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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Monday, September 16, 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, Service Director Wittman and Clerk of Council Horn.

A motion to approve Council Minutes from the September 3, 2019 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilwoman Keller. **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 \$138,046.16 was made by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Piros. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

NO OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE O-36-19 - An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an LPA Federal Local-Let Project Agreement with the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation to establish the responsibilities for the administration of the Mecca Street Resurfacing & Intersection Improvement Project, PID 104626 was read and moved for first reading by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilwoman Fleischer.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY – Don, do you have anything you'd like to say about this project at this time?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - This is just a customary agreement that needs to be in place since there is going to be federal highway dollars involved in this project.

ROLL CALL ON O-36-19 - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED FIRST READING**

ORDINANCE O-37-19 - An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter an agreement with GPD Group to perform engineering and design services for the Mecca Street Resurfacing & Intersection Improvement Project, PID 104626 was read and moved for first reading by Councilman Edwards and seconded by Councilman Rowley.



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COUNCILMAN MOORE - I see the expense we are going to have is noted here, but it may be reimbursable? We may get that back? Don, is that right?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Yes. At this point in time, the project has been submitted to OPWC for funding. They are in the process of ranking those at this time. We do not know whether or not we will receive funding for that. Should we be successful in getting that funding, there will be no cost to the city.

ROLL CALL ON O-37-19 - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED FIRST READING**

REPORTS:

FINANCE DEPT REPORT:

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON – You have my monthly report. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

POLICE DEPT REPORT:

POLICE CHIEF MORRIS – You should have my report. Last I spoke to Officer Mancini, he is home and he is continuing to recover quite well. It was a miracle. It was truly a miracle. Hopefully, at the next council meeting, we will look to recognize all those folks involved in making sure Nick still lives today. They certainly did a tremendous job. We thank the community for their support. It's been amazing. I saw he had a card from a Wisconsin police dept. The entire police dept signed the card. There's definitely been a lot of outpouring of support. So, thank you.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - Is the car a total loss?

POLICE CHIEF MORRIS – Yes. It appears the insurance company is going to total out the car. We are in a bad spot for buying cruisers because it's the end of the state contract year. October is the beginning of the year. So, you will probably see an emergency the first meeting in November for a cruiser.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY – Glad to hear good news about Officer Mancini. Thank you for sharing that with us.

FIRE DEPT REPORT:

FIRE CHIEF REA – By the next meeting, you will see a bill for some work we had to have done on our engine. We had a small hole in the pump. They came out and patched it for now but we have to replace it. It's somewhere around is \$2,500. \$1,600 just for the part. It just emphasizes that it's time to replace a 27 year old fire truck. If it starts working its way up it really gets a lot more expensive to



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replace an actual fire pump that gets a hole in it. I've been telling you through the annual reports that it was coming. Well, it's here. We've got to replace that. You have my monthly report. I'd be happy to answer any question.

COUNCILMAN ROWLEY - Any grant money out there for fire trucks?

FIRE CHIEF REA – We keep trying. Every year we ask for it. So far they have told us no. We don't know this year, we still have our grant request out for it. Last year, the average age of a fire truck that they replaced with that grant was 30 years old so we are not quite to that threshold yet. I don't know if that fire truck is going to make it to the 30 year mark.

SERVICE DEPT REPORT:

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – You have my monthly report, but I will entertain any questions that council may have. Other than that, I don't have anything else to add at this point in time.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

MAYOR WOOFER – I don't really have much to say either. A reminder that Curbside Brush Pickup is the last full week of September. So, have your things out Sunday night. That should be the week of Sept 23rd. Is that right, Don? That's the last full week.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Is that the 4th Monday?

MAYOR WOOFER – Yes.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Then it's the 23rd.

MAYOR WOOFER – So, have your things out Sunday night, the 22nd. Other than that, that's all I have.

COUNCILWOMAN FLEISCHER – Is the splash pad closed?

MAYOR WOOFER – The splash pad is closed. I was hoping we would have it open this week because the weather is so nice, but the splash pad people showed up last week and we really didn't have any heads up notice on that. They sent Don a voicemail an hour before they were to be here. So, anyways, yes, it is closed.

If you happened to drive through Willow Park, you will see they are continuing to do work on the tennis courts. The holes and fittings were placed in the pavement for the nets. Half of it is painted right now, so within the next couple days they will have that coated and so forth. Once they have that done, the exterior fencing will be put up. It probably won't be playable this year. Don mentioned in the



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TRC meeting, it would be silly to put up the nets and then turn around and take them down for winter a couple weeks later. So, I think we will leave them off and get them ready next spring.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - Don, is this the last month for Brush Pick-Up?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Yes.... Do we do it in October?

MAYOR WOOFER – Do we do one in October?

CLERK OF COUNCIL - Yes. It is scheduled for the week of October 28th.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – If we have snow on the ground we are not going to be chipping branches.

(LAUGHTER)

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

SET “TRICK OR TREAT” FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST FROM 6 TO 8 PM:

A motion to approve **Halloween “Trick or Treat” for Thursday, October 31st from 6 to 8 p.m.** 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**

MARY LOU JARRETT OF THE FOUR SEASONS GARDEN CLUB TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

MARY LOU JARRETT – I am a member of the Four Seasons Garden Club. We were approached by the Cortland Beautification Association (CBA) to take over the duties they have been doing except for Casterline Cemetery. The Huttons will continue taking care of that. We talked about it and we are going to break it up into four stages, but we are definitely taking it over. If something goes wrong you know where to find us. Any questions?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY –We thank you for taking it over.

MARY LOU JARRETT – We felt that if we didn’t it would go by the wayside. The only thing we think we may have trouble with is the lights in the snowflakes. We thought at that time we would call Rotary or Lions Club to get several men to help us. They put them up but we have to check the bulbs.

MAYOR WOOFER – Yes. I think they are all fixed and working now. You should call Flo. She told me they were going to have them all finished before you take them over. I think they all have LED lights in them now. They took out all the old filament bulbs. Mainlite puts them up.



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MARY LOU JARRETT – We were just told we have to go down to the shed and check them all.

MAYOR WOOFER – Did they tell you that?

MARY LOU JARRETT – Yes. We thought if that's the case at that time, we would get several gentlemen to help us with that.

MAYOR WOOFER – Just ask Flo because they had worked on several of those. That's what she told me a couple months ago.

MARY LOU JARRETT – The four entrances coming into in Cortland, individual families are going to adopt those four sections. They are not always going to look alike but they will be maintained by certain people.

MAYOR WOOFER – Which ones?

MARY LOU JARRETT – The four entrances into Cortland, with the signs.

MAYOR WOOFER – Oh, okay.

MARY LOU JARRETT – And the barrels downtown were Garden Club. I just don't understand where the storage is for those, though. I don't know if Adgates stored them...

MAYOR WOOFER – Do you know, Don?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – I believe they are stored down at the lab over winter.

MAYOR WOOFER – We apparently remove them and store them.

MARY LOU JARRETT – Okay.

MAYOR WOOFER – Anytime you have questions, just call up here and ask to talk to Don or whoever. We will try to guide you, if possible.

COUNCILMAN PIROS - Thank you.

MARY LOU JARRETT – Thank you, everyone.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Yes. Thank you.



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NO QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL FROM AUDIENCE

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made 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**

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL