



City Council Minutes August 26, 2003
The City of Cortland, New York

COUNCIL MEETING #15

August 26, 2003

SPECIAL MEETING

City Hall

6:00PM

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

EXCUSED: Alderman Quail

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

The Mayor states we are here to consider a couple of items and procedurally we should decide how we want to handle this. The Budget and Finance Committee of the County Legislature approved a proposal we discussed previously. The Council could entertain a vote today on the sales tax law. The Mayor suggests we schedule another meeting for consideration of the local law which we can cancel if it is not necessary to have it.

RESOLUTION #125 of 2003 - To hold a special meeting at 4:30PM on Wednesday, August 27, 2003.

By: Alderman Morey
Seconded: Alderman Faraoni

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #126 of 2003 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the County that provides for an amount not less than 17.5% for the City, and not less than 55.1% for the County, for a period not to exceed three years.

By: Alderman Tobin
Seconded: Alderman Faraoni

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

The Mayor states it is her understanding a number of Republican representatives from the towns and villages met at Republican headquarters and put together some sort of demand. This was not delivered to her but she received a copy. How the Legislature is going to address this we don't know. Rather than the Council continue to have meetings to discuss refinements, let's set our parameters so that we can go forward. The Mayor does

not know who prepared the minutes and there is no one who seems to take responsibility for it. It is disturbing when bullying tactics come into play. This is an important issue for the City. The Mayor notes if the County gives more of its share to the Towns and Villages, that is going to have an impact on the City because somehow that money gets made up and we pay taxes in the City and County. A brief discussion ensues as to why a City representative wasn't in attendance at the meeting held at Republican headquarters.

Adjournment.

By: Alderman Morey
Seconded: Alderman Faraoni

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 26th DAY OF AUGUST 2003. I FURTHER CERTIFY THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR IN THE TIME REQUIRED.

WILLIAM J. WOOD – CITY CLERK