you to start thinking about the event. It will be Saturday, June 15th. We are also working with the Mosquito Lake Marina in tandem with their Safety Day that they do every day. They give out a ton of bikes and they have first responders. This year they have a helicopter planned. So, we decided to combine the two events to share some of that visitation and participation. We have several congressmen and senators that will be at least invited to the event. We will have our colonel who is an army commander who leads the Pittsburgh District and he will be there as well giving a speech and whatnot. We will be doing dam tours in the morning followed by a ceremony where will have a new trail put in up to a large castle that we are building. Inside the castle will be a time capsule and we invite the city to put something in there as well to be opened at the 100th anniversary. I'd like to pass some of this stuff around.

BILL SPRING – One of the things I asked the Mayor was to do an interpretative panel along this trail to the castle. We are inviting all our partners and municipalities to join us in putting a 3X2 panel on the ground capturing the history. Because we are so small locally, we rely on municipalities, and the communities, organizations, partners, and non-profits to help us out with some of this stuff. So, we want to give those people the opportunity to put themselves out on the stage.

(PASSES OUT HANDOUTS)

BILL SPRING – I'll let you guys pass that around. This is an example of what we are looking at doing for the Army Corps of Engineers. It captures some things you may not know, some historical photos, as well as a big picture and what we do across the nation and across the world. We have districts all over.



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MAYOR WOOFER - Just to clarify, and I know I asked you this before but I don't remember because it's been a while since we talked, those panels, are those going to be permanent?

BILL SPRING –Yes. It will be permanent along that trail.

MAYOR WOOFER - And that trail is where, again?

BILL SPRING – The trail will be at my office on Warren Meadville Road adjacent from the Bazetta Fire Department.

MAYOR WOOFER - Right.

BILL SPRING – This is just an example of something I will be sending out. It's an RSVP letter that I will be sending out with the flyer advertising for the event once it's completed approved by our Office of Counsel. Nothing to respond to on this, I just wanted to get you guys thinking about and maybe what we are looking for and what you could possibly do to participate. I have our current image of what our castle looks like. It's mocked-up and in the garage right now where it's warm so we can work. It will be 10' tall, 12' wide with glass block light with LED lighting inside. The time capsule will be inside as well.

MAYOR WOOFER – That's temporary, right?

BILL SPRING – Nope. That's going to be permanent structure at that intersection of Wilson Sharpsville and Warren Meadville.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - Is this a draft of what you're sending out?

BILL SPRING –Yes.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - There's a spelling error.

BILL SPRING – Yeah. I appreciate that. It's been busy. This is just a memo I submit to my Office of Counsel and senior leadership regarding some of the day's activities, who we anticipate to show up at the event, and what is to be expected so they are situationally aware of what we are planning down at ground zero. Again, this is not in any way shape or form a final draft so there may be spelling errors. I want to be transparent with the city so if you do want to participate in any way, shape or form that you have some awareness beforehand.



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MAYOR WOOFER – This is a mock-up of the Army Corps plaque or panel?

BILL SPRING – Correct. That will be recreated 3x2 and put in an aluminum stand in the ground concreted. We have several people already committed. Trumbull Historical Society will be doing one. ODNR will be doing one. We have six so far.

MAYOR WOOFER – We will do one.

BILL SPRING – Great.

MAYOR WOOFER – I was trying to think how we would design it and do it.

BILL SPRING – Sure. There are a couple different avenues. If you have someone in-house, obviously the most cost effective. There are companies out there for a couple hundred dollars you give them some historical figures and stuff you want to note as well as photographs and they will put it together for you. It looks real great. That's my design. I gave it to two different graphic artists and they're working on it now. Again, that's not my final copy but it's to the best of my ability. I wanted to give them something to work on.

MAYOR WOOFER – Are you able to leave this with me?

BILL SPRING – Yes. I'm going to leave all of this with you tonight so you have it as a reference.

MAYOR WOOFER – Thank you. I appreciate that. I like that. My grandfather was in the Army Corp of Engineers. He was a colonel.

BILL SPRING – Very cool.

MAYOR WOOFER – I have his castle with all his stuff.

BILL SPRING – That would be a pretty cool historical figure. There is one in New England that is approx. 30' tall. It's almost life size. It's a stamp to the area. It's the Army Corps of Engineers and their influence on the area. I've seen other the castles built. I've worked all over the country with the Army Corps of Engineers and nothing compares to what we are doing. So, we are doing something pretty neat, I think, and it will be a pretty good discussion starter.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - So the times are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.



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BILL SPRING – Correct. 9:00 to 10:00 will be the public dam tours. 10:30 to 11:00 will be our ceremony. 12:00 to 3:00 will be Safety Day at the marina. The marina is going to be making t-shirts. The commander will also be speaking at Safety Day. We are bringing additional booths that Safety Day hasn't had in the past. I know the Trumbull County Tourism Bureau will be there and the boy scouts will be there. We are combining forces making two very good events into a great event.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Do you need anything else from us other than our plaque that we do?

BILL SPRING – I'd love to invite you all to the ceremony and be involved in that and we can definitely recognize the City of Cortland as being a behind the scenes partner. We don't really interact a whole lot together; however, we do coexist. That, right there, is worth mentioning.

MAYOR WOOFER – Any ice fishing updates out there?

BILL SPRING – It's getting thin. The water is above 38°. I don't know whoever crosses over the dam on a daily basis but the open water around the tower is getting bigger and bigger every day. It's limited time if you plan on getting out there.

LAW DIRECTOR WILSON - There was a lot of people out there tonight.

BILL SPRING – There was.

LAW DIRECTOR WILSON - I was surprised.

BILL SPRING – There are still several inches out there. I would say 6 to 8 on average but with that warm water coming in... We were down to 33° or 34° and we are up to 38° this morning. It's starting to climb already. Depending on the weather, ice is tricky with no rhythm or reason. I could say roughly another month of solid, safe, fishable ice. The Mayor has my contact information. If you do have any questions, please reach out. We want to get you involved and make sure you are clear in making the decisions that you want to participate in that.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Very good. Thank you.

BILL SPRING – Thank you. Have a great night.



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A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Moore 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 7:25 p.m.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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