

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 Flynn, Hannan,
Morley, Powers, Sholette and Vaugh

ABSENT: None

PRESENTATION

1. Mayor Nelson and Council presented Charles Foster, Operations Manager of Community Bank, a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition for the preservation of a historic building and of their investment in restoring and preserving a historic building in downtown Ogdensburg.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

1. Michael Tooley read a prepared statement to Council regarding the issue of raises for the Mayor and City Council (a copy follows these minutes).

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nelson moved that the claims as enumerated in Warrant #22-2008 in the amount of \$143,184.83, and Library Warrant #22-2008 in the amount of \$2,251.77, Community Development Fund Warrant #22-2008 in the amount of \$173,441.50, Community Renewal Fund Warrant #22-2008 in the amount of \$22,258.10, HOME Warrant #22-2008 in the amount of \$7,050.00 and Capital Fund Warrant #22-2008 in the amount of \$201.05, and AHC Funds Warrant #22-2008 in the amount of \$18,300.00 as audited, be and the same are ordered paid and Councillor Flynn seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

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APPOINTMENTS

1. Mayor Nelson moved the re-appointment of John Farrand to the Tree Commission, term to expire on 12/31/11, and Councillor Vaugh seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

2. Mayor Nelson moved the re-appointment of Thomas Fife to the Tree Commission, term to expire on 12/31/11, and Councillor Flynn seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

3. Mayor Nelson moved the re-appointment of Jane Basta to the Tree Commission, term to expire on 12/31/11, and Councillor Vaugh seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

4. Mayor Nelson moved the appointment of Doug Loffler to the Recreation Commission, term to expire on 12/31/2014, and Councillor Morley seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

5. Mayor Nelson moved the appointment of Tylor Stevenson to the Recreation Commission (student), term to expire on 12/31/2010, and Councillor Vaugh seconded the motion.

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The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

6. Mayor Nelson moved the re-appointment of Dr. Mark Chalom as Health Officer for the City of Ogdensburg, term to expire on 12/31/12, and Councillor Flynn seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councillor Powers requested an update on the American Communities project at the old Diamond site. City Manager Arthur Sciorra stated that the attorney will be giving final approval to the contract by the end of the week.

2. Councillor Powers questioned the status of the audits on the Housing Department grants. Mr. Sciorra responded that they are 50% completed.

3. Councillor Hannan asked Mr. Sciorra if he has a recommendation on how to proceed with filling the City Attorney position. Mr. Sciorra said he has been busy getting through this budget season, but expects to have a recommendation for Council in January.

4. Councillor Vaughn stated that he supports the current alcohol policy's form and would like to put it on the next meeting's agenda under items for discussion.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Councillor Flynn passed out a copy of the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center Advisory Board roster. Councillor Flynn stated that there are three vacancies on the board that need to be filled and asked anyone who might be interested in serving to contact a member of Council. Mayor Nelson stated that Council can bring names forward for nomination to the board or Council could reduce the number of members to seven.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Councillor Hannan's stated that he wanted Council to discuss Mike Tooley's suggestion for Council salary increases in 2012, as it is difficult for any seated Councillor to approve a raise for themselves. After much discussion among Council, there was no support to proceed further.

2. Councillor Sholette stated that he was handed a note from a boater regarding marina rate changes. Councillor Sholette stated that he didn't feel the rates should be increased until we can offer new service amenities. Mayor Nelson advised that Council didn't approve raising the marina rates.

3. Councillor Hannan requested an update on what is being done to market the Dobisky Center Concession. City Manager Arthur Sciorra stated that staff is advertising in five different types of media and he will keep Council updated.

4. Councillor Flynn said he is glad to see we are moving forward with the alcohol policy. City Manager Arthur Sciorra said the alcohol policy will be reviewed under items for discussion at the January, 2009 meeting.

5. Mayor Nelson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy and safe New Year.

ADJOURNMENT