



City Council Minutes
The City of Cortland
July 6, 2021

Council Meeting #13
July 6, 2021
Via Zoom
7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Brian Tobin, Councilperson Kat McCarthy, Bruce Tytler, William Carpenter, Jackie Chapman, Troy Beckwith, Thomas Michales, Katy Silliman

Excused: Councilperson John Bennett

Staff Present: Corporation Counsel Ric VanDonsel, Director of Finance Mack Cook, Police Chief Sandy, Fire Chief Friedman, City Clerk Raymond A. Parker, Confidential Secretary Devon Rainbow

Public Hearing to hear comments on the effectiveness of the Clinton Avenue Water Main Replacement Project funded by a Community Development Block Grant 285PW169-16.

Mayor Tobin opened the public hearing at 7:01pm.

No one was present to speak.

Mayor Tobin closed the public hearing at 7:04pm.

Regular Session:

Mayor Tobin called the thirteenth Common Council meeting of the year to order at 7:04 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments:

- Ann Soles- Member of Back The Blue, members are looking for reimbursement from funding for the Mural painting.
- Wayne Schult- Loop St. slated to be a dead-end raises concerns from people living there with regards to snow plowing, fire trucks, garbage trucks.
- Mayor Tobin- Loop St. will not be turned into a dead-end. Concerns have been looked at and thought of.

Ward Reports:

- Ward 1- Quiet
- Ward 2- Quiet. Pleased to have streets paved. One constituent called and complained of groundhog problem.
- Ward 3- Congratulated Officer Abbott on retiring. Projects around the city as a whole are making progress.
- Ward 4- Quiet. Councilmember Bennett was not present to speak on behalf of the Fourth Ward.

- Ward 5- Juneteenth celebration was a great success.
- Ward 6- Woodchuck/groundhog issues.
- Ward 7- Was told there was some type of program to help with the woodchuck/groundhog issue. Bocheball tournament this weekend July 10th and 11th located at Dexter Park beginning at 2:00pm.
- Ward 8- Lots of retirements happening this year. Answering Councilmember Beckwith, the city did use to have money set aside to help with vermin control, but has since ran out of the fund. Byrne Dairy construction concerns on River St.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Tobin coordinated the swimming event at the Empire State Senior Games, and it's great to see public events coming back. Council will return to meeting in person in the Council Chamber starting next Council meeting however attendees must wear masks.

Resolution #180 of 2021 – Resolution to approve minutes from June 3, 2021 special meeting.

Motioned by: Councilperson Carpenter

Seconded by: Councilperson Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Resolution #181 of 2021– Resolution to approve minutes from June 15, 2021 meeting.

Motioned by: Councilperson Chapman

Seconded by: Councilperson Tytler

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Item #1 – Update on infrastructure work in City.

Nic Dovi, Superintendent of Public Works speaks. Paving of streets continues. Franklin, Salisbury, Plaza, Wadsworth, Van Hoesen, Floral streets are done. Trees are out, and curbing is in. Half of Pleasant is done, the other half will be completed this week. Manholes and touching up is being done. Full update of City infrastructure is on website. Please do not drive through or park in the Mr. Tire parking lot as a cut through.

Resolution #182 of 2021 – Resolution to approve the special event application along with all other required applications for the Brockway Truck Show on August 14, 2021 from 9AM – 4PM.

Motioned by: Councilperson Carpenter

Seconded by: Councilperson Chapman

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Resolution #183 of 2021 – Resolution to waive the fees for the Brockway Truck Show.

Motioned by: Councilperson Chapman

Seconded by: Councilperson Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Resolution #184 of 2021 – Resolution to approve appointments/re-appointments to the Cortland Housing Board:

Merle McKown (July 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022)
Sharon Stevans (August 1, 2021 – October 27, 2022)

Motioned by: Councilperson Beckwith
Seconded by: Councilperson Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Resolution #185 of 2021 – Resolution to accept, recognize and appropriate the following donations to the Youth Bureau.

Donation	Amount	Event/Project	Budget Line
Access to Independence	\$1,769.02	2 Park Benches	A-7110.5405.02
Onehope	\$150.80	Donation from Sherry Timmons	A-7110.5405.02
Total	\$1,919.82		

Thank you!

Motioned by: Councilperson Silliman
Seconded by: Councilperson Tytler

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Resolution #186 of 2021 – Consideration of a Resolution for the Cortland City Police to conduct their annual bicycle sale at the Armory on Wheeler Avenue on July 10, 2021 from 8:00 AM-11:00 AM. There are approximately 65 bicycles recovered by the agency over the past year, which have not been claimed or reported stolen, which will be sold in “as is condition”. Prices will typically range from \$25 - \$50, based upon the bicycle and condition. All proceeds will go to the Refurbishing of Veterans Memorial Park in Courthouse Park.

Motioned by: Councilperson McCarthy
Seconded by: Councilperson Michales

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Item #7 – Consideration of a Resolution to approve the exotic pet permit for chickens at 16 Willow Ave.

A motion was made to table this item until July 20, 2021.

Motioned by: Councilperson Michales
Seconded by: Councilperson Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Resolution #187 of 2021 – Resolution to amend the 2021 Adopted General Fund Budget to increase Sales Tax Revenue (A1325-41120) by \$14,000 and Increase Police Department Professional Services (A3410-541500) by \$14,000 to fund the retention of a consultant to assist with the Department's Accreditation process. Net effect on 2021 Budget is Zero.

Motioned by: Councilperson Carpenter
Seconded by: Councilperson Tytler

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Resolution #188 of 2021 – Resolution to Transfer from the Waste Water's Fund Reserve for Equipment Repair and Replacement (Account G915) \$39,614 to the Funds Operating Equipment Repair Account (Account G8130-540200) to fund the replacement of a truck dump body.

Motioned by: Councilperson Carpenter
Seconded by: Councilperson Beckwith

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Resolution #189 of 2021- Resolution for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Dudesolutions for an operating system to generate and manage electronic work orders not to exceed \$21,000.00 annually.

Nic Dovi was present to speak. Very valuable asset to have, which will manage work orders, assets, maintenance activities, municipal infrastructure, and public services division all on one central data base. Comes with assisting PMs, a citizen's portal, automotive work flow, and have heard great reports about this program from neighboring communities such as Cortland County, and Tompkins County. Will help City get off paper, copies, and sticky notes.

Motioned by: Councilperson Carpenter
Seconded by: Councilperson Chapman

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Resolution #190 of 2021 – Resolution to Recognize and Appropriate \$5,600 from the recent sale of equipment to line item # A-7110-5405-02.

This line is from the Cortland Youth Bureau. Money will be used to go toward a new trailer for storage of a new tractor.

Motioned by: Councilperson Silliman
Seconded by: Councilperson McCarthy

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Resolution #191 of 2021 – Resolution to Recognize and Appropriate \$20,488 from the recent sale of equipment to line item # A5010-5415-00.

This line is from the DPW. Money will be used for the Dudesolutions assets software purchase.

Motioned by: Councilperson Carpenter
Seconded by: Councilperson Tytler

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Item #13 – Discussion to set a date for a Public Hearing for consideration of a local law amending the City Code to allow for the recovery of costs, on a set schedule, for Fire Calls and EMT calls.

Public hearing on this item will be held on July 20, 2021.

Item #14 – Discussion on a Deputy Superintendent/Supervisor position at the DPW.

Nic Dovi, Superintendent at the DPW needs help as much responsibility is being placed in his hands with not enough time or resources to complete those responsibilities. Is asking to be able to hire a Deputy Superintendent so some of the responsibilities over at the DPW can be broken up between more than one person.

Resolution #192 of 2021 – Resolution to lift the hiring freeze for the hiring of the Deputy Superintendent at the DPW.

Motioned by: Councilperson Tytler
Seconded by: Councilperson Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Item #15 – Discussion on the American Rescue Plan.

Sidewalks should be fixed, some sidewalks are not accessible to handicap people. Erosion issues of people property near the Tioughnioga River should be looked at and discussed now. All these issues that are combated, the public will benefit directly from these solutions.

Item #16 – Discussion on LP tanks.

Requested by property owner and business to have above ground storage tanks for liquid petroleum. Safety issues arise and current city zoning regulations do not allow above ground storage tanks. Safety issues include leakage, spillage, contamination of water system, etc.

A motion was made to enter into Executive Session

Motioned by: Councilperson Beckwith
Seconded by: Councilperson Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

A motion was made to exit out of Executive Session

Motioned by: Councilperson Beckwith
Seconded by: Councilperson Silliman

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

Adjournment

Motioned by: Councilperson McCarthy
Seconded by: Councilperson Tytler

Approved: Ayes – 7
Nays – 0

I, RAYMOND A. PARKER, CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF CORTLAND, NEW YORK, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT SAID RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, HELD ON THE 6th DAY IN JULY 2021. I FURTHER CERTIFY THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR IN THE TIME REQUIRED FOR HIS CONCURRENCE IN ADOPTION OR REJECTION BY VETO POWER.

RAYMOND A. PARKER, CITY CLERK

MAYOR BRIAN TOBIN