

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order and asked the Clerk to call the roll:

PRESENT: Mayor Nelson, Councillors Ashley,
Mitchell, Skamperle and Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillors Hosmer and Morley

Mayor Nelson said both Councillor Hosmer and Councillor Morley asked to be excused. There was a consensus of Council to excuse Councillors Hosmer and Morley.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. A public hearing regarding an ordinance amending Chapter 209, Section 209-40, Schedule III: "School Speed Limits" and Section 209-53, Schedule XVI: "No Standing Certain Hours", of the Ogdensburg Municipal Code was held.

No one being present to speak, the hearing was declared closed.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

1. NYS Assembly candidate John Byrne addressed Council and said he enjoyed his visit to Ogdensburg and it is a beautiful City. Mayor Nelson said Mr. Byrne stopped by earlier to complement our department heads on doing a great job.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. City Clerk Kathleen Bouchard read a letter from Matthew Flynn inviting Council to the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26th. (A copy of the letter follows these minutes.)

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nelson moved that the claims as enumerated in General Fund Warrant #9-2014 in the amount of \$493,795.35 and Library Fund Warrant #9-2014 in the amount of \$25,671.00 and Capital Fund Warrant #9-2014 in the amount of \$2,408.43 and Community Development Fund Warrant #9-2014 in the amount of \$1,953.75 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #9-2014 in the amount of \$0.00 and HOME Fund Warrant #9-2014 in the amount of \$0.00 and AHC Funds Warrant #9-2014 in the amount of \$0.00 and NSP Funds Warrant #9-2014 in the amount of \$0.00 as audited, be and the same are ordered paid and Councillor Ashley seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Councillor Skamperle moved an ordinance amending Chapter 209, Section 209-40, Schedule III: "School Speed Limits" and Section 209-53, Schedule XVI: "No Standing Certain Hours", of the Ogdensburg Municipal Code, and Councillor Stevenson seconded to wit:

ORDINANCE #_ OF 2014

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 209 ENTITLED
"VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

ITEM ONE:

That Section 209-40, Schedule III: "School Speed Limits" is hereby amended to delete the following:

Name of Street	Speed limit (mph)	Location
Franklin Street	20	Adjacent to Sherman School between Jay Street and Montgomery Street

ITEM TWO:

That Section 209-53, Schedule XVI: "No Standing Certain Hours" is hereby amended to delete the following:

Name of Street	Side	Hours/Days	Location
Franklin Street	East	7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m./School days	Between a point opposite the north driveway of the Sherman School and a point opposite the south driveway of the Sherman School

Franklin Street	West	7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m./School days	Between the south curblineline of Jay Street and the north curblineline of Montgomery Street, except that bus parking only shall be permitted between the north and south driveways of the Sherman School
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ITEM THREE

This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication of notice which shall give the title and describe same in summary form.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

2. Councillor Stevenson moved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Continental Construction, LLC for the Sewage Grinder Replacement Project at the West River Pump Station, for a sum not to exceed \$60,000, and Councillor Skamperle seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF
CONTRACT FOR THE SEWAGE GRINDER REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT
THE WEST RIVER PUMP STATION

WHEREAS, bids have been solicited and received for the Sewage Grinder Replacement Project at the West River Pump Station; and

WHEREAS, the City's Consulting Engineer has evaluated the bids received and recommended the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that John M. Pinkerton, City Manager, is authorized to enter into the following contract, for a sum not to exceed \$60,000.00, on behalf of the City; and

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>	<u>CONTINGENCY</u>
Continental Construction, LLC P.O. Box 358, State Hwy 812 Gouverneur, NY 13642	\$57,675.00	\$2,325.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds to pay for this contract will come from following sources:

Sewer Treatment – G8130.310 \$45,000
Sewer Fund Encumbered Funds \$15,000

Councillor Ashley asked for the life span of a new sewer grinder. Interim Director of Public Works Gregg Harland said he believes the average life is 25 to 30 years. Mr. Harland explained there are grinders at the pump station and at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center. City Manager John Pinkerton said because the defective grinder is currently being cleaned by hand he would like to see it replaced soon.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

3. Mayor Nelson moved a resolution calling for a public hearing and public notice on a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 209, §209-44, Schedule VII: “Prohibited Right Turns on Red Signal” of the Code of the City of Ogdensburg, and Councillor Skamperle seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL INTRODUCING
AN ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR
PUBLIC NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. ___ of 2014, entitled, Chapter 209, § 209-44. Schedule VII: “Prohibited Right Turns on Red Signal” of the Code of the City of Ogdensburg, be and it hereby is introduced before the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg, New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council shall hold a public hearing in the matter of the adoption of the aforesaid Ordinance to be held at the Council Chambers in the City of Ogdensburg, New York, on the 27th day of May, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk give notice of such public hearing by publication in the official newspaper at least seven (7) days before the hearing date of a notice setting forth the time and place and describing the proposed ordinance in summary form.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

4. Councillor Mitchell moved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a NYSDOT Undertaking Agreement to allow the Memorial Day Parade route to be designated as State Street (Route 68), and Councillor Stevenson seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER
TO SIGN A NYSDOT UNDERTAKING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) requires an Undertaking Agreement to allow the Memorial Day Parade route to be designated as State Street (Route 68), and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager, John M. Pinkerton, is hereby authorized and directed to sign an Undertaking Agreement with the NYSDOT to allow the Memorial Day Parade route to be designated as State Street (Route 68).

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

5. Mayor Nelson moved a resolution calling for a public hearing and public notice on a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 209, §209-46, "Schedule IX: Yield Intersections" of the Code of the City of Ogdensburg, and Councillor Skamperle seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL INTRODUCING AN ORDINANCE
AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE
AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. ___ of 2014, entitled, Chapter 209, § 209-46. entitled "Schedule IX: Yield Intersections" of the Code of the City of Ogdensburg, be and it hereby is introduced before the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg, New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council shall hold a public hearing in the matter of the adoption of the aforesaid Ordinance to be held at the Council Chambers in the City of Ogdensburg, New York, on the 27th day of May, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk give notice of such public hearing by publication in the official newspaper at least seven (7) days before the hearing date of a notice setting forth the time and place and describing the proposed ordinance in summary form.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

6. Councillor Skamperle moved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with J.E. Sheehan Contracting Corp., for the Paterson Street Reconstruction Project, for a sum not to exceed \$5,541,659., and Councillor Ashley seconded to wit:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE
PATERSON STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, bids have been solicited and received for the Paterson Street Reconstruction Project; and

WHEREAS, the City's Consulting Engineers have evaluated the bids received and recommended the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that John M. Pinkerton, City Manager, is authorized to enter into the following contract, for a sum not to exceed \$5,541,659.00, on behalf of the City; and

CONTRACTOR	BID AMOUNT
J.E. Sheehan Contracting Corp. 208 Sissonville Rd. Potsdam, NY 13676	\$5,541,659.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds to pay for this contract will come from H5110.518.

Councillor Skamperle asked when the project would begin. City Manager John Pinkerton said June.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

7. Mayor Nelson moved a resolution calling for a public notice and public hearing on a proposed ordinance to lease municipal property in the Greenbelt to Scott Strader, and Councillor Skamperle seconded to wit:

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE LEASE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg has received interest from a qualified vendor, Scott Strader, to operate a seasonal food and beverage concession in the Greenbelt

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby accepts the proposal of Scott Strader to operate a concession located in the Greenbelt, subject to approval of lease;

WHEREAS, the City Charter mandates that a Lease be finalized only after giving public notice in a local newspaper and conducting a public hearing;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council shall hold a public hearing on the 27th day of May, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., at the Council Chambers in the City of Ogdensburg, New York, regarding this proposed Lease of City-owned property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk give notice of such public hearing by publication in the newspaper so designated by the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg for legal and public notices at least seven (7) days before the hearing date of a notice setting forth the time and place and describing the proposed ordinance in summary form.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

8. Councillor Ashley moved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a letter of support for the DANC GIS grant application to the Local Government Efficiency Program, and Councillor Stevenson seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY AND
PARTNERS' GRANT APPLICATION
TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Development Authority of the North Country (Authority) and its partners have completed a feasibility study and identified opportunities to consolidate and share Geographic Information System (GIS) within the region, and

WHEREAS, the Authority and its partners have identified the Local Government Efficiency Program (LGEP) as a source of funding to subsidize the cost of implementing the recommendations of the feasibility study, and

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg will directly benefit from the results of the project by having access to a public map viewer, self-service map viewer, and Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg City Council does hereby authorize the City Manager to sign a letter of support of the Authority and its partners' application to the LGEP.

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Councillor Skamperle asked how the City will benefit from this program. City Manager John Pinkerton explained our water and sewer systems will be electronically recorded on a Geographic Information System (GIS) system. Mr. Pinkerton said the project will be a joint effort with other communities along the river.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councillor Stevenson asked City Manager John Pinkerton to explain why brush pickup from lanes will not be allowed. Mr. Pinkerton said we can reduce our workers' compensation claims by using machinery versus shovels. Interim Public Works Director Gregg Harland said we adopted the program used in Syracuse almost verbatim and one point in that program is that brush will not be piled near poles, fences or garages. Mr. Harland explained some lanes are only 12 feet wide and the brush will be piled next to poles, fences and garages in the lanes. Mr. Harland said it takes more time to pick up the brush in lanes and near poles, fences and garages because crews cannot use machinery.

Councillor Skamperle said some people are confused about the pickup weeks and asked if next year the pickup week number could coordinate with the ward numbers. Mr. Harland explained crews start at one end and move across the City, but we could try the brush pickup any way Council wants it done. Mr. Pinkerton said the schedule is posted on the City website and residents received notice in their water bill. Mr. Pinkerton explained the time saved with the new brush pickup schedule will help with the repair of the Maple City Trail. Councillor Ashley said he thinks it is wrong not to pick up brush from alleys and lanes. Mr. Pinkerton explained we are trying to make things more efficient.

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Councillor Stevenson said she asked at the last meeting for the landfill to be open longer. Mr. Pinkerton said he will be discussing that request with City staff tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Councillor Skamperle said the “No Parking” sign in front of Riverview Towers currently faces the building but should face the curb at Washington and State Streets. Councillor Skamperle explained large trucks have difficulty making the turn with cars parked near the corner. Councillor Skamperle asked if we can request that NYSDOT review this matter and install a sign facing the street for no parking to the corner. City Manager John Pinkerton said he would address the issue.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. City Manager John Pinkerton said a parking ticket fine in Ogdensburg is only \$10. Mr. Pinkerton explained this low fine does not deter people from parking in no parking zones and believes we need to look at increasing the fine amount. Police Chief Richard Polniak agreed we need to look the fines. Mr. Pinkerton said we will review the fines and bring suggestions back to Council.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.