



City Council Minutes July 1, 2003
The City of Cortland, New York

COUNCIL MEETING #11

July 1, 2003

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

City Hall

7:00PM

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

Staff present: Corporation Counsel, Mark Suben, City Clerk, William J. Wood, Director of Admin. & Finance
Andrew Damiano, Director of Buildings and Grounds, James Sponaugle.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one to speak.

MINUTES of June 17, 2003

RESOLUTION #107 of 2003 – Approve the minutes of June 17, 2003.

By: Alderman Morey
Seconded: Alderman Hennessy

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

BILLS

Alderman Quail asks about the auditors report. Alderman Hennessy notes the report is usually generated in August or September. Alderman Guido questions the amount for gloves. Mr. Sponaugle explains they are for fire, police, and youth bureau.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor is very excited about the announcement from Buckbee Mears. BMC praised the work force in Cortland and one of the key factors for them to stay here. Congratulations to Wayne Friedman on the CNY Fire-fighter of the year award. The next concert is with Ronnie Leigh on July 10, 2003, 5:30 to 8:30 at the Market Place Mall. The Mayor congratulates all the graduates from the high school.

Warren Eddy has retired from the Cortland Free Library after over 39 years of service. There was a nice dinner

held for him that Alderman Hennessy and I attended. Deputy Chief Whitsett has retired and the new Deputy Chief is Mike Catalano. The DOT is working on the traffic study as requested. They have promised a report in a few weeks. The Mayor would like to have the consultant for the facilities studies present at the next Council meeting. She has also contacted the County numerous times about continuing the sales tax. She had a call in the Union Street area regarding people not cleaning up after dogs in that area. She reminds people to clean up after your pets.

There is a request regarding the waiving of a permit fee for a non-profit organization, Family Connections. A brief discussion ensues regarding the fee and the not-for-profit organization.

WARD REPORTS

Ward 1 - Alderman Faraoni

Congratulates Mike Catalano for his new appointment. Thanks John McNerney for the doggy pots in Suggett, Dexter, and Beaudry Park. The dogs still have to be on a leash.

Ward 2 - Alderman Tobin

No report.

Ward 3 - Alderman Morey

It's been quiet in the 3rd ward. Best wishes to Warren Eddy.

Ward 4 - Alderman Guido

Thanks for the Relay for Life people. They had several hundred people on the track all night long. The noise level was at a minimum all night long. He went over and talked to some of the people. It was a great time. He hopes they keep it there.

Ward 5 - Alderman Quail

He is planning a ward picnic in September. His ward meeting will be the last Tuesday of this month. Congratulates Mike Catalano and Warren Eddy. His children will miss Mr. Eddy.

Ward 6 - Alderman Testa

The rubbish pick-up is not working in the City. People are putting things out on the curb and they are not getting picked up. We might have to revisit this issue and still try to do it on a regular basis. His wife took part in the relay. It was a lot of fun.

Ward 7 - Alderman Partigianoni

He received a couple of calls regarding rubbish pickup.

Ward 8 - Alderman Hennessy

In the park by Randall school there is a small building. On one end of the building there is a light that has not worked for a very long time. It gets very dark there and the neighbors were asking if it could be replaced.

AGENDA

RESOLUTION #108 of 2003 – Authorize the budget transfers required to fund the City Hall/City Court Security System Project.

By: Alderman Testa
Seconded: Alderman Faraoni

Approved: Ayes - 8
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #109 of 2003 – Approve the requests submitted by the Downtown Business Association in support of the DBA Sidewalk Festival scheduled from July 24, 2003 through July 26, 2003. (Copy attached and made a part thereof).

By: Alderman Faraoni
Seconded: Alderman Hennessy

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

Alderman Testa asked why there are no American Flags on Main St. The consensus is in the past the flags have been donated by various departments or agencies throughout the City.

RESOLUTION #110 of 2003 – Approve the travel and training request submitted by James Sponaugle in order to maintain his status as a certified trainer.

By: Alderman Hennessy
Seconded: Alderman Tobin

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #111 of 2003 – Approve the request to close Main Street from 7:00am to 5:00pm on August 9, 2003 for the Annual Brockway Antique Truck Show.

By: Alderman Morey
Seconded: Alderman Faraoni

Approved; Ayes – 8
Nays - 0

Adjournment.

By: Alderman Quail
Seconded: Alderman Hennessy

Approved: Ayes – 8
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 1st DAY OF JULY 2003. I FURTHER CERTIFY THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR IN THE TIME REQUIRED.

WILLIAM J. WOOD – CITY CLERK