



City Council Minutes The City of Cortland December 15, 2015

Council Meeting #24

December 15, 2015

City Hall

7:00 pm

Present: Mayor Brian Tobin, Aldermen Carlos Ferrer, Clifton Dutcher, Julie Bird, Kathryn Silliman, Ken Dye, John Bennett, Thomas Michales

Excused: Alderman Linda Ferguson

Staff Present: Corporation Counsel Richard VanDonsel, Director of Administration and Finance Mack Cook, Police Chief F. Michael Catalano, Superintendent of WWTP Bruce Adams, City Clerk Raymond A. Parker, and Confidential Secretary to the Mayor Devon Rainbow

REGULAR SESSION:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Public Comments:

Tom Gobel – Wants to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and say thank you to the 4 Aldermen that are leaving for all their hard work. He also expressed some concerns regarding a dog park within the city.

Mayors Report

He attended the tree lighting ceremony at City Hall. Lots of people attended. Dynamic Paws, the acapella group from Cortland High School did a great job. Thank you to Santa and the Fire Department for hosting after with cocoa and cookies. Thank you to the Youth Bureau for organizing the stage. A special thank you to the people behind the scenes, Connie, Heidi and Devon for all that you did and do on a regular basis.

RESOLUTION #248 of 2015 – Minutes - Resolution to approve the December 1, 2015 Common Council Minutes as presented.

Motion By: Alderman Bennett

Seconded By: Alderman Bird

Approved: Ayes – 7
 Nays – 0

Resolution # 249 of 2015 – Resolution to approve an exotic pet permit to expire in December 2016 of a duck to Sara (Gadley) Homer.

The duck is a pet to the family and is very well behaved. It is friendly and likes people. Sara brought the duck home from Louisiana and it is well taken care of. The permit would have to be reevaluated next December. It is a yearly renewal. The duck is not from the water works.

Motion By: Alderman Michales
Seconded By: Alderman Ferrer

Approved: Ayes – 7
 Nays – 0

Resolution #250 of 2015 – Resolution to approve for The City of Cortland to accept Cortland Downtown Partnership request for 2015 “First Light” New Year’s Eve countdown celebration.

1. The Cortland Downtown Partnership (CDP) requests that the City of Cortland close down Main Street between Court Street and Port Watson Street from 9:00 PM Thursday, December 31, 2015 until 1:00 AM Friday, January 1, 2016 for Cortland County’s First Light celebration.
2. The CDP requests that the City Youth Bureau parking lot on Port Watson Street be closed from 5:00 PM Thursday, December 31, 2015 until 4:00 AM Friday, January 1, 2016 as the launching location for Little Big Shots Fireworks for the event. Both Chief Catalano and Chief Glover have said the required paperwork has been submitted and see no issues with the event.

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded By: Alderman Bird

Approved: Ayes – 7
 Nays – 0

Resolution #251 – Resolution to approve an application for and if awarded, accept an Assistance to Firefighters grant for turnout gear care and storage equipment. This equipment will lengthen the expected life of existing turnout gear, and provide a health and safety benefit to our firefighters by decreasing particulate contamination of their equipment. Total project cost \$68,620, Local cost share 5% (\$3,431), paid from Fire Department Operating budget.

The current washer is 20 years old and does not meet the current standards. The new lockers will have air movement that will help the gear last longer. New gear is purchased routinely. Majority of the current gear is less than 5 years old.

Motion By: Alderman Bennett
Seconded By: Alderman Ferrer

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Resolution #252 of 2015 – Resolution to authorize the Fire Chief to sign a Memorandum of understanding with the Cortlandville Fire District (Host Applicant) to apply for and if awarded accept a Regional Assistance to Firefighters Grant for pagers. The Virgil Fire District is also participating. City portion of this Grant will be 70 pagers at \$550 for a total of \$38,500. City cost share is 10% (of our portion) or \$3,850, paid from the Fire Department Operating Budget.

This grant was only offered to 3 departments due to time limit. The current pagers do not get good reception and are not lasting as long as they should.

Motion By: Alderman Bennett
Seconded By: Alderman Michales

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Resolution #253 of 2015 – Resolution to accept a Tech Rescue Grant in the amount of \$99,248.75 for the replacement of confined space equipment purchased in the 1990's.

The current equipment is old and no longer safe. It is recommended to replace every 5-10 years.

Motion By: Alderman Bird
Seconded By: Alderman Dutcher

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Resolution #254 of 2015 – Resolution allowing the Cortland Fire Department to partake in the County Swift Water award. This will enable the department to be reimbursed for training costs.

Motion By: Alderman Dutcher
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 1 (Alderman Ferrer)

Resolution #255 of 2015 – Resolution to reappoint Kellie Green as Commissioner of Deeds in the County Treasurers Office effective January 1, 2016.

Motion By: Alderman Bennett
Seconded By: Alderman Ferrer

Approved: Ayes – 7
 Nays – 0

Resolution #256 of 2015 – Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute agreement between the City of Cortland and the Town Of Cortlandville for services rendered by the Cortland Youth Bureau from January 1st, 2016 – December 31st, 2016.

Motion By: Alderman Silliman
Seconded By: Alderman Michales

Approved: Ayes – 7
 Nays – 0

Mayor Tobin recognized the members of the Council for all the time and effort they put into the City. It’s been a pleasure working with the members the past few years. Certificates were presented to Alderman Julie Bird, Cliff Dutcher and Ken Dye.

Deputy Mayor Ken Dye wanted to say thank you to all the Chiefs and to the Mayor for all they do. It was a great 8 years and good luck in the next year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion By: Alderman Bird
Seconded By: Alderman Ferrer

Approved: Ayes – 7
 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 OF DECEMBER, 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.

RAYMOND A. PARKER, CITY CLERK

MAYOR BRIAN TOBIN