



City Council Minutes The City of Cortland December 20, 2016

Council Meeting #23
December 20, 2016
25 Court Street
6:50 PM

Present: Mayor Brian Tobin, Aldermen Michelle Mastropolo (arrived at 7:20 PM), Katy Silliman, Gary Thomas, John Bennett, Bill Carpenter, Carlos Ferrer, Adam Megivern, Thomas Michales

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

Public Hearings:

1 - Alderman Bennett opened the Public Hearing on restricting the parking on the North and South side of Warren St. West of Pearl St.

Jo Schaffer stated that she is happy that the City decided to restrict the parking on both the North and South side of Warren St. It is a very narrow street.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:53PM.

REGULAR SESSION:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Public Comments:

Dean Williams spoke regarding the City bus system. He relies on the system to help get his mother to appointments. The buses do not take her up to the ramps at the destinations. Once a person is not on Medicaid, you have to pay for a private transport. He has had to walk his mother through slush in her wheel chair in 11 degree weather to make it to her appointments. There are no busses or vans available in the City to use unless you can book them in advance and hope they are available. Even then they are late arriving. He has tried TLC but they no longer do this service.

Chad Underwood spoke regarding a visibility Law that would give a tax credit to homeowners that retro fit their homes. This would also require visible design standards with any local funds. Many of the homes in the City are not handicap accessible and because of that people are unable to spend time with their families. It was suggested that Chad meet with the Housing Committee to discuss this farther.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Tobin asked Chief Catalano to give a presentation on the recent Accredited Police Station.

Chief Catalano explained that this was a long process. There are 110 standards that must be met. There is a 3 day assessment that is done on site. Sgt. Penny Guerra was the accreditation manager as well as the records manager. She put a lot of hard work and time in to this assessment. “There is no rubber stamp involved” There are 153 of 530 agencies that have this accreditation.

Resolution #281 of 2016 - Resolution to approve the December 6, 2016 Common Council Minutes as presented.

Motion By: Alderman Thomas
 Seconded By: Alderman Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 8
 Nays – 0

Resolution #282 of 2016 – Resolution to recognize and appropriate reimbursement from the DEC of \$117,266.38 for the WQIP phosphorus project.

G8130 510000	Personnel Services	\$ 6,929.50
G8130 510400	Personnel Services OT	\$ 5,254.62
G8130 540200	Motor Equipment Repair	\$ 98,630.98
G8130 540501	Tools & Equipment	\$ 6,451.28
	Total	\$117,266.38

Motioned By: Alderman Bennett
 Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 8
 Nays – 0

Resolution #283 of 2016 – Resolution to accept, recognize, and appropriate the following donations.

Donation	Amount	Event/Project	Budget Line
Josephine Suarez	\$25.00	Wickwire Pool	Wickwire Pool Trust Fund
Anonymous	\$55.50	Wickwire Pool	Wickwire Pool Trust Fund
Total Donations	\$80.50		

Thank you to all that donated!

Motioned By: Alderman Silliman
Seconded By: Alderman Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

Resolution #284 of 2016 – Resolution to adopt a Local Law “Tobacco Use on City Property”.

This is in addition to the laws that exist in the City Parks.

Motioned By: Alderman Thomas
Seconded By: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

Resolution #285 of 2016 – Resolution to adopt a Local Law to amend section 220 of the City Code regarding the Clean-up of former Clandestine Labs.

Motioned By: Alderman Bennet
Seconded By: Alderman Michales

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

Resolution #286 of 2016 – Resolution to reappoint Mark Baranello to the Plumbing Board for a 3 year term starting January 2017 – January 2020.

Motioned By: Alderman Silliman
Seconded By: Alderman Thomas

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

Resolution #287 of 2016 – Resolution to authorize the creation of the City of Cortland Middle Income Homeowner Assistance program to function pursuant to the herein adopted City of Cortland Home Repair Guidelines.

This is to help and assist the people that fall in the middle income. This should help raise awareness to the other programs that are out there to help. There are some guidelines to the program.

Motioned By: Alderman Silliman
Seconded By: Alderman Megivern

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0
Abstention – 1 (Alderman Thomas)

Resolution #288 of 2016 – Resolution to encumber as of December 31, 2016, the sum of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) from the 2016 General Fund Budget’s Vacant Property Control account (Account A1010-541900) to fund the implementation of the City’s Middle Income Homeowner Assistance Program.

Motioned By: Alderman Silliman
Seconded By: Alderman Michales

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

Resolution #289 of 2016 – Resolution to encumber as of December, 31, 2016, the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from the 2016 General Fund Neighborhood Grant account (Account A1010-541900) to be transferred to City’s Middle Income Homeowner Assistance Program.

Motioned By: Alderman Silliman
Seconded By: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0
Abstention – 1 (Alderman Thomas)

Resolution #290 of 2016 – Resolution to encumber as of December, 31, 2016, the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from the 2016 General Fund Neighborhood Grant account (Account A1010-541900) to be transferred to City’s Middle Income Homeowner Assistance Program and earned for projects in the Second Ward.

Motioned By: Alderman Megivern
Seconded By: Alderman Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

Resolution #291 of 2016 – Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Cortland Downtown Partnership for 2016 parking permit program.

This is a 40/60 split between the Downtown partnership and the City of Cortland.

Motioned By: Alderman Bennett
Seconded By: Alderman Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Abstention – 1 (Alderman Megivern)

Resolution #292 of 2016 – Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Cortland Downtown Partnership for 2017 Parking permit program.

This agreement caps the City at \$18,000.

Motioned By: Alderman Bennett
Seconded By: Alderman Carpenter

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 1 – (Alderman Mastropolo)
Abstention – 1 (Alderman Megivern)

Mayor Tobin asked for Council’s approval to add an executive session at the end of the agenda for union negotiations. All agreed.

Enter into Executive Session:

Motioned By: Alderman Silliman
Seconded By: Alderman Thomas

Come out of Executive Session:

Motioned By: Alderman Silliman
Seconded By: Alderman Thomas

Resolution #293 of 2016 – Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Wastewater employees union.

Motioned By: Alderman Silliman
Seconded By: Alderman Thomas

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned By: Alderman Ferrer
Seconded By: Alderman Thomas

Approved: Ayes – 8
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 20th DAY OF DECEMBER, 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.

RAYMOND A. PARKER, CITY CLERK

MAYOR BRIAN TOBIN