



City Council **Minutes**
The City of Cortland
February 6, 2018

Council Meeting #3
February 6, 2018
25 Court Street
7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Brian Tobin, Aldermen John Bennett, Bill Carpenter, Carlos Ferrer, Troy Beckwith, and Thomas Michales

Excused: Alderman Michelle Mastropolo, Katy Silliman, Gary Thomas

Staff Present: Director of Administration and Finance Mack Cook, City Police Chief Catalano, Corporation Counsel Ric VanDonsel, Superintendent of Wastewater Bruce Adams, City Clerk Raymond A. Parker and Confidential Secretary to the Mayor Devon Rainbow

REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Brian Tobin called the third Common Council meeting of the year to order at 7:05 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Public Comments:

No one was signed up to speak

Ward Reports:

Ward 4 – A reminder to please shovel your sidewalks as the snow continues to fall.

Ward 5 – The Crescent Corset project should be finishing up by the middle of June. There were concerns regarding snow removal on South Main with the businesses, the Code Office has taken care of the issue.

Ward 6 – Been quiet, nothing to report at this time.

Ward 7 – A reminder to not only shovel your sidewalks but the fire hydrants. The Fire Department needs to be able to access them. The Crows are back in the area. Sad news for the City that Roundhouse Mill has closed. Chill-A-Bration is next Saturday the 17th from 12-4PM.

Ward 8 – The Code Office has been working on an abandoned vehicle on property that is vacant.

Mayor's Report:

Katy Silliman is attending the school board's meeting regarding the school district. She reports that foot traffic has been noisy in the Ward. People are reporting that packages have been taken off their porches. Please get delivered packages taken care of as soon as you can to avoid this. Let a neighbor know if you are expecting something to be delivered. Please report any pot holes to DPW and when the weather permits, they will patch them.

Resolution #25 of 2018 - Resolution to approve the January 16, 2018 Common Council Minutes as presented.

Motion By: Alderman Bennett
 Seconded By: Alderman Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 5
 Nays – 0

Item #1 – Presentation on the LED Upgrade project for street lights.

Nic Dovi explained that an RFP went out and it was decided to go with the company Smartwatt. The City has just under 1500 street lights. Scott Clark and Mitch Tombs from Smartwatt were present for the meeting. The company is the single point of contact throughout the project. They explained the installation of new LED fixtures and photocells on the poles will have a 10 year warranty. This will have a significant reduction in system maintenance costs and a reduction in energy use/costs to the City. A photometric analysis will be done to help determine appropriate lighting needed in certain areas of the City.

Resolution #26 of 2018 – Resolution requesting the City of Cortland to promote the use of barrier free requirements in new housing construction when funding is derived from public sources.

Motion By: Alderman Carpenter
 Seconded By: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 5
 Nays – 0

Resolution #27 of 2018 – Resolution to accept, recognize and appropriate the following donations to the Youth Bureau.

Donation	Amount	Event/Project	Budget Line
Kiwanis Club of Cortland	\$250.00	Movie under the Stars	A-7550.5405
Total	\$250.00		

Motion By: Alderman Bennett
 Seconded By: Alderman Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 5
 Nays – 0

Resolution #28 of 2018 – Resolution to appropriate the amount of \$305.00 in proceeds from the sale of 2 vehicles from the City of Cortland Police Impound Lot to account A3120.206.00.

Motioned By: Alderman Carpenter
 Seconded By: Alderman Beckwith

Approved: Ayes – 5
 Nays – 0

Resolution #29 of 2018 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of Cortland and CCSPCA.

Motioned By: Alderman Carpenter
Seconded By: Alderman Beckwith

Approved: Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

Resolution #30 of 2018 – Resolution to declare as surplus a Membrane BioReactor system and associated equipment. This equipment has served its purpose and is of no further use to the facility.

Motion By: Alderman Bennett
Seconded By: Alderman Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

Resolution #31 of 2018 – Resolution to sell a Membrane BioReactor system and associated equipment to Brooklyn Bottling Company of Milton NY for \$50,000.

Motion By: Alderman Carpenter
Seconded By: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

Resolution #32 of 2018 – Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with eProcess Environmental of Fayetteville NY for work on the Digester Phase III project in the amount of \$2,242,000.00 for the Digester Phase III project.

Motioned By: Alderman Carpenter
Seconded By: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

Item #9 – Discussion of ad-hoc committees for sidewalks, personnel, and finance.

Mayor Tobin explained that in the past ad-hoc committees have been formed with Council members. This is to have a group that will review areas of concern, investigate, and report back to Council. Council members expressed what committees they might be interested in with additional committees. Discussion will continue at the next meeting with a possible resolution.

Item #10 – Discussion regarding Zoning Board of Appeals membership.

Ric VanDonsel explained that the majority of the Council members wanted to keep the ZBA membership at 7 members. There is no reason to have to go any farther with this. It was discussed that ZBA members and Council will be notified of a vacancy so a new member can be recruited.

Alderman Bennett asked for an Executive Session at the end of the agenda for contract negotiations, personnel, and litigation.

Item #11 – DRI update.

Mayor Tobin said there was a great turn out at the public meeting on Thursday, February 1. There were two sessions to attend, 2-4PM and 7-9PM. The committee received great feedback from the community on some of the proposed projects. There was a great interest in the possibility of going back to a 2-way Main Street. The Committee continues to have weekly conference calls to meet with the fast deadline. The final meeting will be February 15, 2018 at 7PM at TC3 Extension Center. After the last meeting, the committee will be putting forth 12.7 million in projects to the State. The State will then review the projects and decide what will be funded and what cuts are to be made.

Enter into Executive Session

Motioned By: Alderman Carpenter
Seconded By: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

Exit out of Executive Session

Motioned By: Alderman Carpenter
Seconded By: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned By: Alderman Bennett
Seconded By: Alderman Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 5
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 6th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018. 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