



May 6, 2019

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Administration Building, 400 N High St, Cortland, Ohio with Council Vice President Kevin Piros presiding. Members of Council present were James Edwards, Kathy Fleischer, Patti Keller, Don Moore and Scott Rowley; absent was Council President Deidre Petrosky. Also present at the meeting were Mayor Woofter, Law Director Wilson, Finance Director Gibson, Fire Chief Rea, and Clerk of Council Horn; absent were Police Chief Morris and Service Director Wittman.

A motion to approve Council Minutes from the April 15, 2019 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilman Edwards and seconded by Councilman Rowley. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, abstain; Petrosky, absent; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

A motion to approve Schedule of Bills to be paid totaling \$ 84,270.81 was made by Councilwoman Keller and seconded by Councilman Rowley. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, absent; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE O-15-19 - An Ordinance authorizing the Fire Chief to purchase eighteen (18) Scott Air-Paks and related equipment from Weathersfield Township through a Multijurisdictional FEMA Aid to Firefighters Grant was read and moved for third and final reading by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilwoman Fleischer. **ROLL CALL ON O-15-19** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, absent; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

ORDINANCE O-16-19 – An Ordinance amending the contract with Browning Ferris Industries of Ohio, Inc. D.B.A. Republic Services of Youngstown for the removal of refuse from the City of Cortland, Ohio was read and moved for second reading by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilwoman Keller. **ROLL CALL ON O-16-19** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, absent; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND READING**

NO NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS:

FINANCE DEPT REPORT:

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON – Our GAAP Report was filed today. Local Government Services went ahead and filed that with the state for 2018. The Auditors are still here. They are busy doing the audit. That’s all I have to report. I’d be happy to answer any questions.

POLICE DEPT REPORT:

(POLICE CHIEF MORRIS ABSENT)

FIRE DEPT REPORT:



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FIRE CHIEF REA – Thanks for the support of the FEMA grant. The Air-Paks are in and they are on the trucks. We have about \$12,000 left to spend. They don't like it when we give it back to them.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT PIROS – I'm sure you can find a place for that.

FIRE CHIEF REA –I'm sure we can find someplace to spend it. Other than that, I don't have anything else to report at this time. I'd be happy to answer any of your questions.

SERVICE DEPT REPORT:
(SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN ABSENT)

MAYOR'S REPORT:
MAYOR WOOFER –

Mosquito Spraying starts Wednesday, May 15th and 29th this month. With the amount of rain water in our yards and so forth, I think we are going to have a pretty bad spring for mosquitoes.

Brush Chipping will be the week of May 27th

Memorial Day is Monday, May 27th. City offices will be closed. Republic trash/recycling will run one day behind through this holiday week.

Splash Pad, located at Pearl Park, is scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend, weather permitting. Hours will be 11 am to 6 pm.

If you didn't notice, the former Mayor Curt Moll and his wife built the Little Free Library which has been installed at Pearl Park. It's been in our eNews and there will also be pictures in the upcoming Cortland Newspaper as well. Take a book and return a book at your pleasure. No charge. No cards. It's nice to have there for the children and/or whoever wants to take a book and read it. Thank you to Curt and Gerri Moll. It was very much appreciated.

As a reminder, if you haven't already done this, the Ohio Ethics Commission is requesting your accounting to be turned in. That final date is May 15th. That's all I have unless anyone has any questions of myself.

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR SWEARS IN FIREFIGHTER WILLIAM S. BOWER:

MAYOR WOOFER – It's always a pleasure to bring in some new blood. Too bad you have to work with these guys.

(LAUGHTER)

MAYOR WOOFER – Raise your right hand and repeat after me.

FIREFIGHTER WILLIAM S. BOWER –

OATH OF OFFICE

*I, WILLIAM S. BOWER, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT I SHALL
SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES,
THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO,*



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*AND THE LAWS AND ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND.
AND THAT I WILL TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, FAITHFULLY,
HONESTLY AND IMPARTIALLY DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC
OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, COUNTY OF TRUMBULL AND STATE OF OHIO.
SWORN TO THIS 6TH DAY OF MAY, 2019*

MAYOR WOOFER – Congratulations.

(APPLAUSE)

**TERESA MERRICK R.N., OF THE TRUMBULL COUNTY COMBINED HEALTH DISTRICT
ADDRESSES COUNCIL REGARDING TOBACCO RETAILER KITS:**

TERESA MERRICK – Thank you for having me. We have a tobacco grant from the State of Ohio and the Dept of Health. Our goal is for children under the age of 18 not to have access to tobacco products to include vaping, Juuls, cigarettes, chew, etc. I've sent all of you a packet. In that packet is some information that we would like to hand out to retailers. We have some of the school children, juniors and seniors, who are under the age of 18, who go to your local stores and try to buy cigarettes. If they are not carded, then we have a sheriff deputy step in and say you shouldn't have done that. We kind of slap their hand and say please do not do that again. Please check for ID's and follow the ordinance. So, what I am asking today is in the packet that I've handed out are samples of what we'd like to give any of the retailers that have violated that little law. The samples are a store policy they can use for the management notice to employees, employee training tips so they can train their staff to check ID's, and an employee agreement sample so they can sign it and then the owner or boss can say you signed this paper and you've agreed to check ID's and you need to follow our rules. There is a copy of the Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act so they understand what it is as well as the Ohio Revised Code 2927.02. I am asking Cortland City Council and the Mayor to write the Trumbull County Combined Health District a letter of support stating you agree that it is okay for us to hand this packet to retailers that are not following the rules. We won't give it to every retailer if they are following the rules. If they are following the rules, then they are very well aware of this law and the Ohio Revised Code. We just want to help out the retailers that are not familiar with it and help them understand that we are trying to protect the children in the community by not having access to these products.

MAYOR WOOFER – Teresa, I think what we will do is have one letter from the city stating that council is in unanimous agreement for that. I guess you could make a motion and then...

LAW DIRECTOR WILSON – It would probably be more appropriate to do a resolution. I would write it up for you, if you'd like. Then, we could vote on it next meeting. That would be coming from the city, as a whole, in support of your proposal.

TERESA MERRICK – That would be wonderful. Thank you.

MAYOR WOOFER – That will be signed by myself and the council president. We can present that to you and you can put that in your packet.



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TERESA MERRICK – That would be wonderful. We would make sure that the state gets a copy of it also.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT PIROS – Teresa, how do you identify those that are violating the state law?

TERESA MERRICK – We get a list from the Ohio Dept of Health, who sponsors this grant, and they give us retailers in Cortland. We did Cortland and Warren City this year. They gave us a list of retailers they wanted the kids to go to and try and buy. A lot of places in Warren they did not go because the areas were so bad. We didn't want the kids in that area. We did Cortland and it was a good response. I think there was only one violation out of all the places that the kids went to. That's where we get our list, from the state. Some places were closed and some were under different management but everybody did well but one in Cortland. So, that was very good. Are there any other questions?

MAYOR WOOFER - Thank you, Teresa.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - We talked about the spraying for mosquitoes. I was at the veterinarian last week and they said it's a really bad year for ticks. There's nothing, I know, we can do about it that but just to let people know that if they have animals they really need to watch out for them. They said one dog came in and had 50 ticks on him. It's pretty bad county wide. So, just a point of information.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT PIROS – Thanks, Don.

NO QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL FROM AUDIENCE

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL