

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 Mosaic team from United Helpers, Inc. for staining Kid's Kingdom Park and painting the fence along the Crescent. Mayor Nelson thanked the following volunteers: Michele Montroy, Alison Thornhill, Michelle McGaw, Meg Demers, Colleen Aldridge, Patrick Carrington, Nicole Kennedy, Melissa Lafleur, Lauren Peters, Jason Matthie, Rick Pirie, Sarah Truax and Smylin Dooley. Michele Montroy, United Helpers, said the group is thankful for the opportunity to give back to the City. Mayor Nelson noted the numerous contributions the group has made to the City and St. Lawrence County. Mayor Nelson presented the volunteers with a City pin.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nelson made a motion to move to Executive Session to consult with City Attorney Andy Silver regarding proposed contract litigation, and Councillor Ashley seconded to wit.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

Upon returning from Executive Session, all members of Council were still present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nelson moved that the claims as enumerated in General Fund Warrant #18-2015 in the amount of \$499,747.01 and Library Fund Warrant #18-2015 in the amount of \$20,557.22 and Capital Fund Warrant #18-2015 in the amount of \$26,898.29 and Community Development Fund Warrant #18-2015 in the amount of \$0.00 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #18-2015 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

APPOINTMENTS

1. Mayor Nelson moved to appoint Brandi Jones to a four-year term on the Arts Council, term to expire 12/31/2018, and Councillor Mitchell seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Mayor Nelson moved a resolution to update the City of Ogdensburg's "Statewide GIS Public Road Network Project", and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG'S
"STATEWIDE GIS PUBLIC ROAD NETWORK PROJECT"

WHEREAS, pursuant to federal statute, states are required to submit public road mileage annually to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); and

WHEREAS, in August 2012 the FHWA significantly expanded the extent of the state road network subject to federal reporting, requiring states to now report data on all public roadways regardless of ownership, and that all data must be submitted in a geospatial format such as Geographic Information System (GIS); and

WHEREAS, to address these new requirements, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) implemented the "Statewide GIS Public Road Network Project"; and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOT requires a supporting resolution for major revisions, additions or deletions from the Statewide GIS Public Road Network Project; and

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

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| Canton Street | Located between State Street and Academy Place, Howard Lane segment is missing. No change in overall length. |
| Canton Street | Located between State Street and City Limits is not part of DOTID 100459 (NY 68) and will not be removed from the City's inventory. |
| East River Street | Located between Mill Street and Lake Street length was reported incorrectly at 0.09 miles. Actual length is 0.20 miles. East River Street runs between Mill Street (just north of snow dumping gate) to Lake Street. |

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Ford Street	Located between Green Street (current end segment) and start of Ford Street Extension, which is the start of NYSDOT responsibilities, should be an additional 0.02 miles in length.
Hayward Street	Located between Paddock Street and Dead End, North Meadow Drive segment is missing. No change in overall length.
Horwood Place	Located between Ford Street Extension and Dead End. Correct name / spelling is Horwood, not Harwood. Also, correct length according to GIS is 0.09 miles, an additional increase of 0.02 miles over recommended length.
Isabella Street	Located between Washington Street and Riverside Avenue, Catherine Street segment is missing. No change in recommended overall length.
Jersey Avenue	Segment between Park Street and Plover Hill Avenue is missing. GIS length is 0.13 miles. This section of Jersey Avenue runs between Kennedy School and the City Police Department.
Joseph Brandy Drive	This is a private road. It was sold on February 15, 2005 per City resolution.
Kendrick Street	This street runs perpendicular to Montgomery Street. The first segment begins and runs to Montgomery Street. The second segment runs from Montgomery Street to the end. The overall GIS length is 0.11 miles.

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Mill Street	Located between Lake Street and East River Street length was reported incorrectly at a recommendation 0.08 miles. Actual length is 0.11 miles. Mill Street runs between Lake Street to East River Street (just north of snow dumping gate).
Montgomery Street (DOT ID 302478)	Located between Kendrick Street and Champlain Street, missing beginning or ending segment as best defined by NYSDOT. No change in original overall length of 0.10 miles.
Montgomery Street (DOT ID 302479)	Located between Picquet Drive and Rosseel Street, Grant Street segment is missing. No change in recommended overall length of 0.16 miles.
New York Avenue	Located between Spring Street and Ogden Street, O'Neill Lane segment is missing. No change in overall length.
North Water Street	Between Begin and Riverside Avenue is incorrect. The first segment runs between Begin (in front of Custom's House) and Catherine Street. The GIS length is 0.06 miles. The second segment runs between Catherine Street and Begin Loop. The GIS length is 0.04 miles. The final segment runs from Begin Loop to End Loop. The GIS length is 0.06 miles.
Ogden Street	Between St. Lawrence Avenue and Albany Avenue, Leyare Lane segment is missing. No change is overall length.

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O'Neill Lane	Between New York Avenue and Ford Avenue, actual GIS length is 0.07 miles. This is 0.02 miles more than the recommended length.
Park Street	Between East David Street and Lafayette Street, Jersey Avenue segment is missing. No change in overall length.
Proctor Avenue	Between Ford Street and Paddock Street, Kenrick Street segment is missing. The first segment runs between Ford Street and Kenrick Street. The GIS length is 0.04 miles. The second segment runs between Kenrick Street and Paddock Street. The recommended length is 0.31 miles. There is no change in the recommended overall length for the impacted segments of 0.35 miles.
Rosseel Street	Between Jay Street and Lafayette Street. To maintain the proper segment lengths, we must keep the right and left directional suffixes associated with Lafayette Street as they are not directly across from each other on Rosseel Street. Overall street length is not changed.
Spring Street	Between St. Lawrence Avenue and Albany Avenue, Leyare Lane segment is missing. No change is overall length.

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Spring Street	Between St. Lawrence Avenue and Lafayette Street. Beginning and ending segment lengths are incorrect, but original or recommended segment lengths are correct. Also, the “Spring Street Bridge” runs between Lake Street and Lafayette Street. The recommended segment length of 0.13 miles is correct according to GIS, but report layout is confusing.
Woodford Avenue	Between Ogden Street and Dead End is correct, but correct suffix is “Avenue”, not “Lane”.

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

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

2. Mayor Nelson moved a resolution to call for a public hearing and public notice on a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 209, Section 209-48, Schedule XI: “Parking Prohibited at All Times” of the Code of the City of Ogdensburg, and Councillor Ashley 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 2015, entitled, Ordinance Amending Chapter 209 entitled "Vehicles and Traffic"; Chapter 209, Section 209-48, Schedule XI: “Parking Prohibited at All Times” 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

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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 9th day of November, 2015 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

3. Councillor Skamperle moved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement with AG Energy LP regarding the cancellation or reduction of any or all of the interest, penalties and other charges on City of Ogdensburg property owned by AG Energy LP, 21 Entrance Avenue, Ogdensburg, NY, and Councillor Stevenson seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1182 of the Real Property Tax of the State of New York, cancellation or reduction of interest, penalties and other charges: “If the governing body of any tax district shall determine that it is for the best interests of the tax district, it shall have the power, by resolution, to authorize the enforcing officer to permit the cancellation in whole or in part of any interest, penalties or other charges imposed by law to which the tax district or any other municipal corporation shall be lawfully entitled”; and

WHEREAS, AG Energy LP, the property owner, has requested that some of the interest or penalties claimed to be owing by the City Comptroller be waived.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg City Council has determined that it is for the best interest of the Ogdensburg City tax district, to authorize City Manager John Pinkerton to sign an agreement with AG Energy LP, to permit the cancellation in whole or in part of any interest, penalties or other charges imposed by law to which the Ogdensburg City tax district shall be lawfully entitled on property owned by AG Energy LP, located at 21 Entrance Avenue, Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

Greg Sharland, Vice President of Operations at Alliance Energy, discussed AG Energy LP and thanked City representatives, Senator Ritchie and the Economic Development Agency for their support. Mr. Sharland described their aspirations and future plans for the facility.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councillor Morley asked for an update on a bill to prohibit drones inside the City limits. City Manager John Pinkerton said federal and state agencies are currently writing laws to address drones and recommended we wait to determine if additional local laws will be needed.

2. Councillor Mitchell asked if the Fall Cleanup brush pickup schedule can be updated online weekly. Director of Public Works Scott Thornhill said his crews finished the 4th ward and will start the 2nd ward tomorrow. Mr. Thornhill explained crews will simply cycle through the wards until Thanksgiving, and there is no exact time line for each ward during this period. Mr. Thornhill said citizens can call the DPW office for an estimated pickup date.

3. Councillor Ashley said he is still receiving complaints about yard sale signs being left on telephone poles. Mr. Pinkerton said he would add a notice to the City website again this week asking citizens to remove those signs.

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4. Councillor Stevenson asked for an update on the museum/cultural center. Mr. Pinkerton explained we need to complete the alienation process from the Senate, Assembly, Governor and the Federal Government before we can remove the equipment and clear the suggested room at the Dobisky Center. Mr. Pinkerton said it is a lengthy process and explained the St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union started the alienation process two years ago to widen their ATM entrance. Councillor Stevenson asked if we have reached out to our local representatives for assistance. Mr. Pinkerton said no, but we have been approached by someone who wants to run the concession area. Councillor Stevenson said we could still start the alienation process.

5. Councillor Stevenson said Council had discussed increasing fines for snow removal and asked if this will be addressed at budget time. Mr. Pinkerton said no, but a proposal will be put together soon.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Mayor Nelson said a Citizens Preparedness Training session will be held Thursday, October 29th at 5:30 p.m. at Ogdensburg Free Academy.

2. Mayor Nelson commended Recreation Director Matt Curatolo for the painting and movement of the Haley urn to the Greenbelt area.

3. Mayor Nelson reviewed Council, City staff and City Manager John Pinkerton's accomplishments over the past four years. Mayor Nelson said the City has a lot of good things going on and urged citizens to not get caught up in election negativity. Mayor Nelson explained great things will be happening in the City within the next three to four years. Mayor Nelson added that Mr. Pinkerton has worked very hard with AG Energy LP. Mayor Nelson said there are more positives than negatives in our City and asked residents to focus on the big picture.

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