



September 3, 2019

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 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, and 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 19, 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 \$ 312,624.02 was made by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilman Rowley.

MAYOR WOOFTER - I would like to make a comment. Obviously, this is a rather large number - \$312,624.02. If you looked over the schedule of bills, you'll see the largest portion of this was the paving of our roads this year which was \$205,597.30. If you took that out, this would be our normal bills. That's why this number is so large.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – Jim, it may have helped if you deferred your reimbursement of \$26.22.

MAYOR WOOFTER – Yeah, that could have helped a little bit, right? Not! I want my \$26 bucks!

(LAUGHTER)

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

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE O-31-19 - 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-31-19** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING**

NEW BUSINESS



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ORDINANCE O-34-19 - An Ordinance authorizing the City of Cortland to purchase and install for the benefit of all city departments a new Allworx telephone system complete with equipment and software from Executive Computer Management Solutions, Inc. was read and moved by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilwoman Keller. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilman Rowley.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – This is the system that is recommended by our computer folks?

MAYOR WOOFER – Yes. This is a big deal. There are lots of benefits to the city in this. All our dept heads are pretty excited for this. Not only is this going to save us an unbelievable amount of money by switching to this system, but it's going to update our antiquated telephone system we have in here. The fire dept is crippling along. They barely have a phone that works. So, this is all on a digital Wi-Fi system. The money we are going to save...

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON – is over \$50,000 over 5 years. It will be over \$10,000 a year. We will not be paying that exorbitant phone bill. We will still be paying a phone bill for the well pump houses, but not for general administration, police and fire.

MAYOR WOOFER – Each of our lift stations have a telephone line. If one of the pumps goes out, someone gets called for the emergency.

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON – Right. It's a plain old telephone system line. They have to have Wi-Fi there so those have to stay. They are called POTS lines.

MAYOR WOOFER – At our last meeting with them, they were going to be looking at that to see if they could figure out some way to save us even more money on top of this \$50,000 over the next five years. So, a \$10,000 savings. So, we are going to have an investment of not more than \$19,900 over the five years the city is going to save.

COUNCILWOMAN FLEISCHER – I have a question about the phone quote. It looked like it was a five year thing. Do we have to get phones every five years or will they last longer than that?

MAYOR WOOFER – They will probably last longer, but they are like computers.

POLICE CHIEF MORRIS – I think that was the warranty life.

MAYOR WOOFER – Yeah. These phones we've had in here we've had forever, probably 20 years?



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FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON – We looked it up, it was in 2011. That was the last ordinance we did for new phones but it was only for this building, administration and police. It did not include the fire station. So, the fire station was before 2011.

MAYOR WOOFER – This will be good. The phone bill will be paid through ECMSI?

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON – Yes. That will get paid through ECMSI. Just for this building, we are paying over \$700 a month in phone bills.

MAYOR WOOFER – Yes, that is just this building. So, we are pretty excited about this. Thank you. It's an emergency because we need them right away. It goes hand in hand with our computer system that we are updating. Recently, there was a business out of Youngstown that was hit. They were closed for two weeks. It was a rather large...um...

COUNCILWOMAN FLEISCHER – Malware?

MAYOR WOOFER – Yes. It came by the way of North Korea. It was just an email that one of the employees opened up and it hit their malware. They were shut down for two weeks. It was in the *Business Journal* this week. So, thank you for supporting this.

ROLL CALL ON SUSPENSION OF RULES - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ROLL CALL ON O-34-19** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED EMERGENCY**

ORDINANCE O-35-19 - An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Foust Construction Inc. for the Cedar Drive Waterline Replacement Project – Phase 2 was read and moved by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Rowley. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Piros.

MAYOR WOOFER – Of course Don is not here to talk about this, but everyone knows the situation on Cedar Dr. This is the extension of where we left off last year to finish the project.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - It is being funding by a 20 year, 0% OPWC loan.

ROLL CALL ON SUSPENSION OF RULES - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ROLL CALL ON O-35-19** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED EMERGENCY**



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REPORTS:

FINANCE DEPT REPORT:

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON – I have nothing to report at this time but would be happy to answer any questions.

POLICE DEPT REPORT:

POLICE CHIEF MORRIS – I have nothing and I will entertain any questions you may have of me

FIRE DEPT REPORT:

FIRE CHIEF REA – I have nothing to report but I'd be happy to answer any questions.

SERVICE DEPT REPORT:

(SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN ABSENT)

MAYOR'S REPORT:

MAYOR WOOFER – I have some announcements:

Republic trash/recycling collection will be one day behind this week due to the holiday.

Mosquito Spraying – last one is tomorrow night, September 4th. Hopefully the weather will hold out.

Curbside Brush Pickup - week of September 23rd this month.

Fall Clean Up is October 10th and Oct 11th. Items will be collected with your regular trash.

Splash Pad – we have yet to determine when we are going to close it, as long as the weather holds out. Don and I talked about it today so we are hoping to keep it open a couple more weeks, maybe clear through September, if that's possible. We will see how it goes. Another thing that determines that is when the manufacturer of the splash pad can get here to close it up for the winter. We will try to keep it open as long as we can.

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

NO QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL FROM AUDIENCE

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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