

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

PRESENTATION

1. Mayor Nelson recognized the Community ArtReach Group for working on the following projects: Moveable Art on barrels placed around the city – artwork inspired by Old Masters (Van Gogh, Monet, etc.); Lego Building at Montroy Park; Art Festival (proceeds donated to the Veteran’s Art Therapy Project at River Hospital); Mandala Sidewalk Chalk Project at the Dobisky Center. Brandy Jones of the Community ArtReach Group said the initiative started with the City’s Pride and Beautification Commission.

2. Mayor Nelson thanked the Ogdensburg Free Academy Key Club members who stained the Kids Kingdom Playground in Ogdensburg’s Morrissette Park. Mayor Nelson said the community came together years ago to build the park and thanked everyone involved for helping preserve it for the future.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. A public hearing regarding an ordinance to sell City-owned property located at 16 Rensselaer Avenue was held. No one being present to speak, the hearing was declared closed.

2. A public hearing regarding an ordinance to sell City-owned property located at 1110 South Water Street was held. No one being present to speak, the hearing was declared closed.

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3. A public hearing regarding an ordinance to amend the Ogdensburg Municipal Code, Chapter 209 entitled Vehicles and Traffic; Article VII entitled Schedules; §209-57. Schedule XX: Handicapped Parking was held. No one being present to speak, the hearing was declared closed.

4. A public hearing regarding an ordinance to amend Chapter 209, Section 209-48, Schedule XI: "Parking Prohibited at All Times" of the Code of the City of Ogdensburg was held. No one being present to speak, the hearing was declared closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nelson moved that the claims as enumerated in General Fund Warrant #17-2015 in the amount of \$579,742.73 and Library Fund Warrant #17-2015 in the amount of \$26,203.92 and Capital Fund Warrant #17-2015 in the amount of \$252,390.15 and Community Development Fund Warrant #17-2015 in the amount of \$298.50 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #17-2015 in the amount of \$56.20 as audited, be and the same are ordered paid and Councillor Morley seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Councillor Ashley moved an ordinance to sell City-owned property located at 16 Rensselaer Avenue, and Councillor Mitchell seconded to wit:

ORDINANCE #15 of 2015
AN ORDINANCE TO OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION
CITY OWNED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg, New York, as follows:

SECTION ONE:

The following properties shall be offered for sale at public auction by the City of Ogdensburg:

<u>TAX MAP #</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MINIMUM PURCHASE PRICE</u>	<u>RESTRICTION(S)</u>
59.022-4-5	16 Rensselaer Avenue	\$3,250. (includes estimated \$400. Attorney & \$350. SLC recording fee)	None

SECTION TWO: The City does not guarantee clear property title in the transfer of property by auction and conveyance will be made by Quit Claim Deed. The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to withdraw any parcel from sale.

SECTION THREE: This ordinance shall become effective ten days after publication.

Mayor Nelson said the auction will be held October 28, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

2. Councillor Mitchell moved an ordinance to sell City-owned property located at 1110 South Water Street, and Councillor Stevenson seconded to wit:

ORDINANCE #16 of 2015
AN ORDINANCE TO OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION
CITY OWNED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg, New York, as follows:

SECTION ONE:

The following properties shall be offered for sale at public auction by the City of Ogdensburg:

<u>TAX MAP #</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MINIMUM PURCHASE PRICE</u>	<u>RESTRICTION(S)</u>
59.031-2-32	1110 South Water Street	\$2,750. (includes estimated \$400. Attorney & \$350. SLC recording fee)	None

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SECTION TWO: The City does not guarantee clear property title in the transfer of property by auction and conveyance will be made by Quit Claim Deed. The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to withdraw any parcel from sale.

SECTION THREE: This ordinance shall become effective ten days after publication.

Councillor Morley said he is concerned about nonresidents purchasing property since absent landlords often fail to monitor their properties. Councillor Stevenson said Council cannot consider where the buyer resides. City Manager John Pinkerton said City departments work together to deal with properties not being appropriately maintained. Mr. Pinkerton explained there are two bids on this parcel – one from a local landlord and one from an out of town buyer. Councillor Morley suggested sale stipulations to insure the properties are maintained. Mr. Pinkerton said the City has adopted a policy where buyers must bring parcels in compliance or are prevented from buying City-owned property in the future. Mr. Pinkerton explained the legal process when a property owner refuses to maintain their property. Councillor Stevenson stated sometimes homeowners and local landlords fail to maintain their properties, not just absent landlords.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

3. Councillor Stevenson moved an ordinance to amend the Ogdensburg Municipal Code, Chapter 209 entitled Vehicles and Traffic; Article VII entitled Schedules; §209-57. Schedule XX: Handicapped Parking, and Councillor Skamperle seconded to wit:

ORDINANCE #17 - 2015
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 209 ENTITLED VEHICLES AND
TRAFFIC OF THE MUNICIPAL 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 Chapter 209 entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”; Article VII
entitled “Schedules”; § 209-57. Schedule XX: entitled “Handicapped Parking” of the
Code of the City of Ogdensburg, is hereby amended to add the following:

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Location</u>
Caroline Street	West	2 spaces north of the Kids Kingdom main Entrance
North Water Street	West	1 space at the Greenbelt Boat Launch
West River Street	North	2 spaces on the east side of the Lockwood Arena
Commerce Street	East	2 spaces on the west side of the Lockwood Arena

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

Councillor Morley asked why the handicapped parking spaces planned for the
Lockwood Arena are on the street. City Manager John Pinkerton said the proposed
parking spaces are located in the Lockwood Arena parking lot. Director of Public
Works Scott Thornhill explained the existing handicapped parking spaces on the
west side of the Lockwood Arena were never included in the Municipal Code, and
we are also adding two additional parking spaces on the east side.

Councillor Skamperle asked where the additional handicapped parking space at the Greenbelt Boat Launch will be located. Mr. Thornhill explained it will be the first parking space closest to the river. Mr. Thornhill said the handicapped parking spaces at Kids Kingdom are located in the northernmost parking area near the park. Councillor Morley asked how many standard parking spaces will remain in the Kids Kingdom area, and Mr. Thornhill said there are fourteen standard parking spaces in the cutout areas.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

4. Councillor Skamperle moved an ordinance to amend Chapter 209, Section 209-48, Schedule XI: "Parking Prohibited at All Times" of the Code of the City of Ogdensburg, and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

ORDINANCE #__ OF 2015
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 209-48 entitled "Parking Prohibited at All Times" is amended by adding the following:

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Location</u>
Lafayette Street	North	From the east curbline of Patterson Street to a point 121 feet east therefrom
Lafayette Street	South	From the east curbline of Patterson Street to a point 121 feet east therefrom
Lafayette Street	North	From the west curbline of Patterson Street to a point 100 feet west therefrom
Lafayette Street	South	From the west curbline of Patterson Street to a point 100 feet west therefrom

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

Councillor Ashley said he paced off the proposed no parking areas and determined that three residents would no longer be able to park in front of their homes. Councillor Ashley said the northwest corner is out too far. Councillor Morley asked if this was a design flaw. Director of Public Works Scott Thornhill said the intersection has always been offset. Mr. Thornhill explained the storm drains were set back 3-4 feet on the northeast corner and significant gas and water mains were detected underground. Mr. Thornhill said curbing has now been added where people were previously able to park off the street. Mr. Thornhill explained he is proposing the no parking area to eliminate congestion and make the intersection safer. Councillor Morley said the contractors made the area worse. Mr. Thornhill explained the mains were not detected until the excavation started, and this was the best possible solution. Councillor Ashley asked why the main lines were not relocated. Mr. Thornhill said these significant lines cannot be moved.

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Councillor Ashley asked if limiting the no parking area to 50 feet would resolve the issue. Mr. Thornhill said it may and explained the proposed measurements run with the new curblines or the driveways. Councillor Morley asked why we couldn't widen Lafayette Street to correct the problem. Mr. Thornhill explained we have to follow code and meet the required standards. Councillor Skamperle suggested construction of cutouts for parking in the greenspace near the intersection. Mr. Thornhill explained the underground situation prohibits a perfect design. Councillor Ashley proposed Council meet at the intersection after DPW crews mark the proposed area with one color and 50' with a different color. Mayor Nelson asked City Manager John Pinkerton to schedule a time for Council to evaluate the intersection.

Councillor Ashley made a motion to table the ordinance, and Councillor Skamperle seconded it.

The vote to table the resolution was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

5. Councillor Ashley moved a resolution to update the City of Ogdensburg Local Highway Inventory (LHI), which is a component for the Consolidated Local Streets and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) funding, and Councillor Stevenson seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG'S LOCAL HIGHWAY INVENTORY (LHI)

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) requires all municipalities receiving Consolidated Local Streets and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) funding to complete an Annual Certification of Local Highway Mileage; and

WHEREAS, an important factor in the CHIPS allocation process is the local municipal Highway inventory (LHI) mileage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg has identified required updates while completing the Local Highway Inventory (LHI); and

WHEREAS, the NYS DOT requires a supporting resolution for major revisions, additions or deletions from the LHI; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has determined that the following:

Catherine Street - Located between North Water Street and Isabella Street (in front of City Pool), is missing from the LHI and should be added accordingly. (+0.08)

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council endorses this change and that the Official Map of the City of Ogdensburg be and the same, shall be amended accordingly.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

6. Mayor Nelson moved a resolution to establish the standard work days for elected and appointed City of Ogdensburg officials and reports the days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System, and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution
For Elected And Appointed Officials

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ogdensburg hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

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Title	Name	Social Security Number (Last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)
Elected and Appointed Officials							
Mayor	William D. Nelson	0082	50592633	6	01/01/12-12/31/15	N	18.21

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councillor Ashley asked for an update on the fire damaged properties on Ford, Park and Linden Streets. City Manager John Pinkerton explained the owner of the Ford Street property was summoned to clean up the property and did not. Mr. Pinkerton said the structure will be torn down, and the City is now taking the matter to Supreme Court. Mr. Pinkerton said the situation with the Park Street property is very similar. Mr. Pinkerton explained the Linden Street parcel may be part of an investigation, and we will ask City Attorney Andy Silver to contact the District Attorney. Mr. Pinkerton said we will follow our attorney's advice on the cleanup of that parcel.

2. Councillor Stevenson asked if a determination has been made on the museum at the Dobisky Center. Mr. Pinkerton said he will provide Council with an update.

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3. Councillor Stevenson said she is concerned with the intersection of Paterson and Greene Streets. Councillor Stevenson explained people are using Paterson Street and drivers are not expecting cars to be coming from a closed area. Director of Public Works Scott Thornhill said the signage is being installed, the paving is being done Friday and the project is expected to be finished by the end of the month. Mr. Thornhill said the contractor needs to protect the fine grade blacktop and does not want to open the street until the project is completed. Mr. Thornhill explained the contractor closes the street in the evening, but people keep moving the signs. Mr. Thornhill said he has a meeting on Thursday, and he will address this issue.

4. Councillor Morley said he is pleased the fire hydrants on Paterson Street were modified. City Manager John Pinkerton thanked Councillor Ashley and the Public Works department for addressing this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Councillor Mitchell said the bumpers and cleats at the Paterson Street boat launch are not intact. Mr. Pinkerton explained a study is being done to rehabilitate that boat launch, and the City already has the money from the Senate. Mr. Pinkerton said he will have Recreation Director Matthew Curatolo make the temporary repairs and provide Council with an update on the status of the rehabilitation project.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Mayor Nelson said interviews for the new City Manager will be scheduled soon, and City Clerk Kathleen Bouchard will call for the special meetings as required. Councillor Morley asked if Council members will receive the list of candidates soon. Mayor Nelson said Council should receive all of the information by Friday.

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2. Mayor Nelson congratulated John & Jane Pinkerton on receiving the Catholic Charities Caritas Award. Mayor Nelson said John & Jane represent exactly what the award stands for.

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