



City Council Minutes
The City of Cortland
June 18, 2013

Council Meeting #11
June 18, 2013
Regular Session
City Hall
7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Brian Tobin, Aldermen Julie Bird, Kathryn Silliman, John Bennett, Daniel Quail, Carlos Ferrer, Linda Ferguson and Thomas Michaels

Absent: Alderman Ken Dye

Staff Present: Corporation Counsel Richard VanDonsel, Director of Administration and Finance Mack Cook, Police Chief Frank Catalano, Fire Chief Charles Glover and City Clerk Judith Chamberlin

Mayor Brian Tobin called the eleventh Common Council meeting of the year to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Public Comments

Anthony Grossi

- Flooding at property on Excelsior Street

John Hoeschele

- Cortland Rural Cemetery President of Board of Trustees, presented Certificate of Thanks to the Department of Public Works

Ron Powell

- Against Cameras on Main street

Tom Gobel

- In favor of the Tax Abatement

Ruth Grunberg

- Against cameras on Main Street
- Urged Council to contact Congress and Time Warner Cable to use energy efficient equipment

Minutes of the May 21, 2013 meeting:

RESOLUTION #122 of 2013 – Resolution to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2013 as submitted.

Motion By: Alderman Bird
Seconded By: Alderman Ferrer

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Ward Reports

Alderman Quail

- Neighborhood watch meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at Beadry Park Building at 6:30PM, Mike Schaffer will be guest speaker
- July 10th Normal Walk

Alderman Ferrer

- Citizens concerns regarding Hickory Park Lane and street issues, repair behind schedule

Alderman Ferguson

- Ward 7 now has a Neighbor Hood Watch
- Thanked Mack Cook for helping to clean Welcome to Cortland sign from Rt 81

Alderman Bird

- Went on tour of the Dryden Waste Water Treatment Plant with Bruce Adams

Alderman Silliman

- Thanked Mack Cook for helping to clean Welcome to Cortland sign from Route 81
- Issues with SUNY Cortland students and their Tobacco Free Policy, neighbors complained about smoke coming into their house and cigarette butts on the ground
- Several call against cameras on Main Street

Alderman Michaels

- Property issues
- Wants to talk to the Chief and Deputy Chief about some issues in his wards neighborhood
- Add an item to the agenda

Mayors Report

- School board held a meeting in regards to the Tax Abatement, Rich Cunningham of Thoma presented
- Add an addition item to the executive session: “Updates on personnel negotiations”

RESOLUTION #123 of 2013 – Resolution to authorize the submission of an application in the amount of \$400,000 to the NYS Office of Community Renewal under the Community Development Block Grant Program’s Community Revitalization Fund to continue the Multi-Family Acquisition and Rehabilitation Program to authorize the Mayor to sign the application and to enter into and execute a grant agreement with NYS upon approval of the application.

Motion By: Alderman Bird
Seconded By: Alderman Quail

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Absent: Alderman Dye

RESOLUTION #124 OF 2013 – Resolution to approve a Community Development loan request in the amount of \$400,000 pursuant to a recommendation by the City’s Loan Committee.

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Perry Morgan, CFO of Marietta Corporation, expressed appreciation for the city’s help and cooperation.

RESOLUTION #125 of 2013 – Resolution to approve a donation of \$1,290.00 and deposit the donation into the Cortland Youth Bureau operating budget 7110.5405. The gift is from Stephen & Janine Franco in memory of Gary and Rita Cassell who loved Suggett Park. Funds will be used to replace the ten cherry trees in Suggett Park that were removed in 2012 due to decay.

Motion By: Alderman Silliman
Seconded By: Alderman Quail

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Consideration of a Resolution to approve an exotic pet permit (chickens/hens) to Dan Fuller of 10 Evergreen St.

TABLED for the July 2, 2013 Common Council meeting because Alderman Michaels was not notified of the permit request per procedure.

RESOLUTION # 126 of 2013 – Resolution to approve an exotic pet permit (Ball Python) to Shane Erwin of 39 South Ave., Apt. 1.

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded By: Alderman Ferguson

Denied: Ayes – 0
Nays – 7

RESOLUTION # 127 of 2013 – Resolution to approve the installation of two cameras on Main Street at the corner of Main and Court Street.

Motion By: Alderman Bennett
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 1 Alderman Silliman

Deputy Chief Paul Sandy discussed the asset of having the cameras set up in the city.

Common Council requested a public comments session before a vote was to be made.

RESOLUTION #128 of 2013 –Resolution to authorize the re-construction and expansion of the Waste Water Treatment Plant at a cost not to exceed \$13,500.000.

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded By: Alderman Quail

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Bruce Adams gave a short description of the project.

DISCUSSION on vacant buildings in Cortland: (Tom Michaels)

RESOLUTION #129 of 2013 – Resolution designating the Cortland Standard as the official newspaper of the City of Cortland.

Motion By: Alderman Ferguson
Seconded By: Alderman Ferrer

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #130 of 2013 – Resolution designating the following bank depositories for City Funds:

- A. Alliance Bank/NBT (formerly Alliance)
- B. J.P. Morgan Chase Bank N.A.
- C. M & T Bank

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded By: Alderman Bird

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Council suggested that the city perform a RFP next year.

RESOLUTION #131 of 2013 – Resolution designating Lori Crompton and Elaine Doe as the signators on all accounts.

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded By: Alderman Quail

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #132 of 2013 – Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Phillips Lytle, LLP for the 2012 IN REM process and authorize Mayor Tobin to sign the contract subject to review by Corporation Counsel.

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded By: Alderman Quail

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #133 of 2013 – Resolution to prohibit all truck, tractors and tractor-trailer combinations having a combined gross weight of vehicle plus load in excess of five tons are hereby excluded from all highways within this City, except from those highways listed in Subsection A, except that this exclusion shall not be construed to prevent the delivery or pick up of merchandise or other property along any highway from which such vehicles and combinations are specifically excluded from the following streets:

East Avenue from Port Watson Street to Central Avenue

Motion By: Alderman Ferguson
Seconded By: Alderman Ferrer

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #134 of 2013 – Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with David Briggs, Assessor.

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded By: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #135 of 2013 – Consideration of a Resolution to have monies from the SAFER grant be appropriated to the Fire Department budget lines as follows:

Account A3410-100 (Personnel) –	\$ 344.64
Account A3410-415 (Contractual) –	\$ <u>21,762.40</u>
Total	\$ <u>22,107.04</u>

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded By: Alderman Bird

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #136 of 2013 – Resolution to accept and recognize the following donations from local business and individuals:

Donation	Amount
Joan Lord	\$ 50.00
Anne Josephine Caratelli	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Total Donations	\$ 150.00

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Donations are for the Wickwire Pool Fund

RESOLUTION #137 of 2013 – Resolution to waive the City Park vending permit fee of \$150.00 for the Police/Fire softball game on August 18, 2013 for the benefit of Wickwire Pool. (Mayor Brian Tobin)

Motion By: Alderman Bird
Seconded By: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #138 of 2013 – Resolution to prohibit parking in any of these current locations: City Charter (11-165)

<u>Highway</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Boundaries</u>
Pearl Street	West	For a distance +200 feet north of its intersection w/Tompkins St.
Tompkins Street	North	From the intersection of Pashley Drive to Pearl Street
<u>Highway</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Boundaries</u>
Wheeler Avenue	South	For a distance of +/- 45 feet Directly adjacent from the exit Driveway of F.E. Smith Elementary School on school days from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Motion By: Alderman Bennett
Seconded By: Alderman Bird

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Nicholas Dovi of the Department of Public Works stated that the signage will be posted, gave brief explanation of why and was a recommendation by the Public Safety Board.

RESOLUTION #139 of 2013 – Resolution to adjust the parking time allotted from 12 minutes to 20 minutes in these current locations: (11-66 (3) C)- Twelve minute parking zones. (Katy Silliman)

<u>Highway</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Boundaries</u>
Clayton Avenue	North	Between a point +/- 164 feet west Of its intersection of Main S. and a Point 288 +/- west of its Intersection with Main St., a Distance of +/- 124 feet.0

Motion By: Alderman Silliman
Seconded By: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Time adjusted to accommodate YWCA members and YWCA day care users.

RESOLUTION #140 of 2013 – Resolution for a Sound Device Permit and closure of Main St. from Tompkins St. to Williams St. on Sept. 7, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for a concert sponsored by The Stone Lounge with any unresolved issues by Fire Chief and Police Chief will be brought back for discussion at the July 2, 2013 Common Council meeting for reconsideration.

Motion By: Alderman Silliman
Seconded By: Alderman Ferguson

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 1 Alderman Bird

DISCUSSION regarding property at Fox Hollow and Pendleton Street to be added to the Auction Notice for the sale of city owned property.

Executive Session

Motion to go into:

By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded By: Alderman Bird

Approved: Ayes – 7
 Nays – 0

Motion to come out of:

By: Alderman Ferrer
 Alderman Bird

Approved: Ayes – 7
 Nays – 0

Adjournment

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded By: Alderman Ferguson

Approved: Ayes – 7
 Nays – 0

I, JUDITH CHAMBERLIN, CITY CLERK OF 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 18TH DAY OF JUNE, 2013. 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.

JUDITH CHAMBERLIN, CITY CLERK

MAYOR BRIAN TOBIN