



City Council Special Meeting **Minutes**
The City of Cortland
June 12, 2018

Council Special Meeting
June 12, 2018
25 Court Street
7:00 PM

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

Excused:
Aldermen Gary Thomas, Katy Silliman and Carlos Ferrer

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Resolution #124 of 2018 – Resolution to lift the hiring freeze to hire part time staff in the Mayor’s Office not to exceed \$17,500 a year.

Motion By: Alderman Bennett
Seconded By: Alderman Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

Resolution #125 of 2018 – Resolution to hire part-time staff to assist in the Mayor’s Office.

Mayor’s Office Secretary has officially merged to Administrative Aide in Coding Office with duties still in the Mayor’s Office

Motion By: Alderman Carpenter
Seconded By: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

Resolution #126 of 2018 – Resolution to lift the hiring freeze to hire a full time Administrative Aide in the Clerk’s Office, Mayor’s Office and DPW. Salary rate not to exceed \$24,500 a year, as consistent with union contract.

Motioned By: Alderman Carpenter
Seconded By: Alderman Mastropolo

Approved: Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

Resolution #127 of 2018 – Resolution to fill the position of full time Administrative Aide in the Clerk’s Office, Mayor’s Office and DPW.

Motion By: Alderman Bennett
Seconded By: Alderman Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

Mayor Tobin expressed how well our City PD and City Fire work well with others within the County to get things done that need to get done. This is very important to our residence.

Resolution #128 of 2018 – Resolution to extend the current sales tax agreement through December 31, 2018.

Motioned By: Alderman Carpenter
Seconded By: Alderman Beckwith

Approved: Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

Resolution #129 of 2018 – Resolution to authorize the Director of Administration and Finance to seek State Legislature authority to relieve the City of Cortland from collecting County Property Tax on parcels located within the City.

There are properties within the City that we collect County Taxes on as well as, maintain the software, staffing and the Assessor to be able to do this. The City does not get any sort of reimbursement for doing this.

Motioned By: Alderman Bennett
Seconded By: Alderman Beckwith

Approved: Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

Resolution #130 of 2018 – Resolution to authorize the Director of Administration and Finance to seek State Legislature authority to relieve the City from obligation to make the County and School District whole for their delinquent property tax.

The City has to pay the County and the School for any unpaid taxes.

Motioned By: Alderman Bennett
Seconded By: Alderman Beckwith

Approved: Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

Item #8 – Discussion on reducing expenditures in the 2018 budget to offset anticipated shortfalls due to the County’s proposed changes to the Sales Tax sharing agreement.

There have been a couple different proposal put forth from the County that would be a significant cut to the City. The current proposal would be \$400,000 less than the City’s budget in 2017. If the City is going to take a major cut in the budget, we will need to reconsider what services we provide outside the City. We currently do not get any reimbursement for any services outside the City. If one of our Policeman or Firemen get injured while performing a job outside the City, the City pays for that. The City tax payers pay for these services and people outside the City do not. A number of City Legislatures were present for the meeting and are not in support of the current tax proposal with its major cut to the City. The City Aldermen would like to see what is voted on by the County before having any discussions as to what will be cut from the budget.

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 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, HELD ON THE 12th DAY OF JUNE, 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