



City Council **Minutes**  
The City of Cortland  
**July 2, 2019**

Council Meeting #10  
**July 2, 2019**  
25 Court Street  
7:00 PM

Present: Aldermen Kat McCarthy, Gary Thomas, William Carpenter, Troy Beckwith, and Thomas Michales

Excused: Alderman Katy Silliman, John Bennett, Carlos Ferrer

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

**Regular Session:**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Request from Chief Glover to move agenda items 12 & 13 to later date of August 6, 2019.**

Motioned by: Alderman Beckwith  
Seconded by: Alderman Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Public Comments:**

No public comments.

**Ward reports:**

Ward 1 – Quiet

Ward 3 – Everyone is getting anxious about the vacant house on Forrest Ave.

Ward 5 – Concerns with vehicles speeding on Stewart Ave.

Ward 7 – Quiet

Ward 8 – Getting complaints regarding the new trees planted along the south end of Church St and the line of sight when crossing the street. Would like to remove the 1<sup>st</sup> couple trees at the intersection of Church St. and Clinton Ave. There was an accident at the corner of River St and Port Watson St. The DPW board could possibly pursue a traffic light at the end of that intersection.

**Mayor's report:**

Mayor Tobin would like add an item to the Agenda regarding the street closing between Greenbush and Church on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> for fireworks for SUNY Cortland Sesquicentennial.

Would like to ask for an executive session at the end for contractual matter with potential action after.

There was a Moment Of Silence for Erik Prior.

Be safe for the holidays.

**Resolution #153 of 2019** – Motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of June 18, 2019 as presented.

Motioned by: Alderman Thomas  
Seconded by: Alderman McCarthy

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #154 of 2019** – Resolution to approve the temporary street closure of Central Ave between Greenbush St and Church St for SUNY Cortland Sesquicentennial Closing fireworks on July 13, 2019.

Motioned by: Alderman Beckwith  
Seconded by: Alderman Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #155 of 2019** – Resolution to approve the special event application and all other necessary applications for the Brockway Truck Show on August 10, 2019 from 9AM - 4:30PM.

Motioned by: Alderman Thomas  
Seconded by: Alderman Michales

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #156 of 2019** – Resolution to waive the fees associated with the special event application for the Brockway Truck Show August 10, 2019 from 9AM - 4:30PM.

Motioned by: Alderman Carpenter

Seconded by: Alderman Beckwith

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #157 of 2019** – Resolution to approve the street closure application for the Youth Fire Expo on July 20, 2019 from 9AM - 3:30PM at Madison St., Woodruff St., & Halbert St.

Motioned by: Alderman McCarthy  
Seconded by: Alderman Beckwith

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #158 of 2019** – Resolution to approve a subordination of a City mortgage on 178 Main Street resulting from an income property rehabilitation project at said address per attached memorandum.

Motioned by: Alderman Carpenter  
Seconded by: Alderman Michales

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #159 of 2019** – Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement/contract with Stub's Tree Service for 2019 tree removal in the amount of \$4, 685.00.

Motioned by: Alderman Thomas  
Seconded by: Alderman Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #160 of 2019** – Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract addendum with Cedarwood Engineering for the Gateway Phase 2 project in the amount of \$70,000.

Motioned by: Alderman Carpenter  
Seconded by: Alderman McCarthy

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #161 of 2019** – Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the General Construction contract portion of the City of Cortland's Air Stripper Refurbishment and Water Treatment Improvement Project with M. Hubbard Construction Inc. in the amount of \$2,876, 461.00.

Chris Bistocchi gave a brief description of what the Air Stripper does and how it works.

Motioned by: Alderman Carpenter

Seconded by: Alderman Thomas

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #162 of 2019** – Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the Electrical Construction contract of the City of Cortland’s Air Stripper Refurbishment and Water Treatment Improvement Project with John Mills Electric in the amount of \$494,400.00

Motioned by: Alderman Carpenter  
Seconded by: Alderman McCarthy

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #163 of 2019** – Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the Heating & Ventilation Construction contract portion of the City of Cortland’s Air Stripper Refurbishment and Water Treatment Improvement Project with C & S Companies in the amount of \$269,000.00.

Motioned by: Alderman Thomas  
Seconded by: Alderman McCarthy

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #164 of 2019** – Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the Plumbing Construction contract portion of the City of Cortland’s Air Stripper Refurbishment and Water Treatment Improvement Project with C & S Companies in the amount of \$110,500.00.

Motioned by: Alderman Thomas  
Seconded by: Alderman Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #165 of 2019** – Resolution to accept, recognize and appropriate the following donations to the Youth Bureau.

<b><u>Donation</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Event/Project</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Line</u></b>
Yaman Foundation	\$15,000.00	Roof Replacement	A-7180.5407
McNeil Development Co.	\$100.00	Porch Fest Sponsor	A-7550.5405
SUNY at Cortland IFC	\$42.00	Youth Programs	A-7140.5405
Total	\$15,142.00		

Motioned by: Alderman Carpenter  
Seconded by: Alderman McCarthy

Approved:           Ayes – 5  
                          Nays – 0

**Item #14** – Discussion regarding the City’s participation in the County’s Workers Compensation plan and potential options.

We are required to give notice by July 30<sup>th</sup> by resolution. The City did an RFP to solicit for bids to see what else is out there that could be competitive. The cost with the County has gone up by 9%. There was a meeting with the County last week regarding concerns. The Mayor has another meeting set up for next week with County representatives to discuss this more.

**Item #15** – DRI update  
There was no update.

**Enter into Executive Session** – To discuss a contract matter with Labor Union

Motioned by:     Alderman Carpenter  
Seconded by:     Alderman Thomas

Approved:         Ayes – 5  
                          Nays – 0

**Exit out of Executive Session:**

Motioned by:     Alderman Carpenter  
Seconded by:     Alderman Thomas

Approved:         Ayes – 5  
                          Nays – 0

**Resolution #166 of 2019** – Resolution to approve a contract between the City of Cortland and the SEIU Union.

Motioned by:     Alderman Carpenter  
Seconded by:     Alderman Beckwith

Approved:         Ayes – 5  
                          Nays – 0

**Motion to adjourn:**

Motioned by:     Alderman Thomas  
Seconded by:     Alderman McCarthy

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 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY IN JULY 2019. 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