



City Council **Minutes**
The City of Cortland
May 15, 2018

Council Meeting #10
May 15, 2018
25 Court Street
7:04 PM

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

Excused: Aldermen John Bennett and Carlos Ferrer

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

Public Hearing #1:

Mayor Tobin opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 PM to review the City of Cortland’s performance under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and CDBG #285ME112-16, which funded a Microenterprise Assistance Program in the City.

Linda Armstrong from Thoma was present for the meeting. People can reach out to her if there are any questions at the office phone number 607-753-1433.

Mayor Tobin closed the Public Hearing at 7:09 PM.

Public Hearing #2:

Mayor Tobin opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 PM to hear comments on the Administrative Appeals Board.

Anne Doyle – She would like to be on the Board and assist.

Mayor Tobin closed the Public Hearing at 7:11 PM

REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Brian Tobin called the tenth Common Council meeting of the year to order at 7:11 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Public Comments:

Drew Hill – Had the “Fill a Boot” event for MVA, raised a record amount of \$6,316.95.

Tom Gobel – Would like to show his support for the SUNY, would like to have a debate with a representative from Spectrum.

Kevin Vorstadt – Got a violation regarding his chairs on his porch. The type of furniture that is on the porch is not being used for storage. The chairs are of good quality and very comfortable. The house is being taken care of and there are no mice or Vermin due to the chairs.

Gary Smith – Lives at 42 Church St. There are many handicapped people that live in that facility. The sidewalks in the City are unsafe for people in wheelchairs. Some of the Cross walk signs do not work.

Sharon Law – Resides in the 7th Ward. There are concerns with Elm St. traffic going too fast.

Mayor’s Report:

Friday is Battle of the Badges blood drive. It is a fun battle between the Police Department and Fire Department from 1PM-6Pm at 42 Church St. The Dairy Parade will take place on Main St. on Tuesday June 5th.

Proclamation #1: Kids to Parks Day – May 19, 2018

Proclamation #2: National Aphasia Awareness Month – June 2018

Resolution #116 of 2018 - Resolution to approve the May 1, 2018 Common Council Minutes as presented.

Motion By: Alderman Thomas
Seconded By: Alderman Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 0

Item #1 – Consideration of a Resolution from developers of Crescent Commons to delay amortization of their loan with the City of Cortland.

Linda Armstrong from Thoma Development was present for the meeting to answer questions. Due to the amount of work needed to keep the historic status, they are running behind schedule 8-10 months. There are a lot of steps to go through with the National Parks and Rec and Historic Preservation (SHIPO), and no unique individual is shirking their respective duties. The Loan Committee has reviewed the proposed and approved it to go to Council.

Motion By: Alderman Michales
Seconded By: Alderman Mastropolo

Approved: Ayes – 2
Nays – 4 (Aldermen Mastropolo, Thomas, Carpenter, and Beckwith)

Resolution #117 of 2018 – Resolution to pay interest until September 30th of 2019.

Council decided a second proposal would be more appealing to approve. Linda explained that the interest, when looked at, was about \$525 per month. Council could approve the interest be paid still.

Motion By: Alderman Michales
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

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

Resolution #118 of 2018 – Resolution to appropriate \$7,375.00 in proceeds from the sale of vehicles that were seized and abandoned to A3120.206.00 toward the purchase of new police vehicles.

Motion By: Alderman Silliman
Seconded By: Alderman Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 0

Resolution #119 of 2018 – Resolution to approve the Local Law “Parks and Recreational Areas” amendment to section 202. This allows the parks in question to become more accessible.

Motioned By: Alderman Carpenter
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 0

Item #4 – Set a date for a public hearing on Sidewalk regulations; specifically, to strengthen the regulations concerning homeowner accountability and enforcement. The date is set for June 19th, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Resolution #120 of 2018 – Resolution to appoint Devon Rainbow as Commissioner of Deeds.

Motioned By: Alderman Thomas
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 0

Item #6 – SEQR review for 9/11 Memorial Monument in Courthouse Park. No further action is required for SHIPO. Several resolutions followed:

Resolution 120.5A: Motion to make the City of Cortland the Lead Agency for this SEQR review.

Motioned By: Alderman Silliman
Seconded By: Alderman Mastropolo

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 0

Resolution 120.5B: Motion to ensure this project will not create any or minimal detrimental environmental impact.

Motioned By: Alderman Thomas
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 0

Resolution #121 of 2018 – Resolution to designate the City of Cortland as lead agency for SEQR on the “City of Cortland Vermicycling Facility” pilot project and to adopt the SEQR findings of Larson Engineers.

Motion By: Alderman Thomas
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 0

Resolution 121A: Declaration that this project will have little to no detrimental environmental impact.

Motion By: Alderman Thomas
Seconded By: Alderman Beckwith

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 0

Resolution #122 of 2018 – Resolution adopting the City of Cortland Title VI Plan. NYS Department of Transportation requires a plan with ADA compliance and the rectification of language issues for contracting. This ensures employment discrimination cannot occur. This needs to be passed as soon as possible for the current timeline in which we are working. Even if passed, this proposal can be altered afterwards.

Motioned By: Alderman Thomas
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 0

Resolution #123 of 2018 – Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute the Energy Improvement Corporation Amended Municipal Agreement.

Motioned By: Alderman Carpenter
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 0

Mayor Tobin asked for an Executive session for sales tax negotiations; the council deemed it unnecessary to go into executive session. Discussion therein ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned By: Alderman Silliman
Seconded By: Alderman Thomas

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 15th 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.

RAYMOND A. PARKER, CITY CLERK

MAYOR BRIAN TOBIN