



City Council Minutes February 19, 2002

The City of Cortland, New York

COUNCIL MEETING #3
February 19, 2002
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
CITY HALL
7:30PM

PRESENT: Mayor Mary Leonard
Alderman Tobin, Morey, Guido, Quail, Testa, Partigianoni, and Hennessy
EXCUSED: Alderman Faraoni

Staff present: City Clerk, William J. Wood, Deputy City Clerk, Jodi M. McLyman, Corporation Counsel, James J. Baranello, Director of Administration & Finance, Andrew J. Damiano

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG Troop 197 of the boy scouts, who are also the recent winners of the Camperee Contest. Troop Leaders: Stan Connelly and Bernard Harvey, Scouts: Nick Connelly, Nathan Connelly, Corey Harvey.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen Mastronardi of 8 Glyndon Ave. spoke of her concern for the 281-expansion project.

William Allen, of Rd. #1, New Woodstock, concerned about Corporation Counsel's employment.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Presentation by Homer Mayor Richard Beebe regarding a number of issues effecting the City of Cortland and Village of Homer, tragic incidents of Sept. 11, 2001, and intermunicipal agreements and cooperation.

Approve Amended Minutes Common Council Meeting February 5, 2002.

By: Alderwoman Hennessy
Seconded: Alderman Quail

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

MAYOR'S REPORT

Council Member Faraoni wanted to have a discussion regarding cats but we will not do that tonight because he is not present. Sharon Stevans from Office of the Aging will be happy to carry the blue bags. Congratulates Doug Withey, Superintendent of the Water Department for his 30 years of employment. The Mayor was invited to the Farm Bureau luncheon. She went to

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the Loaves and Fishes dinner with Kathleen and Alex. Experience Works had its unveiling on Friday. It is a State Office that is located in Cortland. Judge Meldrim has sent a letter asking the Council to take steps with respect to the safety issues brought up. Mayor reiterates the Judges letter. She has asked the public safety to review the traffic difficult spots. The Mayor acknowledges Black History Month. She has having discussions regarding the Destiny USA project.

Ward 1 – Council Member Faraoni

Excused. Council Member Testa states there will be a meeting on the 281 project at the Holiday Inn, Thursday, February 28, 2002 in the main ballroom.

Ward 2 – Council Member Tobin

Phone calls regarding taxes. Discusses appointments.

Ward 3 – Council Member Morey

Thanks Jane for her help regarding crows. Sweeney Pest control did not start last night but will take place on Thursday. Speeding on James Street has been a problem. Groton Ave. has pothole issues. Ward meeting on February 20, at 7:00 PM. She would like on the agenda for the next meeting to have a copy of the City Charter and minutes. Congratulates Haley Cheetham and Karen Hischak, two students who have made it to the final for the ZAP contest. Wishes Alex a speedy recovery. Wants Corporation Counsel to give his opinion in writing on the City Charter.

Ward 4 – Council Member Guido

Ward meeting to be announced. Wishes Alex a speedy recovery.

Ward 5 – Council Member Quail

Wishes Alex a speedy recovery. Acknowledges the Melody Land Restaurant who is celebrating their 25 anniversary. Thanks Tom Gallagher for his 22 years of service as a member of the Water Board. Encourages people to use Channel 2 for upcoming meetings and such. Ward meeting next Tuesday at City Hall at 7:00.

Ward 6 – Council Member Testa

Legislature Pat O'Mara spoke at his Ward meeting. Answered questions from Constituents. Blue bag issue was discussed. Creek on Samson is deteriorating.

Mayor asks if Andy had information on FEMA funding. He briefly explains the process.

Ward 7 – Council Member Partigianoni

He is glad the blue bags will be sold again. He was impressed at the Water Board meeting. Discussion regarding the Empire State Games. Riverwalk project a concern. The Code has a pigeon menace declaration.

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Ward 8 – Council Member Hennessy

Wishes a speedy recovery to Alex Faraoni. Potholes in the 8th ward are a problem.

RESOLUTION #17 of 2002 - Authorize the installation of additional lights at the following locations: Chestnut Street, Hickory Park Drive

By: Alderman Testa
Seconded: Alderman Partigianoni

Approved: Ayes - 7
Nays - 0

RESOLUTION #18 of 2002 - Authorize the following actions in order to close out fiscal year 2001:

- A. Approval of various transfers in 2001 General Fund Budget in order to comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.
- B. Approval of 2001 Year End Encumbrances for the General Fund, Wastewater Operating Fund, and Community Development Miscellaneous Revenue Fund.

By: Alderwoman Hennessy
Seconded: Alderman Quail

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays - 0

RESOLUTION #19 of 2002 - Authorize the transfer of \$1000.00 from account A1990-400 (Contingencies) to account A1010.415 (Common Council – Contractual). (Alderman Tobin).

By: Alderman Tobin
Seconded: Alderman Quail

Discussion: Council Member Hennessy asks what the purpose of the transfer is? Council Member Tobin states in case they need to use the money for a legal opinion. Council Member Hennessy asks why it just couldn't be approved from contingency at that point? He wants the money available in case they want to use it. Council Member Hennessy states that when you move money you have a specific thing that you're going to do with it. You're moving it out of contingency for a contingency. Andy Damiano states it is a little unorthodox but he doesn't feel there is anything wrong with it. You usually transfer money for a particular identified purpose. Council Member Testa states the purpose is identified, in case he needs to hire an attorney. Council Member Hennessy feels we should wait and when we feel it necessary, move it then.

Approved: Ayes – 5
Nays – 2 Partigianoni, Hennessy

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RESOLUTION #20 of 2002 - Appointments tabled: The DPW and Fire Commission appointments except for the returning individuals who are Ellwood Miller of the Fire Commission and Jim Snyder of DPW.

By: Alderwoman Hennessy
Seconded: Alderman Testa

Discussion: Alderwoman Morey doesn't want to vote on the whole list. She wants to table DPW and Fire Commission. She has some issues with two people that were put on the boards. Chief Barron asks if the returning person on Fire Commission be allowed to return so they will have a quorum.

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 1, Partigianoni

RESOLUTION #21 of 2002 - Appointments to Board and Commissions as amended. (Attached)

By: Alderwoman Morey
Seconded: Alderman Quail

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 1, Partigianoni

RESOLUTION # 22 of 2002 - Reappoint Commissioner of Deeds. (Attached)

By: Alderman Testa
Seconded: Alderman Tobin

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #23 of 2002 – Go into executive session regarding a personnel matter.

By: Alderman Tobin
Seconded: Alderwoman Morey

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays - 0

RESOLUTION #24 of 2002 - Come out of executive session and into the regularly scheduled meeting.

LOCAL LAW - None

ORDINANCE - None

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Adjournment

By: Alderwoman Morey
Seconded: Alderman Guido

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays - 0

I, WILLIAM J. WOOD CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, NEW YORK DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT SAID RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, HELD ON THE 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2002. I FURTHER CERTIFY THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR IN THE TIME REQUIRED.

WILLIAM J. WOOD – CITY CLERK
