



City Council Minutes September 7, 2004

The City of Cortland, New York

COUNCIL MEETING #16
September 7, 2004
Regular Business Meeting
City Hall
7:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas Gallagher
Alderman Faraoni, Terwilliger, Morey, Guido, Feiszli, Quail, Partigianoni, and Michales

Staff present: Director of Admin. & Finance Andrew Damiano, Corporation Counsel Lawrence Knickerbocker, Clerk John Reagan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one to speak.

MINUTES of August 17, 2004.

RESOLUTION #102 of 2004 – Approve the minutes of August 17, 2004.

By: Alderman Faraoni
Seconded: Alderman Quail

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

BILLS

Alderman Michales asked if we are ready to move into the Armory. Director Damiano notes we are waiting on the phone lines. Alderman Morey asks about the American Red Cross bill and if it is part of the life guard training. Dir. Damiano notes we are still in the funding window of opportunity for the Groton Ave. parking lot. The City owns and maintains the voting machines for the City locations.

MAYOR'S REPORT - September 7, 2004

- Met with BDC/IDA to discuss potential new business start-up

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- Attended the Key Leaders breakfast at Cortland Memorial Hospital
- Spokesperson for the promotion of Celtic Fest trip to Ireland on WXHC
- Attended Business After Hours at Deli Central
- Performed wedding
- Attended the Cortland Business Network meeting at Monarch
- Attended the Celtic Fest drawing ceremony at Sheridan's Jewelers
- Met with DBA to discuss the schedule of events for repaving of Groton Avenue parking lot
- Made arrangements with First Niagara and McNeil & Co. to provide alternate parking during renovation of Groton Avenue parking lot
- Met with Niagara Mohawk to discuss their franchise agreement with the City
- City is partnering with the college community (Dr. Steve Broyles) to undertake a tree survey in the City of Cortland
- United Way of Cortland County will have their Day of Caring September 15th, with a campaign at Homer Intermediate School in Homer

GUEST SPEAKER

Presentation from Christian Latulippe, Head Coach of the USATH Women's National Team spoke regarding the teams, how they operate, gaining the support of the community, etc. He urges the public to watch the sport as it is a very fast paced sport. They want this to become an Olympic sport. The idea is that Cortland gets linked to this team and stays with it.

WARD REPORTS

Ward 1 – Alderman Faraoni

School is starting; please observe the 15mph speed zone. The ward has been very quiet.

Ward 2 – Alderman Terwilliger

She welcomes back the students. She had an opportunity to play in the Chamber of Commerce golf tournament at Elm Tree Golf Course. She commends Garry VanGorder for doing an excellent job. She received a complaint regarding litter at Suggett Park after the Thurs. evening soccer league. She had people concerned about the student housing rental signs. She will be calling on that.

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Ward 3 – Alderman Morey

She welcomes back the students and urges people to watch their speeds. She has complaints about the condition of Otter Creek. The dust is awful. The Mayor thinks it will be about two more weeks.

Ward 4 – Alderman Guido

He attended the Celtic Fest. It was a fun event. He has not had any problems with the students. There have been a lot of people riding their bikes on the sidewalks. The ordinance states only kids 12 and under should be on the sidewalks.

Ward 5 – Alderman Quail

The third annual 5th ward picnic will be moved to Sunday, September 19th from 1:00PM to 3:00PM at Beaudry Park. The change was to accommodate constituents who wanted to attend the Democratic Picnic. He would also like a head count if possible. He is currently working on a water problem with the Cortland Housing Authority. The visibility problem on Northcliffe and Pendelton is still an issue and he would like to take the bank back to the City right-of-way. The kids cross below the line of site. This would be on the East side of Pendelton St. and put a sidewalk up to Valley View Drive. Alderman Guido suggests a crossing light. The only crossing guard is at the bottom of the street. The tree survey is happening this weekend. You can contact Steve Broyles or Alderman Quail.

Ward 6 – Alderman Feiszli

She received a call from a constituent on Washington St. with regard to parking. In the winter time we put up no parking signs to help the school buses get through. People are still parking on the “no parking” side of the street. This needs to be addressed. She was present at the City of Cortland Improvement Corporation meeting to discuss marketing for the parking permits. She had a ward meeting last month with John Helgren who is an Engineer with Cortland County Health Dept. and discussed the aquifer system. Patrick did an excellent job covering the meeting for the Cortland Standard. She also attended the meeting forum where the Legislatures approved the vote on replacing the elected County Treasurer with an appointed Comptroller. The ballot will now include a referendum for the voters. At the last government evaluation meeting we started to develop a power point presentation which will be available to the public regarding the referendum to help voters be more informed. The Euclid Ave. block party was cancelled and rescheduled for Sept. 25. The Mayor and Council are invited to attend. The Celtic Festival was a successful event. Her next ward meeting will be September 22, at 6:00PM in the Mayor’s Conference Room. The guest speaker will be Marty Mack, a former Mayor of Cortland who is currently a Deputy Attorney General. He will outline various ways we can consolidate to reduce operating costs by working together to provide services.

Ward 7 – Alderman Partigianoni

He thanks everyone who acknowledged the passing of his brother Sam Partigianoni. There was an outpouring of sympathy. The Gregg Partigianoni tournament was this weekend. Jared Wood receives the award for \$2,000.00. The Hall of Honor is on Display at the Red Dragon in Cortland. The property at 42 Crandall St. is improving rapidly. There is a new roof; they took

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down the shed and garage, and two old porches. He attended the September 14th DPW meeting. He has had conversations with Chief Nichols with regard to a chronic problem at one local establishment.

Ward 8 – Alderman Michales

He questioned the lights along Broadway St. that sit on top of the brick fence overlooking the pond at the waterworks. The concern is that with night time approaching sooner, that area is not well lit for college students and other pedestrians.

He commented on the Bottle Drive and Carwash put on by Cecile Scott at the Youth Bureau parking lot for the Skateboard Club. They raised \$300. for new equipment. They are looking to sponsor another one in the coming weeks to be announced.

He commented on one of our local artists, Jack Kampney, who is doing the large beach mural at the Groton Ave Plaza and what a difference it makes to that area as you drive by heading for Top's.

Neighborhood watch program to hold another meeting at City Hall in the council chambers Wed, Sept 15th at 7:00PM. Co-Captains will be delivering meeting notices throughout the 8th Ward for this coming meeting. The topic will be to set up phone trees and also meeting on a regular basis.

On another note, some constituents were concerned that they were being missed concerning neighborhood issues. He stated that this program is still in its earliest form, with several bugs to be worked out. The recent issues that involved the neighborhood were responded to and that the parties involved were notified. He also noted that crime does not stop for us to organize a neighborhood watch program. He noted the example of the attempted burglaries in the S. Greenbush area. He encouraged everyone to come and participate.

AGENDA

RESOLUTION #103 of 2004 – Resolution accepting a \$13,773. Local Records Management Improvement Fund grant, and authorizing budget transfers to account for said funds.

A510 Estimated Revenues \$13,773.
A3060 State Aid, Records Management \$13,773.
A960 Appropriations \$13,773.
A3120.10401 Police Overtime \$9,358.
A3120.40103 Police Supplies \$2,750.
A9060.80000 Social Security \$1,665.

By: Alderman Partigianoni
Seconded: Alderman Morey

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

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RESOLUTION #104 of 2004 - Authorize the following actions in support of the 9th Annual Great Cortland Pumpkinfest:

- A. Permission to use the City's portion of Courthouse Park from October 1, through October 3, 2004.
- B. Permission to place promotional signs at or near the City's entrance signs.
- C. Permission to operate the Micro Brew Tasting on October 2, 2004 from 1:00-5:00PM in Courthouse Park.

By: Alderman Faraoni
Seconded: Alderman Michales

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

Adjournment.

By: Alderman Terwilliger
Seconded: Alderman Quail

Approved: Ayes – 8
Nays – 0

I, JOHN O. REAGAN, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, NEW YORK DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT SAID RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, HELD ON THE 7th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2004. I FURTHER CERTIFY THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR IN THE TIME REQUIRED.

JOHN O. REAGAN – CITY CLERK

MAYOR THOMAS GALLAGHER