



## City Council Minutes The City of Cortland October 18, 2016

Council Meeting #19  
**October 18, 2016**  
25 Court Street  
7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Brian Tobin, Aldermen Michelle Mastropolo, Katy Silliman, Gary Thomas, Bill Carpenter, Carlos Ferrer, Adam Megivern, Thomas Michales

Excused: Alderman John Bennett

Staff Present: Police Chief Catalano, Superintendent of WWTP Bruce Adams, Director of Administration and Finance Mack Cook, Fire Chief Glover, City Clerk Raymond A. Parker, and Confidential Secretary to the Mayor Devon Rainbow

### **REGULAR SESSION:**

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **Public Comments:**

No one was signed up to speak

### **Mayors Report:**

Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 11AM at Dexter Park there will be a press release on the upcoming plans for the future of the parks. Mayor Tobin recognized Michael Milligan for his 35 years of service to the City.

### **Proclamation:**

Mayor Tobin read the Proclamation – Freedom from Workplace Bullies Week (October 16-22, 2016)

**Resolution #240 of 2016** - Resolution to approve the October 4, 2016 Common Council Minutes as presented.

Motion By: Alderman Ferrer  
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 7  
Nays – 0

**Mayor Tobin asked for Councils approval to add an agenda item. All agreed.**

**Resolution #241 of 2016** – Resolution to approve a loan of \$300,000 to developers to facilitate the re-development of a vacant structure on Main Street for residential and commercial purposes, as recommended by the City's Community Development Loan Review Committee; to be funded with Community Development Program Income.

Rich Cunningham was present to explain that the loan was reviewed by the Loan Review Committee and approved to be granted for the old Crescent Corset building located at 165-177 Main St. The first floor is being renovated for business offices while the second floor will be loft style apartments.

Motioned By: Alderman Carpenter  
Seconded By: Alderman Michales

Approved: Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0  
Abstention – 1(Alderman Thomas)

**Resolution #242 of 2016** – Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Lifetime Benefit Solutions.

Ric VanDonsel was present to explain Lifetime Benefit Solution is a program that allows employees to create a medical savings account. No changes from the previous contract to current contract.

Motioned By: Alderman Carpenter  
Seconded By: Alderman Thomas

Approved: Ayes – 7  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #243 of 2016** – Resolution to authorize the Mayor to renew/execute a contract with the Cortland County SPCA.

Ric VanDonsel explained there are no changes to the contract.

Motioned By: Alderman Silliman  
Seconded By: Alderman Mastropolo

Approved: Ayes – 7  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #244 of 2016** – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Quit-Claim deed with related documents to surrender the City's interest in an easement located at Tax map No. 87.45-03-08.

Ric VanDonsel explained that the City needs to terminate a portion of the right away. The property owners are donating \$500 to the Dexter Park Improvement project.

Motioned By: Alderman Silliman  
Seconded By: Alderman Thomas

Approved: Ayes – 7  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #245 of 2016** – Resolution to accept the NYS Attorney General's Zombie and Vacant Properties and Prevention Initiative Grant in the amount of \$100,000 and authorize the execution of the Grant Commitment Letter.

Motioned By: Alderman Silliman  
Seconded By: Alderman Megivern

Approved: Ayes – 7  
Nays – 0

**Item #6** – Presentation and Discussion regarding 2017 project General Fund Revenues.

Mack Cook did a slide show presentation on the general fund revenues. See attached

**Item #7** – Common Council to set Budget Workshop dates.

Budget workshops were scheduled for Monday October 24 and Tuesday October 25 at 7 PM in Council Chambers.

**Resolution #246 of 2016** - Resolution to suspend the vacant building fees for property located at 17 Rickard St. rear.

Motioned By: Alderman Ferrer  
Seconded By: Alderman Megivern

Approved: Ayes – 7  
Nays – 0

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motioned By: Alderman Ferrer  
Seconded By: Alderman Thomas

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 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016. 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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**RAYMOND A. PARKER, CITY CLERK**

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**MAYOR BRIAN TOBIN**