



City Council Minutes
The City of Cortland
January 5, 2021

Council Meeting #1
January 5, 2021
Via Zoom
7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Brian Tobin, Councilperson Kat McCarthy, Katy Silliman, Bruce Tytler, John Bennett, Jackie Chapman, William Carpenter Troy Beckwith, Thomas Michales

Staff Present: Corporation Counsel Ric VanDonsel, Director of Finance Mack Cook, Police Chief Catalano, Fire Chief Friedman, City Clerk Raymond A. Parker, Confidential Secretary Devon Rainbow

Regular Session:

Mayor Tobin called the first Common Council meeting of the year to order at 7:00PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments:

No one was signed up to speak.

Ward Reports:

Ward 1 – Reminder to shovel your sidewalks

Ward 2 – Reminder to shovel your sidewalks, help out your neighbors

Ward 3 – Thank you for all that decorated, thank you for those obeying Covid-19 regulations

Ward 4 – Thank you for getting out and keeping sidewalks clear

Ward 5 – There are concerns regarding trash pick-up, complaints on the Owego St status

Ward 6 – There are concerns on the riverbanks, a construction truck lost large rocks on rte. 13

Ward 7 – Quiet

Ward 8 – There are concerns on vacant properties

Mayor's Report:

Reminder to shovel your sidewalks and help your neighbors.

Mayor Tobin read the proclamation for Mentoring Month. Mindy Gardner was present to talk about the program Bridges for Kids at the YWCA and the changes they have made. The program is open to all County Residents and SUNY Students. They have started a new program since the pandemic with pen pals for the older kids as they must social distance. The program currently has 30 in person and 30 pen pals.

Resolution #1 of 2021 – Resolution to approve minutes from December 15, 2020 meeting.

Motioned by: Councilperson Carpenter

Seconded by: Councilperson Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 8
 Nays – 0

Mayor Tobin asked to add an agenda item at the end of the agenda.

Item #1 – Presentation by Dr. Mary Cannito-Coville from SUNY Cortland on the survey of the City of Cortland Police Department.

Mary explained that she works at SUNY and was asked to assist in helping the City do a survey in response to the executive order from the Governor of the City Police Department. The survey asks about quality of life, experience, interactions, safety with our Police Department. The survey will be complete by January 21, 2021 and all the information will be put into a report for the Chief and Mayor.

Resolution #2 of 2021 – Resolution to designate Lori Crompton and Tracy Hatfield as the signatories on all accounts.

Motioned by: Councilperson Silliman
Seconded by: Councilperson Tytler

Approved: Ayes – 8
 Nays – 0

Resolution #3 of 2021 – Resolution to designate the ‘Cortland Standard’, the ‘Shopper’, and the ‘Cortland Area Tribune’ as official newspapers of the City of Cortland.

Motioned by: Councilperson Carpenter
Seconded by: Councilperson Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 8
 Nays – 0

Resolution #4 of 2021 – Resolution to designate the following bank depositories for City funds. (Mack Cook)

- NBT Bank
- J. P. Morgan Chase Bank N.A.
- M&T Bank
- Tompkins Trust Company

Motioned by: Councilperson Carpenter
Seconded by: Councilperson Tytler

Approved: Ayes – 8
 Nays – 0

Resolution #5 of 2021 – Resolution Authorizing the Chief Fiscal Officer to sign an agreement on behalf of the City of Cortland Common Council permitting the payment of additional costs required in

reopening of Section 384-d of the Retirement and Social Security Law, pursuant to Chapter 264 of the Laws of 2020, in an amount of \$13,600 in past service costs for a firefighter.

Motioned by: Councilperson Beckwith
Seconded by: Councilperson Chapman

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

Resolution #6 of 2021 – Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Town of Cortlandville.

Motioned by: Councilperson Beckwith
Seconded by: Councilperson Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 1 (Councilperson Bennett)

Item #7 – Covid-19 update

The numbers continue to increase. Mayor tested positive even though he had no symptoms and felt healthy. It's a good idea to go get tested even if you are potentially exposed because you could feel fine yet still have the virus.

Resolution #7 of 2021 – Resolution to ratify the Mayor's execution of an agreement with the County of Cortland for use of Abbott testing machines for monitoring first responders for the Covid-19 illness.

Motioned by: Councilperson Bennett
Seconded by: Councilperson Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

Mayor Tobin asked for a moment of silence for the passing of 2 retired officers.

Adjournment

Motioned by: Councilperson McCarthy
Seconded by: Councilperson Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

I, RAYMOND A. PARKER, CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF CORTLAND, NEW YORK, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT SAID RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, HELD ON THE 5TH DAY IN JANUARY 2021. I FURTHER CERTIFY THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR IN THE TIME REQUIRED FOR HIS CONCURRENCE IN ADOPTION OR REJECTION BY VETO POWER.

RAYMOND A. PARKER, CITY CLERK

MAYOR BRIAN TOBIN