



City Council Minutes July 15, 2003
The City of Cortland, New York

COUNCIL MEETING #12

July 15, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one to speak.

MINUTES of July 1, 2003

RESOLUTION #112 of 2003 – Approve the minutes of July 1, 2003.

By: Alderman Hennessy

Seconded: Alderman Faraoni

Approved: Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

BILLS

Bills are accepted.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reminds everyone about the sidewalk sales on July 25th. There will be an executive session at the end of the meeting. Everything is quiet in the City.

WARD REPORTS

Ward 1 - Alderman Faraoni

The street sweeper seems to leave more dirt than it picks up. The cost of a new one is anywhere from \$80,000

to 150,000. This has also been brought up with the Superintendent of Public Works.

Ward 2 - Alderman Tobin

It is quiet in the ward.

Ward 3 - Alderman Morey

It is quiet. She had calls with regard to when Groton Ave. will be finished.

Ward 4 - Alderman Guido

It is quiet in the 4th ward.

Ward 5 - Alderman Quail

His ward meeting will be next Tuesday, July 22nd at 6:30 at the Moose Club. The Water Dept. Commission met last week. Director Damiano notes this was an organizational meeting and the next meeting is in mid August. A brief discussion ensues regarding the animal committee and the dog park. The tree committee walked down Church St. this week. He is concerned about the dog feces in the park area. There is a dog pot in Court House Park. He had some calls on brush pick-up. He thought maybe we could utilize email for brush pick-up.

Ward 6 - Alderman Testa

He has also gotten calls regarding trash and brush pick-up. There will be a block picnic on Euclid Ave. from noon to 6:00PM Saturday. He spoke with Ken Teeter regarding the River Trail. He is more than willing to address issues and questions. His phone number is 749-2154.

Ward 7 - Alderman Partigianoni

He has had brush calls and a call regarding a stop light. He will be hosting a 21 team softball championship coming in from all over the state. They will be playing at the local parks.

Ward 8 - Alderman Hennessy

Everything is quiet in her ward.

AGENDA

Item No 1 – Presentation by Kevin McLaughlin regarding the National Development Council's programs which may be available to assist the City in the proposed facility construction/renovation project.

He explains his organization, which is a non-profit organization that could assist the City in their renovation. He describes a few of the different programs. One is the Grow America Fund. They have a license to be a SBA lender. They run the programs, all the underwriting, and all the closing with minimal assistance from a representative from the City. They have a corporate equity fund where they provide tax credits for affordable housing. They also have a national training program.

Alderman Hennessy asks how they would see themselves working with the City and Thoma Development. Mr. McLaughlin explains Thoma does grant applications and they typically work closely with the grant writers. The

development and management is their specialty. A discussion ensues regarding bonds, financing, pay offs, etc. The Council asks for a list of references. Andy notes he has worked with the National Development Council in Syracuse and Newburgh.

RESOLUTION #113 of 2003 – Approve the request submitted by the City Clerk’s Office for two employees to attend a free workshop on license sales to be held by the DEC on July 17, 2003 in Syracuse.

By: Alderman Faraoni
Seconded: Alderman Partigianoni

Approved: Ayes - 8
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #114 of 2003 – Approve the request to close Glenn Street from Noon to 6:00pm on August 3, 2003 in order to hold the annual Glenn Street Neighborhood Picnic.

By: Alderman Morey
Seconded: Alderman Tobin

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On the motion of Alderman Faraoni, seconded by Alderman Morey, voted and carried,

RESOLVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.

On the motion of Alderman Morey, seconded by Alderman Guido, voted and carried,

RESOLVED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Adjournment.

By: Alderman Morey
Seconded: Alderman Guido

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 15th DAY OF JULY 2003. I FURTHER CERTIFY THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR IN THE TIME REQUIRED.

WILLIAM J. WOOD – CITY CLERK

