

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 1, 2014
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Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order and asked the Clerk to call the roll:

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

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING

1. A public hearing for the Preliminary 2015 Budget for the City of Ogdensburg was held. No one being present to speak, the hearing was declared closed.

2. A public hearing on a Local Law to amend Chapter 215 (Sections 39, 40 and 41) of the Code of the City of Ogdensburg entitled "Water Rates" was held. No one being present to speak, the hearing was declared closed.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

1. Joe Basta, 818 Main Street, addressed Council regarding his August 2014 request for rezoning of his parcel located in the 500 block of Covington Street. (A copy of his letter follows these minutes.)

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nelson moved that the claims as enumerated in General Fund Warrant #21-2014 in the amount of \$35,570.80 and Library Fund Warrant #21-2014 in the amount of \$0.00 and Capital Fund Warrant #21-2014 in the amount of \$0.00 and Community Development Fund Warrant #21-2014 in the amount of \$0.00 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #21-2014 in the amount of \$0.00 and NSP Funds Warrant #21-2014 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. Mayor Nelson moved a resolution designating the 2015 City Council Meeting Dates, and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the regular City Council meetings for the City of Ogdensburg, shall be on the second and fourth Mondays, of each month except July, August and December, and unless such date is a legal holiday, in which event the meeting will be held on the next business day. The dates of these meetings are listed below:

January	12, 26
February	9, 23
March	9, 23
April	13, 27
May	11, 26
June	8, 22
July	13
August	10
September	14, 28
October	13, 26
November	9, 23
December	7, 14

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all the meetings will be held at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers, City Hall or at such other places as may be designated by the City Council. All meetings are open to the public.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

There was a consensus of Council not to act on agenda bills #89 and #94 because City Manager John Pinkerton was absent due to a family issue. Councillor Stevenson suggested Council forward their budget amendment suggestions to Mr. Pinkerton prior to the next meeting.

2. Councillor Skamperle moved a resolution to authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement with J.E. Sheehan Contracting Corporation to allow the Sheehan project barge to utilize the public access Paterson Street Boat Launch, and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN
AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY
AND J.E. SHEEHAN CONTRACTING CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the City wishes to enter into an agreement with J.E. Sheehan Contracting Corporation to allow the Sheehan project barge to utilize the public access Paterson Street Boat Launch, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager, John M. Pinkerton, is hereby authorized and directed to sign the attached Agreement between the City of Ogdensburg and J.E. Sheehan Contracting Corporation.

Councillor Morley asked where the barge will be stored. Mr. Thornhill said the barge will be parked at the City Marina and will pay the standard docking fee. Public Works Director Scott Thornhill explained it is a temporary situation for loading and unloading supplies for an island project. Councillor Hosmer asked if the boat launch will be closed to the public. Mr. Thornhill said one side of the boat launch will remain open for public use.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

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3. Councillor Ashley moved a resolution to authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement to allow J.E. Sheehan Contracting Corporation to use the City of Ogdensburg Public Works Department Roller in the event of an emergency impacting the progress of the Paterson Street Reconstruction Project, and Councillor Skamperle seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN
AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY
AND J.E. SHEEHAN CONTRACTING CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the City wishes to enter into an agreement to allow J.E. Sheehan Contracting Corporation to use the City of Ogdensburg Public Works Department Roller in the event of an emergency impacting the progress of the Paterson Street Reconstruction Project, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager, John M. Pinkerton, is hereby authorized and directed to sign the attached Agreement between the City of Ogdensburg and J.E. Sheehan Contracting Corporation.

Public Works Director Scott Thornhill explained J.E. Sheehan will have two of their own rollers on site. Mr. Thornhill said we are trying to be prepared to avoid delays with the time sensitive Paterson Street project. Councillor Morley asked how long J.E. Sheehan would use our roller. Mr. Thornhill said it would only be until a replacement arrived.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

4. Mayor Nelson moved a resolution providing for public notice and a public hearing regarding a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency cleanup grant application for 420 Lafayette Street, and Councillor Stevenson seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FOR
PUBLIC NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg is submitting a cleanup grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for 420 Lafayette Street; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and staff of the Office of Planning and Development are desirous of obtaining public input into the matter of the ongoing brownfield cleanup activities of the City,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council shall hold a public hearing in the matter of the ongoing community development program to be held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, Ogdensburg, New York, on the 8th day of December, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk give notice of such public hearings 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 dates setting forth the time and place.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

OLD BUSINESS

1. City Comptroller Philip Cosmo said Mr. Basta's rezoning request will be discussed at the staff meeting tomorrow. Councillor Stevenson asked that City staff provide Mr. Basta with an update after the staff meeting. Councillor Hosmer said only one rezoning meeting has been held and requested that a second meeting be scheduled.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. City Comptroller Philip Cosmo requested that Council forward their budget amendment suggestions to City Manager John Pinkerton prior to the December 8, 2014 Council Meeting.

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