



City Council Minutes
The City of Cortland
April 14, 2008

Council Meeting #6
April 14,, 2008
Special Session
City Hall
6:00 PM

Present: Alderman VanGorder, Benedict, Dye, Tobin, Quail, Feiszli and Michales

Staff Present: Corporation Counsel Lawrence Knickerbocker and City Clerk John O. Reagan

Mayor Gallagher calls the sixth Common Council meeting of the year to order at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Gallagher thanked all those who participated in the interview and selection process to fill the 7th Ward Council seat left vacant with the passing of James Partigianoni.

He read from a letter received from the 7th Ward Democratic Committee. In the letter they stated that after their search and their interview process was completed, they had chosen Chuck Hamilton as their candidate to fill the vacant Council seat.

RESOLUTION #42 OF 2008 – Consideration of the appointment of Leon “Chuck” Hamilton to fill the vacant seat created by the recent passing of Alderman James Partigianoni.

By: Alderman Dye
Seconded: Alderman Benedict

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Discussion in regards to the holding of a special election for the 7th Ward Alderman’s position.

Mayor Gallagher read a letter from the County Election Board Chairman Bob Howe, recommending a special election for the 7th Ward, since there was enough time. It was felt that the cost would be between \$400 and \$700 for this special election and that was

dependent upon one or two polling places were used. These would be the Grange and Dexter Park. The election would have to take place by July 7, 2008 or prior to that. There was discussion on whether there was enough time for candidates to canvass for signatures for petitions if the election were to be held in the middle of June. Corporation Counsel Knickerbocker noted that the hours of the election were set in the Election Law. There was some discussion regarding a primary.

Alderman Feiszli contacted Scott Schrader regarding the cost of this special election. She noted that the County would be holding their Finance Committee meeting tomorrow and Mr. Schrader would be recommending to them that the County pay for the special election. There will be more information on this presented at tomorrow night's meeting. It was thought by some that the last week in June would be good.

Adjournment

By: Alderman Benedict
Seconded: Alderman Dye

Approved: Ayes – 7
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 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, HELD ON THE 14TH DAY OF APRIL 2008. I FURTHER CERTIFY THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR IN THE TIME REQUIRED.

JOHN O. REAGAN – CITY CLERK

MAYOR THOMAS GALLAGHER