



City Council Minutes
The City of Cortland
January 5, 2010

Council Meeting #1
January 5, 2010
Regular Session
City Hall
7:00 PM

Present: Alderman Craig, Hayes, Dye, Quail, Leonard, Ferguson and Michales

Staff Present: Director of Administration and Finance Bryan Gazda and City Clerk John O. Reagan

PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2010

No one was present to speak.

Therefore the Public Hearing was closed.

Mayor Feiszli calls the first Common Council meeting of the year to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Minutes of December 15, 2009

RESOLUTION #1 OF 2010 – Approve the minutes of December 15, 2009.

By: Alderman Hayes

Seconded: Alderman Quail

Approved: Ayes – 6
Nays – 0
Abstain – 1 (Hayes)

Mayor Feiszli stated that from now on the Council would be receiving reports of the officers and the boards of standing committees. Minutes from those sessions will be included in each Council packet from now on. Mayor Feiszli asked if there were any reports to be given at this time. Mayor Feiszli announced that there would be an

organizational meeting scheduled before the next Council meeting. At that meeting, the Council will be determining the format for future meetings.

Ward 5 – Alderman Quail

Alderman Quail noted that he had a clean up issue on Owego Street. Students left and left garbage bags all over the place. He has received several comments on the blue bags. This is an issue that won't die. He would like to know if the budget would allow a reduction in the cost per bag. Mayor Feiszli has sent a request to the DPW Board to review the issue with the blue bags and by our Charter; they are to review any complaints by constituents and look for solutions and to come back to the Council and the Mayor with recommendations. She hopes that they will have their recommendations by the next Council meeting.

Ward 3 – Alderman Dye

Alderman Dye stated that he has received calls regarding the bags and this continues to be a big issue. He noted that a lady on Madison Street used to be able to purchase a small bag and now has to purchase a large bag to contain the same amount. This could cause some to go to private haulers and something needs to be done.

Ward 8 – Alderman Michales

Alderman Michales noted that he also has received negative comments on the blue bags. It was suggested to him that the City consider using the bags that were purchased as "medium" bags and then add a larger size bag.

Mayor Feiszli noted that the blue bags could be placed on the agenda as a discussion topic for the next meeting. Director of Administration and Finance Gazda noted that he has been collecting data since the last meeting and noted that there would be more answers available at the next Council meeting.

Alderman Michales noted that he had received a call regarding the driveway onto Northcliffe Apartments had not been plowed in several days. He asked the caller who was responsible for doing the plowing. He noted that the City had been plowing it in the past and he wondered why Cortland Housing wasn't doing it. He noted that it was plowed as of this morning, but he was unsure of who had done it. He asked that this be brought up at the next DPW meeting. Director of Administration and Finance Gazda noted that he would look into it. Alderman Michales also received a call from a resident who is interested in joining the Financial Advisory Committee. He asked them to put a resume together and he felt this individual would be a great addition to be part of this committee.

Item No. 1 – Presentation by Thoma Development of HOME and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs and discussion of potential 2010 grant projects.

Presentation by Linda Armstrong and Anne Hodgkin of Thoma Development on HOME, Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) and Micro enterprise Programs and potential 2010 grant projects. It was noted that there are several upcoming grant opportunities that will require Common Council approval before Thoma Development can submit them.

RESOLUTION #2 OF 2010 – Consideration of the confirmation of the Mayor’s appointment of Ronald Walsh to the position of Corporation Counsel for the City of Cortland, New York.

By: Alderman Leonard
Seconded: Alderman Quail

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #3 OF 2010 – Consideration of the confirmation of the Mayor’s appointment of Carol Tytler to the position of City Clerk for the City of Cortland, New York.

By: Alderman Ferguson
Seconded: Alderman Dye

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #4 OF 2010 – Consideration of the confirmation of the Mayor’s appointment of Ken Dye to the position of Acting Mayor for the City of Cortland, New York.

By: Alderman Quail
Seconded: Alderman Ferguson

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Item No. 5 – Discussion regarding formation of a Finance Advisory Committee.

Director of Administration and Finance stated that he will contact the City of Oneonta and ask for materials on their Finance Advisory Committee. Alderman Michales asked that the Common Council have a work session to further discuss the format, membership and responsibilities of the Finance Advisory Committee. A work session was scheduled for January 12, 2010 at 7:00 PM. Director of Administration and Finance Gazda will contact Alderman Tobin to let him know of this meeting. Alderman Quail asked that the Common Council review the grant opportunities for the HOME and CDBG programs at the work session so the Common Council can provide direction to the Thoma Development staff on which projects the Council wants to pursue.

RESOLUTION #5 OF 2010 – Consideration of a Resolution designating the following bank depositories for City funds:

1. Alliance Bank
2. J. P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.
3. HSBC Bank, USA
4. M & T Bank

By: Alderman Michales
Seconded: Alderman Dye

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

RESOLUTION #6 OF 2010 – Consideration of a Resolution designating Bryan D. Gazda and Lori Crompton as the signators on all accounts.

By: Alderman Craig
Seconded: Alderman Leonard

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

RESOLVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A CONTRACT ISSUE.

By: Alderman Michales
Seconded: Alderman Craig

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

RESOLVED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND INTO THE REGULAR MEETING.

By: Alderman Michales
Seconded: Alderman Leonard

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Adjournment

By: Alderman Hayes
Seconded: Alderman Craig

Approved: Ayes – 7
 Nays - 0

**I, CAROL TYTLER, 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 5th DAY OF JANUARY 2010. I FURTHER CERTIFY THE FOREGOING
RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR IN THE TIME REQUIRED.**

CAROL TYTLER – CITY CLERK

MAYOR SUSAN FEISZLI