



## City Council Minutes The City of Cortland May 5, 2015

Council Meeting #11

**May 5, 2015**

City Hall

7:00 pm

Present: Mayor Brian Tobin, Alderman Julie Bird, Clif Dutcher, Ken Dye, Katy Silliman, Linda Ferguson

Absent: Alderman Carlos Ferrer, John Bennett, Tom Michales

Staff Present: Corporation Counsel Ric VanDonsel, Director of Administration and Finance Mack Cook, Police Chief Catalano, City Clerk Ray Parker, Conf. Secretary Shellie Blaisdell

**Public Hearing:** Fiscal Year 2013 Community Development Block Grant Program; required of all 2013 CDBG grantees to provide information to the public relative to the 2013 Program Status. This public hearing was given by Thoma Development and was held in the Mayor's Conference Room.

**Public Hearing:** to hear comments on tentative changes to the Charter on the Noise Permit and the fee for commercial business.

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:55pm. There was no one to speak at this public hearing. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:56pm.

### **REGULAR SESSION:**

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **Public Comments:**

**Derek Reynolds** – announced the first Police vs. Fire Battle of the Badge Blood Drive to be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30-6:30 at the Senior Citizen High Rise, 42 Church Street to see who the bigger hero is. Both departments will be donating their time and service. There will be tee-shirts for sale.

#### **Ward Reports:**

**Ward 1-Julie Bird** – Attended the Corn Duck Derby which was a good event. Also attended a firefighter for a day in Albany – in full gear-did some drills. It was an eye opening experience and has an even greater appreciation for those serving.

**Ward 2-Katy Silliman** – reported on “The Big Event” – encouraged jobs for the 400 volunteers and the city’s clean-up day. The two groups got together and did a lot of work. Excited to know it will be repeated next year.

**Ward 3-Ken Dye** – Pot holes are getting taken care of. Lawn trimmings are being picked up and DPW will be around again.

**Ward 7-Linda Ferguson** – attended the NYCOM conference and that provided information to have a better and smoother running city.

**Ward 5-Clif Dutcher** – Trailers on construction site – Pendleton/Huntington Streets-dirt and brush piles.

**Mayor’s** Report – Had a Positively Cortland meeting at 90 Central Ave and continued to review the designs and feedback to reach a tangible way to improve Cortland. Also attended the regular Economic Council meeting – there is money available to regions of New York State. Business owners for ideas of what we can do to attract funding to Cortland. There was a Facilities meeting next week to review preliminary drafts. Mack and Mayor are planning a road trip to towns and villages to see what they can do to trigger the Government Efficiency Plan. On Thursday this week will attend the “Cemetrail” – a walking/nature trail through the grounds of the cemetery.

**Proclamation** – The Mayor read the following proclamations: National Kids to Park Day on May 16, 2015; May is Mental Health Month; May 4-10, 2015 is 2015 National Arson Awareness Week; May 11-17, 2015 is Police Week and May 15, 2015 is Peace Officer Memorial Day.

**Recognition** – The Mayor recognizes over thirty years of public service by Vince Minnella who has been a videographer with the City of Cortland volunteering countless hours on behalf of the Common Council meetings.

**Minutes of the April 21, 2015:**

**RESOLUTION #82 of 2015** – Resolution to approve the April 21, 2015 Common Council Minutes.

Motion By: Alderman Silliman

Seconded By: Alderman Dutcher

Approved: Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

At this time, Alderman Julie Bird has asked for an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss employee performance. There were no objections to the request.

**Item #1** – Consideration of a Resolution to approve an exotic pet permit of 2 chickens to JoAnn Gillette at 34 Pomeroy Street. (Alderman Tom Michales)

Due to the absence of Alderman Tom Michales this item is tabled until the May 19, 2015 Common Council meeting.

**Resolution # 83 of 2015** – Resolution to authorize the Cortland Professional Fire Fighters Association (CPFFA) to hold the “Fill the Boot” campaign for the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at the corner of Tompkins Street and Broadway.

Derek Reynolds provided information on the campaign stating it raises money for the summer camp, introducing Noah Cole – a camp participant who benefits greatly from the event. There are 1000 people registered people living with muscle disease (19 living in Cortland County). The camp gives kids a chance to be kids without boundaries yet parents know they are safe. There is a \$5,000 goal for this year with the campaign. There will be 4 people at the four corners of Broadway and Tompkins Street. Please drive by and donate.

Motion By: Alderman Dutcher

Seconded By: Alderman Bird

Approved: Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

**Item #3** – The Mayor read the proclamation of the MDA/IAFF Local 2737 Boot Drive Day.

**RESOLUTION #84 of 2015** – Resolution to make changes to the Charter on Noise Permit and the fee for commercial business.

A reminder that it allows businesses to purchase a one-time annual fee of \$100 for multiple events, the applicant does need to provide application for each event by the Wednesday before the next Common Council meeting.

Motion By: Alderman Dutcher

Seconded By: Alderman Dye

Approved: Ayes – 4

Nays – 1 (Alderman Bird)

**Resolution # 85 of 2015** – Resolution to reappoint Richard Menapace and Paul Quinlan to the Cortland Hosing Authority Board of Directors effective June 1, 2015.

Motion By: Alderman Silliman

Seconded By: Alderman Dutcher

Approved: Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

**Resolution # 86 of 2015** – Resolution to adopt the final implementation Plan for the City of Cortland’s 2014 Community Development Block Grant, as required by the funding source, said grant awarded to the City to fund a Microenterprise Assistance Program.

Motion By: Alderman Silliman  
Seconded By: Alderman Dutcher

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution # 87 of 2015** – Resolution to adopt the final implementation Plan for the City of Cortland’s 2014 Community Development Block Grant, as required by the funding source, said grant awarded to the City to fund the replacement of two culverts on Otter Creek.

Motion By: Alderman Silliman  
Seconded By: Alderman Dye

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Item #8** – Discussion on the Sign Ordinance and possible changes. (Alderman Tom Michales). Due to the absence of Alderman Tom Michales this item is being tabled until the May 19, 2015 Common Council meeting.

Ric VanDonsel provided a hand-out to the board of the Realtor’s input to the possible sign ordinance changes.

**Executive Session** – A motion was made by Alderman Dutcher to go into Executive Session to discuss employee performance and was seconded by Alderman Silliman.

Motion By: Alderman Dutcher  
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Executive Session** – A motion was made by Alderman Dutcher to come out of Executive Session and was seconded by Alderman Silliman.

Motion By: Alderman Dutcher  
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**Resolution # 88 of 2015** – Resolution to approve a salary increase of \$3,000 to the Recreation Supervisor for the addition of job responsibilities.

This position includes more responsibility based on changes over the last year.

Motion By: Alderman Silliman  
Seconded By: Alderman Dye

Approved: Ayes – 4  
Nays – 1 (Alderman Dutcher)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion By: Alderman Dutcher  
Seconded By: Alderman Bird

Approved: Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0

**I, RAY 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 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2015. 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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**RAY PARKER, CITY CLERK**

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**MAYOR BRIAN TOBIN**