



City Council Minutes
The City of Cortland
November 5, 2013

Council Meeting #20
November 5, 2013
Regular Session
City Hall
7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Brian Tobin, Alderman Bennett, Michales, Silliman, Dye, Bird, Ferguson, Quail and Ferrer

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

Mayor Brian Tobin called the Twentieth Common Council meeting of the year to order at 7:06 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kathleen Galindo

- Bike law on sidewalks
- Tracking Law Enforcement
- Blue bags are not biodegradable-are they tested for new ash/trash with the County
- Welcome the increasing black population
- Liquor store on the corner of Union and S. Main Street

Tom Gobel

- Growth of team –8 wards be in better unity with the legislative districts

Derek Reynolds

- (Represents 2737 Career Staff etc)
- Union Arbitration – losses – Fire Department has black eye because they filed grievances and another black eye because they won grievances
- Need better communication between Union and Council

Minutes of the October 15, 2013 meeting:

RESOLUTION #248 of 2013 – Resolution to approve the October 15, 2013 Common Council Minutes as amended

Motion By: Alderman Quail
Seconded By: Alderman Ferrer

Approved: Ayes – 8
 Nays – 0

Resolution #249 of 2013 – Resolution to approve the Audit Committee recommendation to retain the services of an independent Auditor, Bonadio Group, to examine the City’s Financial Reports for the years ending December 2014, 2015, and 2016.

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer

Seconded By: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 8
 Nays – 0

Resolution #250 of 2013 – Resolution to lease the Central Avenue Train Station to the Cortland Community Group.

Richard Stock of the Cortland Community Group answered questions from the Council.

Motion By: Alderman Ferguson

Seconded By: Alderman Bird

Approved: Ayes – 8
 Nays – 0

Resolution #251 of 2013 – Resolution to approve the Mayor’s “Tentative Budgets” submitted by the Mayor which hereafter shall be referred to as the “Proposed Budgets”.

Discussion for Council to establish dates to receive public comments regarding the City of Cortland’s 2014 budgets.

- November 19, 2013 at 6:00
- December 3, 2013 at 6:00

Discussion for Council to receive public comment regarding amending the City Charter’s Wastewater Discharge section to change the method of calculating industrial user charges, change the section on fines for violations and update definitions.

November 19, 2013 at 6:00 for wastewater discharge
6:05 for water
6:15 for general fund
6:30 for water budget
6:45 for wastewater budget

Resolution #252 of 2013 – to recognize the receipt of \$11,889 from a FAST grant and appropriate such monies to the following accounts:

A3410.540501.00 (Tools and Equipment)	\$3,758.57
A32410.542002.00 (Special Ops Equipment)	<u>\$8,130.43</u>
Total	<u>\$11,899.00</u>

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer

Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

Resolution #253 of 2013 - Resolution to approve the hiring of Ms. Shellie Blaisdell for the position of Confidential Secretary to the Mayor at an annual salary of \$28,500.

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer

Seconded By: Alderman Quail

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 1(Bird)

ADJOURNMENT (7:50 PM)

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 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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