



City Council Minutes
The City of Cortland
JULY 2, 2013

Council Meeting #12
July 2, 2013
Regular Session
City Hall
7:05 PM

Present: Mayor Brian Tobin, Alderman Julie Bird, Kathryn J. Silliman, Ken Dye, John G. Bennett Jr, Daniel Quail, Carlos Ferrer, Linda A Ferguson, Thomas Michales

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

Mayor Brian Tobin called the twelfth Common Council meeting of the year to order at 7:05 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Public Comments

Tom Gobel

- Concerns regarding pending and currently empty local businesses in City of Cortland

Minutes of the June 18, 2013 meeting:

RESOLUTION #141 of 2013 – Resolution to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2013 as submitted.

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer

Seconded By: Alderman Quail

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

Ward Reports

Alderman Bennett

- Noise problems on Squire Street regarding deliveries at an auto-body shop
- Construction continues on Student Life Center at SUNY Cortland, have worked a few Saturdays

Alderman Michales

- Flooding on Kellogg Road

Alderman Silliman

- Concerns about cameras on Main Street
- More motorcycle concerns
- Fireworks on hill in June
- Heavy construction trucks on W. Court Street beating up pavement

Alderman Dye

- Delivered welcome remarks for three (3) orientation sessions for new students at SUNY Cortland: two (2) for incoming freshmen, one (1) for transfer students
- Out of about 13,000 applicants, there will be about 1,300 new freshman attending Cortland this Fall, 700 transfers

Alderman Bird

- Ride along with Fire Department, June 22nd
- Thanked Police Chief Catalano for addressing speeding issues within ward

Alderman Ferguson

- Flooding at Marietta
- Complaints at the intersection of Clinton Avenue and Cleveland Avenue with the yellow line wearing away, DPW will fix
- Neighborhood Watch meeting July 22, 2013 at 7:00 PM
- Dexter pool has water in kiddie pool

Alderman Quail

- Code complaints, garbage piling up at a residence
- Hedge blocking corner of Owego Street and Tompkins Street
- Flooding at Fox Hollow Road
- Public safety issues regarding parked cars on Lansing Avenue blocking view
- Beaudry Park pool to be removed

Mayor's Report

- Youth Council operating Yamen Park concession stand and hosting Family Fun Day in the Parks on July 13th and 14th
- Attended orientations on SUNY Cortland campus

PRESENTATION by David Briggs, City Tax Assessor on effect of maintenance and rehabilitation on assessed property values.

David Briggs discussed the difference between normal maintenance and rehabilitation on property and how each difference contributes to the assessed value.

RESOLUTION #142 of 2013 – Resolution for a Sound Device Permit for Olivia Wilkerson at 184 Main Street on July 6, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. for a family gathering

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded By: Alderman Michales

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 1 Alderman Bird

Olivia Wilkerson answered council’s questions.

RESOLUTION #143 of 2013 – Resolution to create the Civil Service job title of Code Enforcement Officer for the transitioned employee from Public Safety to Code Enforcement

Motion By: Alderman Bird
Seconded By: Alderman Ferrer

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #144 of 2013 – Resolution to abolish the Civil Service job title of Public Safety Electrician for the transitioned employee from Public Safety to Code Enforcement

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #145 of 2013 – Resolution to approve funding in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 for wayfairer signs directing traffic to historic Downtown Cortland

Motion By: Alderman Bennett
Seconded By: Alderman Quail

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

Alderman Bennett spoke about the importance of the signs and their use, where they would be placed and addressed some concerns from the council about where other signs should be placed.

RESOLUTION #146 of 2013 – Resolution to approve the City Clerk as the designated individual to whom the Secretary of State must mail notices of claim

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded By: Alderman Bird

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #147 of 2013 – Resolution to accept and recognize the following donations for the Wickwire Pool Trust Fund from local business and individuals:

<u>Donation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Maurice & Linda Meylan	\$ 100.00
Donald & Diane Chu	\$ 100.00
Total Donations	\$ 200.00

Motion By: Alderman Bird
Seconded By: Alderman Ferrer

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #148 of 2013 – Resolution to abandon certain real property by the City of Cortland located at 126 Pendleton Street and Fox Hollow Road (Tax Map #: 96.28-03-09.000)

Motion By: Alderman Bennett
Seconded By: Alderman Michales

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

Corporation Counsel Richard Van Donsel discussed the properties and the need for abandonment.

RESOLUTION #149 of 2013 – Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board to evenly share the cost of a summer intern to continue work on the City’s Climate Action Plan. Cost to the City not to exceed \$1000

Motion By: Alderman Bird
Seconded By: Alderman Quail

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

Bruce Adams gave brief presentation on the resolution.

RESOLUTION #150 of 2013 – Resolution that any changes to video cameras by the City of Cortland be brought to the Common Council for approval. This includes the number of cameras, location, what is being observed, audio capabilities or an improvement in the technology (i.e. the ability to pan or zoom in farther away)

Motion By: Alderman Silliman
Seconded By: Alderman Ferrer

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

Council requested the Chief look into cameras in stop lights for traffic violations.

RESOLUTION #151 of 2013 – Resolution to approve and allow mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and CSEA regarding duties that were formerly in the Public Safety Department

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded By: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #152 of 2013 – Resolution for a Sound Device Permit and closure of Main St. from Court St. to Tompkins St. on August 17, 2013 from 12:00 noon until 12:00 midnight for the Cortland Summer Stage with any unresolved issues by Fire Chief will be brought back for discussion at the July 16, 2013 Common Council meeting for reconsideration

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded By: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 2 Alderman Ferguson, Bird

Chief Glover has concerns regarding the placement of the stages and the fire departments ability to navigate past the stages in the event of an emergency.

RESOLUTION #153 of 2013 – Resolution for the Downtown Partnership to sell alcohol in a confined area on August 17, 2013 from 3:00 PM until 9:00 PM

Motion By: Alderman Quail
Seconded By: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 5
Nays – 3 Alderman Ferrer, Ferguson, Bird

RESOLUTION #154 of 2013 – Resolution to approve the Cortland Downtown Partnership's request to have the marketplace mall parking lot remain closed and barricaded after the Main Street Music Series concert on Friday, July 12, 2013 from 10:30 p.m. until Saturday, July 13, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. for the set up and operation of the Taste of Downtown Festival events to be held there

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded By: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #155 of 2013 – Resolution to approve an exotic pet permit (chickens/hens) to Dan Fuller of 10 Evergreen Street

Motion By: Alderman Bird
Seconded By: Alderman Michales

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

Alderman Michales spoke to Mr. Fuller and presented to the council there will be 6 hens.

RESOLUTION #156 of 2013 – Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Cortland County SPCA for dog control services in the City of Cortland

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #157 of 2013 – Resolution to authorize the extension of Dunsmore Avenue

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded By: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

Executive Session

Motion to go into:

By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

Motion to come out of:

By: Alderman Ferrer
Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #158 of 2013 – Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign a labor agreement with SEIU

Motion By: Alderman Bennett
Seconded By: Alderman Ferrer

Rejected: Ayes – 0
Nays – 8

Adjournment

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 8
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 2ND DAY OF JULY, 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