



## City Council Minutes The City of Cortland September 15, 2020

Council Meeting #20  
**September 15, 2020**  
Via Zoom  
7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Brian Tobin, Aldermen Kat McCarthy, Katy Silliman, Bruce Tytler, John Bennett, Jacki Chapman, William Carpenter (in at 7:55), Troy Beckwith, Thomas Michales

Staff Present: Corporation Counsel Ric VanDonsel, Director of Finance Mack Cook, Police Chief Catalano, Fire Chief Friedman, Confidential Secretary Devon Rainbow, City Clerk Ray Parker

### **Regular Session:**

Mayor Tobin called the twentieth Common Council meeting of the year to order at 7:03PM.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Hearing** - Public Hearing regarding Local Law to restrict the marking of curbs.  
No one present to speak

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

### **Public Comments**

Stephen Shoemaker – quoted, “love others like you love yourself”. We should support our Police Department and not defund them.

Adam Megivern – spoke regarding the parking concerns on Hubbard St. The DPW board discussed the proposal of overnight parking and had a bunch of concerns. No one in the community has spoken against this. Other neighboring Cities have done this and have been successful. Maybe we need to upgrade our equipment to help make this happen.

William Diescher – Asked the council about the details of the potential vandalism by members of Cortland at the Birch Building at Suggett Park. Confirmed that there was vandalism and an investigation ongoing.

Brittney Vanloom – feels that the book that is recommended for the community read will fuel more anti-trust in the City.

**Resolution #182 of 2020** – Resolution to approve minutes from September 1, 2020 meeting as amended.

Motioned by: Alderman Bennett  
Seconded by: Alderman Beckwith

Approved: Ayes – 7  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #183 of 2020** – Resolution to approve the subordination of a City mortgage on 22 Squires Street to facilitate consolidation and refinance of two mortgages pursuant to recommendation of the City’s Loan Review Committee.

Motioned by: Alderman Bennett  
Seconded by: Alderman Chapman

Approved: Ayes – 7  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #184 of 2020** – Resolution to approve the special event application along with all other required applications for “Votercade” held on September 22, 2020 from 10AM – 2PM.

Motioned by: Alderman Silliman  
Seconded by: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 7  
Nays – 0

**Item #3** – Consideration of a Resolution to approve the Sound Device permit for a Base S1 Pro PA Speaker in various locations at various times.

Scott Heath was present to explain that he would like to do street preaching. His job requires him to work various days and hours and that is why it is hard for him to give specific days and times. He currently already does this by yelling/using his voice.

Motioned by: Alderman Beckwith  
Seconded by: Alderman Chapman

Approved: Ayes – 0  
Nays – 7

**Resolution #185 of 2020** – Resolution to accept, recognize and appropriate the following donations to the Youth Bureau.

<u>Donation</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Event/Project</u>	<u>Budget Line</u>
Mary Leary	\$100.00	Dinner Program	A-7310.5405
Mr. Alex Hair Fashions	\$50.00	Radio Porch Fest	A-7550.5405
Total	\$150.00		

Motioned by: Alderman Beckwith  
Seconded by: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 7  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #186 of 2020** – Resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$2,500,000 in tax anticipation notes of the City of Cortland, Cortland County, New York in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes to be levied by the City of Cortland, Cortland County for its fiscal year ending December 31, 2021.

This is to be proactive for the City.

Motioned by: Alderman Bennett  
Seconded by: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 7  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #187 of 2020** – Resolution to approve the transfer of \$7,000.00 from Wastewater Savings ER&R to the Capital Account H-8197-541500 INDIG (IND Digesters Phase III), to cover the Cedarwood Engineering and E-Process invoices from 2019-2020 for work on the biogas generator.

Motioned by: Alderman Bennett  
Seconded by: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 7  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #188 of 2020** – Resolution to accept, recognize and appropriate a \$1,000.00 donation to the Cortland 9/11 Memorial Foundation from John Brown.

Motioned by: Alderman Chapman  
Seconded by: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 8  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #189 of 2020** – Resolution to accept a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant through the assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in the amount of \$32,000.00 with a required match of \$1,000.00 which will be paid with a donation from Cortland Produce. The grant will be used to purchase and install smoke detectors and CO detectors in 1 & 2 family residences.

Motioned by: Alderman Bennett  
Seconded by: Alderman Beckwith

Approved: Ayes – 8  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #190 of 2020** – Resolution to approve the Local Law to restrict the marking of curbs.

Motioned by: Alderman Bennett

Seconded by: Alderman Beckwith

Approved: Ayes – 8  
Nays – 0

**Item #10** – Discussion to approve the process sidewalk painting.

The Council discussed that individuals have not been painting the sidewalks as of yet. Should concerns begin to be raised about this issue again, it will return for discussion.

**Resolution #191 of 2020** – Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with NYS Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation for Fire Station Window Restoration Project.

Motioned by: Alderman Carpenter  
Seconded by: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 8  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #192 of 2020** – Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with NYS Office of Court administration for Annual Court cleaning and minor Repairs.

Motioned by: Alderman Chapman  
Seconded by: Alderman Michales

Approved: Ayes – 8  
Nays – 0

**Item #13** – Discussion regarding the request for overnight parking on Hubbard Street. (Mayor Tobin)

The Public Safety Commission did not recommend the Council to approve this. They wanted and needed more information. Alderman Beckwith is going to gather more information and put a plan together to submit to the Commission and have them review it again. The Council agreed to wait until April to move forward with this.

**Item #14** – Update on Cortland Forward Committee.

Community read is open for enrolment now through September 18, 2020 with the Cortland Free Library.

**Item #15** – COVID19 and Response

Our numbers have increased within the last month. There is a new SUNY Chancellor and he has been visiting the Colleges. The City is doing Wastewater testing to find where there are possible positive COVID in the City. This will alert neighborhoods to be extra cautious and get tested. Large gatherings are not appropriate and will not be tolerated. Our Police Department and Code Enforcement will be able to shut down properties if they become an issue with gatherings.

**Resolution #193 of 2020** – Resolution to approve the Special Event application for Prayer in the Park on September 26, 2020 from 12PM - 1PM in Courthouse Park.

Motioned by: Alderman Carpenter  
Seconded by: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 8  
Nays – 0

**Adjournment**

Motioned by: Alderman McCarthy  
Seconded by: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 8  
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 IN SEPTEMBER 2020. 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**