

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

PRESENT: Mayor Ashley, Councillors Davis, Mitchell,
Morley, Price, Skamperle and Stevenson

ABSENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Ashley moved that the claims as enumerated in General Fund Warrant #4-2016 in the amount of \$305,353.58 and Library Fund Warrant #4-2016 in the amount of \$20,413.05 and Capital Fund Warrant #4-2016 in the amount of \$5,715.08 and Community Development Fund Warrant #4-2016 in the amount of \$0.00 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #4-2016 in the amount of \$0.00 as audited, be and the same are ordered paid and Councillor Skamperle seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Councillor Skamperle moved a resolution introducing an ordinance and providing for public notice and public hearing with regard to the sale of City-owned property (Lincoln Avenue, 59.022-4-58 and 11 Rensselaer Avenue, 59.022-4-59), and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

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

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BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. ___ entitled "An Ordinance to Offer for Sale at Public Auction City-Owned Property " 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 14th day of March, 2016, 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

2. Councillor Stevenson moved a resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Governmental Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement with Volvo for a Volvo Skidsteer (\$10,554.33 for five years @ 2.490%), and Councillor Skamperle seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of New York (the "State") authorize the CITY OF OGDENSBURG NY (the "Government Entity"), a duly organized political subdivision, municipal corporation or similar public entity of the State, to purchase, acquire and lease personal property for the benefit of the City of Ogdensburg and its inhabitants and to enter into any necessary contracts; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg wants to lease, purchase and/or finance equipment (“Equipment”) from Volvo Financial Services and/or an authorized Volvo dealer (“Volvo”) by entering into that certain Governmental Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement (the “Agreement”) with Volvo; and

WHEREAS, the form of the Agreement has been presented to the governing body of the City of Ogdensburg at this meeting; and

RESOLVED, that (i) the Agreement, including all schedules and exhibits attached to the Agreement, is approved in substantially the form presented at the meeting, with any Approved Changes (as defined below), (ii) the City of Ogdensburg enter into the Agreement with Volvo and (iii) the Agreement is adopted as a binding obligation of the City of Ogdensburg; and

RESOLVED, that changes may later be made to the Agreement if the changes are approved by the City of Ogdensburg’s Counsel or members of the governing body of the City of Ogdensburg signing the Agreement (the “approved Changes”) and that the signing of the Agreement and any related documents is conclusive evidence of the approval of the changes; and

RESOLVED, that the person listed below, who is the incumbent officer of the City of Ogdensburg (the “Authorized Persons”):

Sarah Purdy, City Manager

RESOLVED, that City Manager Sarah Purdy is authorized, directed and empowered, on behalf of the City of Ogdensburg, to (i) sign and deliver to Volvo, and its successors and assigns, the Agreement and any related documents, and (ii) take or cause to be taken all actions she deems necessary or advisable to acquire the Equipment, including the signing and delivery of the Agreement and related documents; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of the City of Ogdensburg is authorized to attest to these resolutions and affix the seal of the City of Ogdensburg to the Agreement, these resolutions, and any other related documents; and

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WHEREAS, that nothing in these resolutions, the Agreement or any other document imposes a pecuniary liability or charge upon the general credit of the City of Ogdensburg or against its taxing power, except to the extent that the payments payable under the Agreement are special limited obligations of the City of Ogdensburg as provided in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, that a breach of these resolutions, the Agreement or any related document will not impose any pecuniary liability upon the City of Ogdensburg or any charge upon its general credit or against its taxing power, except to the extent that the payments payable under the Agreement are special limited obligations of the City of Ogdensburg as provided in the Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authority granted by this resolution will apply equally and with the same effect to the successors in the office of the City Manager.

Councillor Morley said Council previously asked that all equipment requests be included in the budget and he will not support this resolution. Councillor Stevenson asked for clarification on this expense. Director of Public Works Scott Thornhill said this item was included in the 2016 approved budget. Mr. Thornhill explained his department currently shares an older skidsteer with another City department. Mr. Thornhill said this is a ten year purchase plan, and the old skidsteer will be handed down to the Parks & Recreation Department. Mr. Thornhill explained this purchase will give the City two units in the event one breaks or both departments need one simultaneously. Councillor Skamperle asked who maintains the current skidsteer. Mr. Thornhill said his department maintains all equipment.

The vote was:

AYES: Mayor Ashley, Councillors Davis, Mitchell,
Price, Skamperle and Stevenson

NAYS: Councillor Morley

CARRIED, 6 TO 1

3. Councillor Mitchell moved a resolution to approve the sale of 1106 New York Avenue to Ronald Lesperance, and Councillor Skamperle seconded to wit:

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF
TAX PARCEL 59.031-3-16 TO RONALD LESPERANCE**

WHEREAS, the Ogdensburg City Council, on January 25, 2016, authorized the public auction of surplus City-owned real property, and

WHEREAS, the City held an auction on February 10, 2016 to sell said property, and

WHEREAS, the City received bids that met the minimum bid set by City Council,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the following sale of:

Tax Map #	Address	Minimum Bid	Price	Name of Buyer
59.031-3-16	1106 New York Avenue	\$3,250. (includes estimated \$400. Attorney & \$350. SLC recording fee)	\$3,250.	Ronald Lesperance

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sale shall be subject to the terms of the January 25, 2016 resolution.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

4. Councillor Morley moved a resolution to approve the sale of City-owned property, a portion of tax map #59.022-4-58, approximately 35' wide by 138' long located west of 16 Rensselaer Avenue, to Corey Maxner, and Councillor Skamperle seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF A PORTION OF
TAX PARCEL #59.022-4-58 (APPROXIMATELY 35' WIDE BY 138' LONG
LOCATED WEST OF 16 RENSSELAER AVENUE) TO COREY MAXNER

WHEREAS, the Ogdensburg City Council, on January 25, 2016, authorized the public auction of surplus City-owned real property, and

WHEREAS, the City held an auction on February 10, 2016 to sell said property, and

WHEREAS, the City received bids that met the minimum bid set by City Council,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the following sale of:

<u>TAX MAP #</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MINIMUM PURCHASE PRICE</u>	<u>RESTRICTION(S)</u>
#59.022-4-58	approximately 35' wide by 138' long located west of 16 Rensselaer Avenue	*\$2,450. (includes estimated \$400. Attorney, \$700. Survey & \$350. SLC recording fee)	None

*If purchased by current prospective purchaser of 16 Rensselaer Avenue, Corey Maxner, this parcel shall be combined with said 16 Rensselaer Avenue and the transactions shall be processed simultaneously with the parcels combined, thereby reducing additional attorney, survey and filing fees on this sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sale shall be subject to the terms of the January 25, 2016 resolution.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Councillor Stevenson said she and Councillor Davis attended the tours of our wastewater treatment plant and the Clayton and Carthage plants. Councillor Stevenson said the tours were very informative, and it was helpful to see how DANC supplies support staff to the Clayton and Carthage facilities. Councillor Stevenson encouraged Council to seriously consider the contract with DANC. Councillor Stevenson explained there had been some concerns about staffing levels at our plant, but she understands the positions filled by our current employees will not be jeopardized. Councillor Stevenson said DANC will solely oversee our plant operations and assist our current employees.

Councillor Morley asked what level our plant operator needs to be and if we have advertised for that position. Councillor Stevenson said our plant operator needs to be a level 4A. City Clerk Kathleen Bouchard said the Ogdensburg Civil Service Commission updated the minimum qualifications of the Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator last month to become compliant with DEC requirements. Mrs. Bouchard explained the Civil Service Commission called for the exam, and the New York State Civil Service exam unit sets the exam date. Councillor Morley asked if anyone has asked about the exam, and Mrs. Bouchard said no. Mrs. Bouchard also explained the Civil Service Commission waived the current county residency requirement to allow statewide candidates with 4A qualifications to take the exam, when offered.

Councillor Davis said he spoke with plant operators in Clayton and Carthage about the transition to DANC and was assured it went very well. Councillor Davis said he believes some of our current employees are now willing to be trained. Councillor Price recommended an apprenticeship program to keep our employees on track and interested in qualifying for positions as openings arise. City Manager Sarah Purdy said DANC can also assist the City with providing instruction and guidance to current employees.

2. Mayor Ashley said he was not present for the discussion regarding the release of the Council Update to the public and wanted to address that issue.

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Mayor Ashley said our City Manager, Sarah Purdy, is fully capable of deciding what information should be made available to the public. Mayor Ashley recommended Council allow Ms. Purdy to do her job as Chief Executive Officer of the City of Ogdensburg. Mayor Ashley explained this issue has caused a lot of dissention in the City due to inaccurate reporting in the local newspaper. Mayor Ashley said he was referred to as a “fence rider” although he was never contacted by the press while he was hospitalized. Mayor Ashley urged Council to allow Ms. Purdy to run the City, and Councillor Skamperle agreed. Councillor Skamperle said the newspaper articles are not accurate and referenced an article printed on February 14, 2016 which contained quotes never made by Council members. Councillor Skamperle said he does not want the newspaper to micromanage City business. Councillor Stevenson said she was concerned about how the determination would be made on confidentiality if two Updates were prepared. Mayor Ashley said the City Manager should decide and Council should not micromanage. Councillor Stevenson said she doesn’t believe Council is trying to micromanage the City Manager, and Councillor Mitchell agreed.

City Manager Sarah Purdy explained that going forward she will prepare only one Update and it will be posted on the City website immediately after its release to Council. Ms. Purdy said if she needs to provide Council with confidential information, she will issue a separate confidential memorandum. Ms. Purdy explained that posting the Update on our website will allow the public to see it directly without interpretation by the press. Mayor Ashley thanked Ms. Purdy for doing a great job. Councillor Mitchell asked where the public can access the Update. Ms. Purdy explained it is posted under the Mayor and City Council section on the City website.

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