



City Council **Minutes**  
The City of Cortland  
**May 1, 2018**

Council Meeting #9  
**May 01, 2018**  
25 Court Street  
7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Brian Tobin, Aldermen Michelle Mastropolo, Katy Silliman, Gary Thomas, John Bennett and Troy Beckwith.

Excused: Aldermen Bill Carpenter, Carlos Ferrer and Thomas Michales

Staff Present: Corporation Counsel Ric VanDonsel, Director of Administration and Finance Mack Cook, 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 7:04 PM to hear comments on a Local Law pertaining to the City of Cortland skate park operation.

No one was present to speak

Mayor Tobin closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 PM.

**Public Hearing #2:**

Mayor Tobin opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 PM to hear comments on a Local Law prohibiting the use of hand held metal detectors in City Parks.

No one was present to speak

Mayor Tobin closed the Public Hearing at 7:06 PM

**REGULAR SESSION:**

Mayor Brian Tobin called the ninth Common Council meeting of the year to order at 7:06 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Public Comments:**

No one was signed up to speak.

**Ward Reports:**

**Ward 1** – Pot holes are bad throughout the ward and concerns with Spectrum over pricing.

**Ward 2** – Please be courteous of neighbors when out enjoying the weather, concerns over zoning on the Hill and will be at City Library from 7-8 PM on Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Ward 3** – Issued public thanks for the prompt fix of potholes that have been reported throughout the City.

**Ward 4** – Issued public thanks for all who participated in the Big Event. The students did a great job helping out the residents that submitted applications.

**Ward 7** - All quiet

**Mayor's Report:** Big Event was well attended and provided improvement to City. A Moment of Silence for Fire Chief Glover and DC Paul Sandy as they had family members pass away.

**Proclamation #1:** May is Mental Health Month. Walk is on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Proclamation #2:** May is Building Safety Month.

**Proclamation #3:** National Day of Prayer is May 4<sup>th</sup> 2018, the Mayor will be at the Courthouse Park at noon that day for a Moment of Silence for Prayer.

**Proclamation #4:** The first week of May is Arson Awareness Week

**Proclamation #5:** The Week of May 13-19 is Police Appreciation Week. Mon. May 15<sup>th</sup> is Peace Officer's Remembrance Day

**Resolution #102 of 2018** - Resolution to approve the April 17, 2018 Common Council Minutes as presented.

Motion By: Alderman Bennett  
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #103 of 2018** – Resolution to approve the Special Event Application including all permits for the End of the Year BBQ Collaboration help on Friday, May 4, 2018 from 3:30PM – 6:30PM at Yaman Park.

Motion By: Alderman Silliman  
Seconded By: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #104 of 2018** – Resolution to waive the application fees for End of the Year BBQ Collaboration.

Motion By: Alderman Thomas  
Seconded By: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 4  
Nays – 1 (Alderman Silliman)

**Resolution #105 of 2018** – Resolution to approve the Special Event Application including all permits for the Dairy Parade on June 5, 2018 from 6:30PM – 8:00PM.

Motioned By: Alderman Thomas  
Seconded By: Alderman Beckwith

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #106 of 2018** – Resolution to waive the City’s Open Container Ordinance during The Crush, Chamber of Commerce “Business after Hours” event June 13 at Beaudry Park.

Motioned By: Alderman Bennett  
Seconded By: Alderman Thomas

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #107 of 2018** – Resolution to lift the hiring freeze to fill a recent vacancy for the Police Department effective April 29, 2018.

Motion By: Alderman Silliman  
Seconded By: Alderman Mastropolo

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #108 of 2018** – Resolution to hire a new officer to fill the vacancy.

Motioned By: Alderman Bennett  
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #109 of 2018** – Resolution to recognize the following donation into the Fire Department Trust and Agency Account (T-44).

\$1,000.00 from Stephen Valentine (on behalf of his father)

Motioned By: Alderman Silliman  
Seconded By: Alderman Beckwith

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #110 of 2018** – Resolution to lift the hiring freeze to fill a vacancy for the Administrative Aide Position assigned to the Code Department effective April 20, 2018.

Motioned By: Alderman Silliman  
Seconded By: Alderman Mastropolo

**Mayor Tobin asked for an Executive session to update Council on contractual negotiations.**

**Enter into Executive Session**

Motion By: Alderman Silliman  
Seconded By: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Come out of Executive Session**

Motion By: Alderman Silliman  
Seconded By: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

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Nays – 0

**Resolution #111 of 2018** – Resolution to hire Devon Rainbow as Administrative Aide to fill the vacancy at 40 hours per week with additional stipend of \$1,000 for website maintenance and \$5,000 for Mayor’s Office duties out of contingency fund.

Motioned By: Alderman Bennett  
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #112 of 2018** – a Resolution to accept the bid from M. Hubbard Construction, Inc. of Mottville NY in the amount of \$159,500.00 for the SBR Effluent Pump Retrofit project. M. Hubbard submitted the low bid and the submission is recommended for approval by Cedarwood Engineering Services, PLLC.

Motioned By: Alderman Thomas  
Seconded By: Alderman Mastropolo

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #113 of 2018** – Resolution to deem 8 vehicles and items of equipment as surplus to be placed on Auctions International for sale.

- 1999 international 4700 Lopro Dump Truck
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- 2001 Dodge Ram 2500
- 1999 Chevy 3500 Reg. Cab Pick-up Truck
- 1973- Gas Ford Tractor
- 1999 3500 Chevy Dump Truck
- 2000 Ford Expedition XLT
- 1979 Kelly Crestwell Road Striper

- Equipment/scrap metal
- Model 150 d 14-5 Crop Sprayer
- Pile of Scrap metal from abandoned Aqua tech b-10 Trucker Tank

Motioned By: Alderman Thomas

Seconded By: Alderman Beckwith

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #114 of 2018** – Resolution to award the contract for Administrative Services for a \$100,000 NYS CDBG Economic Development/Small Business Grant Program (Project #285SB901-18) to assist a local company with economic stabilization and development to Thoma Development Consultants for the fee of \$4,200 in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in bid submitted March 15, 2018.

Motioned By: Alderman Silliman  
Seconded By: Alderman Thomas

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #115 of 2018** – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract #C1000136 with the State of New York Master Contract for Grants Face Page.

Motioned By: Alderman Thomas  
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motioned By: Alderman Silliman  
Seconded By: Alderman Thomas

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 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MAY, 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.**

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RAYMOND A. PARKER, CITY CLERK

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MAYOR BRIAN TOBIN