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A regular meeting of the Common Council was held on July 3, 2001 at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 25 Court St., Cortland, New York.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Patricia Hansen
Council Members Smith, Tobin, Abdulla, Strangeway, Hyde and
Hennessy
City Clerk, William J. Wood
Deputy City Clerk, Jodi M. McLyman
Dir. of Finance & Admin. Andrew J. Damiano

EXCUSED: Council Member Lissberger

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shirley Randolph requests if CAPCO can use the vacant lot at 14 Main St. for a chicken barbeque during the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm during the sidewalk sale days. They would name the City as additional insured on the CAPCO insurance policy. This will be added on as the last item to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes were not included in the packets therefore will be approved at the July 17, 2001 meeting.

BILLS

On the motion of Council Member Hyde, seconded by Council Member Abdulla, voted and carried,

RESOLVED THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,998.73 BE APPROVED FOR FILING.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Deputy Mayor Hansen feels it is good news about the Empire Zone. Marietta will be moving into the Rubbermaid building. The members of the Empire Zone steering committee were not announced during the recent ceremonies. Those members are Linda Hartsock, Steve Harrington, Jane Rogers, Bruce Tytler, Andrew Damiano, Ray Thorpe, Dan Dineen, Judson Taylor, David Berger, Tom Gallagher, and Paul Slowey. We owe them a thank you for all of their hard work. Deputy Mayor Hansen

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reads a letter of thanks from the Cortland City High School to the Chief of Police for all their work.

The storm the City received last week was considered a 50-year storm. Thanks to the DPW for keeping the storm sewers clear, the only flooding was in Yaman Park. There was a meeting last week with the Downtown Business Association and a proposal was made to put up a parking garage. It was suggested to put together a committee including Council Members, DBA members, and people from the community. Please contact the Mayor's Office if you're interested and the Mayor will put together a committee.

Ward 1 – Council Member Smith

The senior games are coming back to Cortland in 2002. This will be great for the economy.

Ward 2 – Council Member Tobin

All is quiet in the 2nd ward.

Ward 3 – Council Member Abdulla

There were a few calls on the blue bags. Byrne Dairy is carrying the bags now.

Ward 4 – Council Member Lissberger

Excused.

Ward 5 – Council Member Strangeway

Thanks everyone in the 5th ward for requesting that the senior games be moved back to Cortland. She thinks there were about 50 letters sent out. No ward meeting tomorrow due to the holiday.

Ward 6 – Council Member Hansen

Her ward report was included in the Mayor's report.

Ward 7 – Council Member Hyde

Thanks Bob Spada for taking care of potholes. He is also glad to see the senior games coming back to Cortland.

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Ward 8 – Council Member Hennessy

She received some calls on the \$1.00 blue bag. This was a slow mover and therefore was removed from the shelves. If anyone else gets requests, please let her know. She attended the Wastewater Treatment Board meeting two weeks ago. They would like to come to the second council meeting in August. She asks that a letter be sent to Harvey Davis in early August reminding him of same. There was a plant tour that was very interesting. The new dome on the digester is in place. It is amazing that there is no odor emanating from the operation. The I & I corrective action plan for the City of Cortland has been approved by the DEC. This is available through Harvey Davis. She attended the NYS Dept. of Transportation public outreach meeting held at Little York Pavilion at 10:00 am. This should have been easier for the public to attend. They laid out their five-year plan but were not willing to talk about any of the programs in the plan. She felt that the meeting was basically for employees and people actually doing the work. She encourages anyone interested in the public hearing on the 281 project to attend and make their feelings known about same. The officials at this meeting made it very clear that they intend on going full steam ahead with this project. She also feels that Marty Luster should have been given credit because he was a co-sponsor of the bill regarding the Empire Zone.

AGENDA

Item No. 1 - Discussion regarding a proposal to introduce public ice-skating to Courthouse Park during the winter of 2001/2002.

Council Member Hyde states that some of the items mentioned like the benches and the small shack may be donated or volunteers could help.

Deputy Mayor Hansen feels that a more comprehensive plan should be developed and it should all be considered during the budget process. Perhaps if Council Member Hyde works with John McNerney some facts and figures could be determined.

Item No 2 – Consideration of a Resolution to appropriate \$6000 from Community Development Miscellaneous Revenue for the purpose of partially funding trash receptacles for downtown.

Council Member Abdulla is requesting that \$6000. from the Community Development Miscellaneous Revenue fund be appropriated to help the Cortland City

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Improvement Corporation purchase new receptacles in the downtown area. He feels this is something useful for downtown and hopes the Council will approve this.

On the motion of Council Member Abdulla, seconded by Council Member Hennessy, voted and carried,

Andrew Damiano explains that this will amend the budget already adopted by appropriating an additional \$6,000. There is an actual balance in the miscellaneous revenue fund. It would be an additional appropriation. A brief discussion ensues regarding the active operating budget and the contingency funds.

RESOLUTION APPROVED TO APPROPRIATE \$6000.00 FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTIALLY FUNDING TRASH RECEPTACLES FOR DOWNTOWN.

Item No. 3 – Request from the Downtown Business Association to allow CAPCO to use the vacant lot at 14 Main Street during sidewalk festivals on Saturday, July 14, 2001 for a CAPCO chicken barbeque.

On the motion of Council Member Hyde, seconded by Council Member Smith, voted and carried,

They will need a permit and they will need to name the City as additional insured.

REQUEST APPROVED FOR CAPCO TO USE THE VACANT LOT AT 14 MAIN STREET DURING SIDEWALK FESTIVALS ON SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2001 FOR A CHICKEN BARBEQUE CONTINGENT UPON RECEIPT OF ACCEPTABLE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE NAMING THE CITY AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED.

On the motion of Council Member Abdulla, seconded by Council Member Hyde, voted and carried,

RESOLVED THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:50 PM.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolutions were presented to the mayor in the time required and were approved by him.