



City Council **Minutes**
The City of Cortland
March 20, 2018

Council Meeting #6

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25 Court Street

7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Brian Tobin, Aldermen Katy Silliman, Gary Thomas, John Bennett, Bill Carpenter, Troy Beckwith, and Thomas Michales

Excused: Aldermen Michelle Mastropolo, Carlos Ferrer

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

Public Hearing #1:

Mayor Tobin opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 PM to review City of Cortland's performance under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and CDBG #285HR303-14 for city-wide housing rehabilitation.

A Thoma Development Consultant was there to assist the City in providing information about City's CDBG Program and grant 285HR303-14 and to answer any questions. One member of the public requested the handout about the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Mayor Tobin called for questions or comments. No one wished to speak.

Mayor Tobin closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 PM.

Public Hearing #2:

Mayor Tobin opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 PM to review City of Cortland's performance under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and CDBG #285PW33-14 for the replacement of the culvert over Otter Creek at Arthur Avenue.

A Thoma Development Consultant was there to assist the City in providing information about The City's CDBG Program and grant #285PW33-14 and to answer any questions.

Mayor Tobin called for questions or comments. No one wished to speak.

Mayor Tobin closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 PM.

REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Brian Tobin called the sixth Common Council meeting of the year to order at 7:04 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Public Comments:

Karen Day – Hoping that Council approves item #2 on tonight’s agenda. She and her husband have lived there many years and plan on doing improvements in the next few years.

Gerry Ruggiero – Suggested a correction be made to the new proposed Rental Law 300-129. It should state “Legally Established”.

Resolution #51 of 2018 - Resolution to approve the March 6, 2018 Common Council Minutes as presented.

Motion By: Alderman Thomas
Seconded By: Alderman Beckwith

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 0

Proclamation – April is Fair Housing Month
Mayor Tobin read the Fair Housing Month proclamation.

Mayor Tobin and DC Wayne Friedman introduced Jim Zelsnack as the newest promotion to Captain in the Fire Department. He has 13 years with the City.

Mayor Tobin asked for an executive session at the end of the agenda for a contractual matter with action after.

Resolution #52 of 2018 – Resolution to approve the Special Event, Porchfest on August 19, 2018 from 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM.

Motion By: Alderman Silliman
Seconded By: Alderman Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 0

Resolution #53 of 2018 – Resolution to approve the subordination of a \$3,199 City mortgage to facilitate a first mortgage refinance for a HOME Homeownership Program participant contingent upon repayment of the remaining balance of HOME funds.

Motion By: Alderman Bennett
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 0

Resolution #54 of 2018 – Resolution to amend the City’s procurement policy to add language relative to soliciting bids/quotes from Minority and Women’s-Owned Enterprises (M/WBE), Labor Surplus Area businesses, and Section 3 businesses, when appropriate, as recommended by the State’s Community Development Block Grant administrator.

Motioned By: Alderman Bennett

Seconded By: Alderman Michales

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 0

Item #4 – Discussion regarding the playground renovation project design plans and the DASNY State and Municipal Facilities Program grant.

The City was awarded a \$500,000.00 Sand Grant for the City Parks. The current playgrounds are in rough shape and in need of repair. Dexter Park was updated in 2017. Suggett and Beaudry Parks are in the plans for this year. Suggett Park will be an inclusive playground. This means that children with many disabilities and needs can use the playground. Beaudry will have 2 separate playgrounds. One will be designed for ages 2-5 years and the other for 5-12 year olds. A splash pad will be placed across from Wickwire pool. It will have a push button activation for children to use. There is no need for a filter as fresh water will be used. The Youth Bureau has applied for a grant for mobile cameras to help watch for vandalism at the parks. The plan is to open Suggett Park May 28, 2018, Splash Pad on June 25, 2018 and Beaudry Park on August 1, 2018.

Item #5 – Discussion on a proposed Local Law pertaining to the City of Cortland skate park operation.

Chapter 202 of the City Code references Park regulations. In June of 1988 the City opened the Skate Park. There is currently paid staff that supervise the Park. Many other areas that have Skate Parks and have moved to a “Skate at your own Risk” Policy. This will allow the Skate Park to be open longer hours and we will not have to pay staff to supervise. There are staff on duty at Yaman Pool if first aid is needed.

A public hearing date was set for May 1, 2018 at 7PM.

Item #6 – Discussion on a proposed Local Law prohibiting the use of hand held metal detectors in City Parks.

There have been some issues with hand held metal detectors. The people that use them dig up the parks and do not replace the dirt when done. This has cost the Youth bureau staff money and time to fix the areas that were damaged.

A public hearing date was set for May 1, 2018 at 7:03 PM.

Resolution #55 of 2018 – Resolution to approve the demolition of a garage on 10 William St. due to fire damage, cost not to exceed \$1,500.00.

There was a fire a year ago. The building is dangerous and the property is vacant. The cost for demolition will be applied to the property taxes.

Motioned By: Alderman Carpenter
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 0

Resolution #56 of 2018 – Resolution to approve the Local Law change to add 2 more stop signs at the intersection of Pomeroy St. and Central Ave making it a 4-way stop with flashing LED lights.

Motion By: Alderman Beckwith
Seconded By: Alderman Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 0

Enter into Executive Session

Motion By: Alderman Thomas
Seconded By: Alderman Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 0

Mayor Tobin asked for a moment of silence as Officer Colin Toland was being escorted back home tonight from his recent passing on Saturday.

Come out of Executive Session

Motion By: Alderman Thomas
Seconded By: Alderman Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 0

Resolution #57 of 2018 – Resolution to approve an Agreement with the City of Cortland’s Firefighter’s Union, subject to approval from the Union.

Motion By: Alderman Bennett
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 5
Nays – 1 (Alderman Thomas)

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned By: Alderman Bennett
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 6
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 20th DAY OF MARCH, 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