



City Council **Minutes**  
The City of Cortland  
**May 19, 2020**

Council Meeting #11  
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Via Zoom  
7:00 PM

Present: Aldermen Kat McCarthy, Bruce Tytler, William Carpenter, Troy Beckwith, Thomas Michales, John Bennett, Jacki Chapman

Excused: Alderman Katy Silliman

Staff Present: Corporation Counsel Ric Van Donsel, Director of Finance Mack Cook, Police Chief Catalano, Fire Chief Friedman, Interim Director of Code Enforcement Mike Tenkate, City Clerk Ray Parker, Confidential Secretary to the Mayor Devon Rainbow, Superintendent of WWTP Bruce Adams, Director of Youth Bureau John McNerney

**Regular Session:**

Mayor Tobin called the eleventh Common Council meeting of the year to order at 7:00PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comments:**

No one present to speak.

**Mayor's Report:**

**Resolution #104 of 2020** – Resolution to approve minutes from May 5, 2020 meeting.

Motioned by: Alderman Bennett  
Seconded by: Alderman Chapman

Approved: Ayes – 7  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #105 of 2020** – Resolution to call upon United States Congressional Representative Anthony Brindisi, Senator Charles Schumer, and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, to support federal funding related to the coronavirus pandemic that is directly delivered to all municipalities, regardless of population size.

A suggestion was made to include other Representatives local to City of Cortland.

Motioned by: Alderman Bennett  
Seconded by: Alderman Chapman

Approved: Ayes – 7  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #106 of 2020** – Resolution to write off delinquent loans that are no longer receivable.

Motioned by: Alderman Bennett  
Seconded by: Alderman Tytler

Approved: Ayes – 6  
Nays – 1 (Alderman Beckwith)

**Resolution #107 of 2020** – Resolution to request for subordinate City “Community Development” mortgage to facilitate a refinance of a first mortgage pursuant to recommendation by the City’s Loan Committee.

Motioned by: Alderman Chapman  
Seconded by: Alderman McCarthy

Approved: Ayes – 7  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #108 of 2020** – Resolution to approve both Plan A & Plan B recommended by the City Loan Committee.

Motioned by: Alderman Beckwith  
Seconded by: Alderman Tytler

Approved: Ayes – 7  
Nays – 0

**Resolution #109 of 2020** – Resolution to approve the appointment of Mary Lou Bordwell to the Public Safety/Department of Public Works Board for a 3 year term.

Motioned by: Alderman Beckwith  
Seconded by: Alderman Bennett

Approved: Ayes – 7  
Nays – 0

**Item #5** – Discussion on the City’s Credit Card Policy.

All policies can be revised with resolutions. Take meetings out and replace with travel. The City currently does not have a policy and needs one so this is a starting point. An audit does not tell you what a policy needs to contain. Send suggestions to the Mayor.

**Item #6** – Discussion on the City’s response to COVID 19

Phase I started last week. Businesses must file their safety plans. Activity is up within the City but we still need to maintain 6ft, wear masks and gloves. Court starts back on Wednesday. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor functions are not changing. There are no changes with meetings.

Bruce Adams stated that Wastewater is testing for COVID-19 in water. He would like to join in with County in testing for RNA (genetic test).

The Youth Bureau is trying to get creative and getting many good ideas from locals. Looking to do a movie under the stars in July and/or mid-August. Summer programs will be in Phase 4 in July.

Chief Catalano stated that the Police Department has seen an increase in call activity with nicer weather. Complaints about trucks not using truck routes.

**Adjournment**

Motioned by: Alderman Beckwith  
Seconded by: Alderman McCarthy

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 19TH DAY IN MAY 2020. 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.**

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**RAYMOND A. PARKER, CITY CLERK**

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**MAYOR BRIAN TOBIN**