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

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

ABSENT: Councillor Skamperle

PRESENTATION

1. Tim Cryderman, Forsythe Rifles, and Barbara O’Keefe, Fort La Presentation Association, presented each councillor with a copy of a 1757 map of our region. (A copy of the map follows these minutes.) Mr. Cryderman said this is the first reproduction of this map showing the layout of the St. Lawrence River and the original Fort. Mrs. O’Keefe thanked the City for their financial support and assistance.

2. Scott Wright, Complete Streets Active Living Task Force, updated Council on the bike route and described the project in detail. (A copy of his presentation follows these minutes.) Mr. Wright explained Council’s approval is needed to apply for a \$10,000. River Valley Redevelopment Agency grant to implement the project. Mr. Wright explained the Task Force has already obtained a \$10,000. grant from the St. Lawrence County Health Initiative. Director of Planning and Development Andrea Smith said the County Highway Department will paint the lines for the bike route at a reduced rate under a shared services program, and volunteers will paint the stencils and intersections.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. A public hearing regarding an Ordinance to amend the Ogdensburg Municipal Code, Chapter 73 entitled “Animals” was held. No one being present to speak, the hearing was declared closed.

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2. A public hearing regarding an Ordinance to sell City-owned property located at 801 Washington Street was held. No one being present to speak, the hearing was declared closed.

3. A public hearing regarding an Ordinance to sell City-owned property located at 8 Spring Street was held.

Ryan Woodard, 10 Spring Street, expressed an interest in the property and asked for information on the process. City Manager Sarah Purdy said the auction will be held on April 13, 2016 at 2pm. Mayor Ashley said Mr. Woodard could contact the City Manager if he has any further questions about the auction.

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Mayor Ashley read a proclamation declaring April 10-16, 2016 as National Library Week and presented the proclamation to City Librarian Penny Kerfien. Mayor Ashley thanked Ms. Kerfien and her staff for their hard work and dedication to the citizens of Ogdensburg.

2. Mayor Ashley read a proclamation supporting fair housing activity in the City and presented the proclamation to Director of Planning and Development Andrea Smith. Mayor Ashley thanked Ms. Smith for her hard work and dedication to the citizens of Ogdensburg.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. City Clerk Kathleen Bouchard read a letter from Suzanne Kelley requesting a deaf child sign in her neighborhood. (A copy of the letter follows these minutes.) Mayor Ashley turned the matter over to City Manager Sarah Purdy for action.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Ashley moved that the claims as enumerated in General Fund Warrant #6-2016 in the amount of \$372,624.73 and Library Fund Warrant #6-2016 in the amount of \$18,972.48 and Capital Fund Warrant #6-2016 in the amount of \$8,650.50 and Community Development Fund Warrant #6-2016 in the amount of \$0.00 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #6-2016 in the amount of \$0.00 as audited, be and the same are ordered paid and Councillor Mitchell seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Councillor Mitchell moved an ordinance to amend the Ogdensburg Municipal Code, Chapter 73 entitled "Animals", and Councillor Stevenson seconded to wit:

ORDINANCE #3 - 2016
AMENDING CHAPTER 73, ENTITLED "ANIMALS"
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG AS FOLLOWS:

ITEM ONE: That Chapter 73 entitled "Animals", Article II entitled "Dog Licensing", Section 73-3 entitled "Definitions", is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

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§ 73-3. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following words shall have the following respective meanings, unless otherwise expressly stated or unless the context or subject matter requires otherwise:

- A. "Agriculture and Markets Law": The Agriculture and Markets Law of the State of New York in effect as of the effective date of this Chapter, as amended by this Chapter, and as thereafter amended.
- B. "Adoption" means the delivery to any natural person eighteen years of age or older, for the limited purpose of harboring a pet, of any dog, seized or surrendered.
- C. "Clerk" means the clerk of City of Ogdensburg where licenses are validated or issued pursuant to this article.
- D. "Detection dog" means any dog that is trained to and works at using its senses to detect substances such as explosives, illegal drugs, wildlife scat, or blood.
- E. "Dog" means any member of the species *canis familiaris*.
- F. "Dog control officer" means an individual appointed by the City of Ogdensburg to assist in the enforcement of this article under contract with the City to assist in the enforcement of this article.
- G. "Euthanize" means to bring about death by a humane method.
- H. "Guide dog" means any dog that is trained to aid a person who is blind and is actually used for such purpose, or any dog owned by a recognized guide dog training center located within the state during the period such dog is being trained or bred for such purpose.
- I. "Harbor" means to provide food or shelter to any dog.

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- J. "Identification tag" means a tag issued by the licensing municipality which sets forth an identification number, together with the name of the municipality, the state of New York, contact information, including telephone number, for the municipality and such other information as the licensing municipality deems appropriate.
- K. "Municipality" means City of Ogdensburg.
- L. "Owner" means any person who harbors or keeps any dog.
- M. "Hearing dog" means any dog that is trained to aid a person with a hearing impairment and is actually used for such purpose, or any dog owned by a recognized training center located within the state during the period such dog is being trained or bred for such purpose.
- N. "Service dog" means any dog that has been or is being individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability, provided that the dog is or will be owned by such person or that person's parent, guardian or other legal representative.
- O. "Dangerous dog" means any dog which without justification attacks a person or companion animal, and causes physical injury or death, or behaves in a manner which a reasonable person would believe poses a serious and unjustified imminent threat of serious physical injury or death to one or more persons or companion animals.
- P. "Run at Large" means to be in a public place or on private land without the knowledge, consent and approval of the owner of such lands.

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Q. "Dog Enumeration" means an individual authorized and paid by the City to go door by door within the City counting the number of dogs domiciled in the City and determining if they are licensed or not. If a dog is not licensed, a notice is issued to the owner explaining that a license must be secured within 10 days. If not, a summons is issued for the owner to appear in court. Before a dog license can be issued, proof that the animal has an up-to-date rabies vaccination is required. Dog licensing is done through the City Clerk's office. There is a \$5.00 fee added for dogs licensed as a result of enumeration.

ITEM TWO: That Chapter 73 entitled "Animals", Article II entitled "Dog Licensing", Section 73-4.(D) entitled "Licensing of Dogs", is hereby amended to read as follows:

D. The City of Ogdensburg will issue exempt license(s) for any guide dog, service dog, hearing dog or detection dog upon presentation of a current certificate of rabies.

ITEM THREE: That Chapter 73 entitled "Animals", Article III entitled "Control of Dogs", Section 73-13. is hereby amended to read as follows:

§73-13. Dogs are prohibited in any grocery store or restaurant where food or perishable goods are sold except a guide dog, service dog, hearing dog or detection dog when serving as such.

ITEM FOUR: That Chapter 73 entitled "Animals", Article IV entitled "Exceptions", Section 73-18. (A) is hereby amended to read as follows:

§73-18. (A). Nonresidents and exhibitors. This article shall not apply to a dog owned by a nonresident, while passing through the City of Ogdensburg, nor to dogs brought into the City of Ogdensburg for a period not exceeding 15 days, if entered in any exhibition at any dog show therein, and confined and in immediate charge of the exhibitor.

ITEM FIVE: That Chapter 73 entitled "Animals", Article IV entitled "Penalties for Offenses", Section 73-19. (A)(1) is hereby amended to read as follows:

§73-19. (A)(1). A fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$350, and must provide proof of a valid dog license. Each day of continued violation is a separate and distinct offense.

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

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

2. Councillor Stevenson moved an ordinance to sell City-owned property located at 801 Washington Street, and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

ORDINANCE #4 of 2016
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 property 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>
48.071-4-5	801 Washington Street	\$ 5,750. (amount includes estimated \$400. Attorney fee & \$350. SLC Recording Fee)

SECTION TWO: The terms of this sale are as follows:

1. At the time of sale, the property is zoned Single-Family Residential. Any future use of the property shall comply with the provisions of the single-family residential zoning district, per Article III, of Chapter 221 entitled Zoning.

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2. An abstract of title and current survey will not be provided by the City.
3. The City makes no representations or warranties of any kind as to the property or any structure upon it or to any of the systems on the premises. Buyer shall assume responsibility for and indemnify and hold harmless City from any adverse conditions, environmental or otherwise, including hazardous substances on the premises, following a sale not caused by the City. The Deed shall contain such an indemnification provision.

SECTION THREE: 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 FOUR: This ordinance shall become effective after public notice has been published at least once each week for three weeks in the official City newspaper.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

3. Mayor Ashley moved an ordinance to sell City-owned property located at 8 Spring Street, and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

ORDINANCE #5 of 2016
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:

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SECTION ONE: The following property 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>
59.022-5-4	8 Spring Street	\$ 2,750.

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 after public notice has been published at least once each week for three weeks in the official City newspaper.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

4. Councillor Morley moved a resolution to reschedule the May 23, 2016 Council meeting to Thursday, May 26, 2016 due to a staff conference, and Councillor Stevenson seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regularly scheduled Ogdensburg City Council Meeting of Monday, May 23, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. has been changed to Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, N.Y. 13669.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

5. Mayor Ashley moved a resolution to provide for public notice and public hearing with regard to an amendment to the Ogdensburg Municipal Code, Chapter 193 entitled Subdivision of Land, and Councillor Price seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCING ORDINANCE # _ FOR 2016

BE IT RESOLVED that proposed Ordinance # _ of the year 201 6 entitled:

Amendment to Chapter 193, entitled Subdivision of Land, of the Ogdensburg Municipal Code of the City of Ogdensburg be and it hereby is introduced before the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg, NY, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the aforesaid proposed Ordinance be laid upon the desk of each member of the City Council, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hold a Public Hearing on said proposed Ordinance at the City Council Chambers at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 11, 2016, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the City of Ogdensburg of said public hearing at least seven days prior thereto.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

6. Mayor Ashley moved a resolution to approve the issuance of a Bond Ordinance in the amount of \$5,200,000. for improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

BOND ORDINANCE DATED MARCH 28, 2016.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IN AND FOR THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG, ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$5,200,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,200,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY, TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The construction of improvements to the wastewater treatment plant in and for the City of Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York, including incidental improvements and expenses, is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,200,000.

Section 2. The project has been determined to be a “Type I Action” for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder (“SEQR”) which the City, as lead agency, has satisfied all required steps under SEQR and for which a negative declaration was made.

Section 3. The plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of \$5,200,000 serial bonds of said City hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is forty years, pursuant to subdivision 4 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer.

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Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. The faith and credit of said City of Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said City, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as the City Comptroller shall deem best for the interests of the City.

Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the City by the facsimile signature of the City Comptroller, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the City), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the City Comptroller. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the City not to impose and collect from registered owners of such serial bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent.

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Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the City Comptroller shall determine.

Section 9. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this ordinance are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 10. This ordinance shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this ordinance, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 11. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

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Councillor Morley said he was contacted by Councillor Skamperle requesting that this resolution be tabled until the next Council meeting. Kevin Feuka, C2AE consultant, advised Council the deadline for filing the NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act grant application is April 15, 2016, and the State wants to see financing in place at the time of application. Mr. Feuka explained if Council passes this resolution tonight there will still be enough time to file a completed application before the deadline. Councillor Morley said he feels pressured to act on this matter tonight and will not support the resolution. Councillor Morley explained he has several concerns, including the actual construction costs, the repayment terms and how this Bond would affect our sewer rates. Councillor Mitchell said he would also like to know the construction costs. Mr. Feuka said this grant would secure 25% of the cost or \$1.3 million. City Comptroller Philip Cosmo said this bond would affect the sewer fund, but noted the amortization will be over thirty years. Mr. Cosmo explained the City is not agreeing to borrow \$5.2 million if this resolution passes tonight; it simply gives the authorization to do so if needed. Mr. Cosmo said we need to show we can obtain the necessary financing. Mayor Ashley asked if the City can cancel the Bond, and Mr. Cosmo said yes. Mr. Feuka explained the grant application is a two part process, and this is simply the first part. Mr. Feuka said the City is under no obligation to proceed with the project or exercise the bond, but approval of the bond ordinance will put the City one step closer to the 0% interest financing for 30 years. Mr. Feuka explained the City will not need to finalize the bond for 1-2 years and will also qualify for short term financing because of our hardship classification. Mr. Feuka said in the end the City will only bond for the amount needed.

Director of Public Works Scott Thornhill explained the repairs to the Wastewater Treatment Plant are desperately needed and there are critical items required to bring the plant up to date. Councillor Stevenson said it is better to do a planned upgrade rather than unexpected repairs caused by failures. Mr. Thornhill said it is in the City's best interest to take the necessary steps to qualify for the grant, especially knowing we can back out at any time. Mr. Thornhill explained if we do not approve the issuance of the bond, we are not eligible for the funding.

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City Manager Sarah Purdy said there are many plants across the state that would love to be in our position where the state encouraged us to apply. Councillor Price asked if we will lose the grant opportunity if Council does not approve the bond. Ms. Purdy said yes. Councillor Morley asked for the number of votes required for approval. City Clerk Kathleen Bouchard said five affirmative votes are needed to pass to bond ordinance.

The vote was:

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

NAYS: Councillor Morley

CARRIED, 5 TO 1

7. Councillor Stevenson moved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a Clean Water State Revolving Fund Finance (CWSRF) Application to finance the WWTP project, and Councillor Mitchell seconded to wit:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT
A CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND FINANCE
(CWSRF) APPLICATION TO FINANCE
THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg contracted with C2AE, who conducted an evaluation of the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and developed a capital improvement plan (CIP); and

WHEREAS, C2AE has identified all equipment on site, expected useful life, condition and what impact each piece would have on system if it was non-functioning; and

WHEREAS, C2AE has provided a priority list of projects for Waste Water Treatment Plant;

WHEREAS, the cost of the project is \$5,189,380., and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg City Manager is hereby authorized to submit a Clean Water State Revolving Fund Finance (CWSRF) application to finance the Waste Water Treatment Plant project.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

8. Councillor Price moved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an updated NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Grant to fund 25% of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project, and Councillor Stevenson seconded to wit:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN
UPDATED NEW YORK STATE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENT ACT GRANT FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT
PLANT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg contracted with C2AE, who conducted an evaluation of the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and developed a capital improvement plan (CIP); and

WHEREAS, C2AE has identified all equipment on site, expected useful life, condition and what impact each piece would have on system if it was non-functioning; and

WHEREAS, C2AE has provided a priority list of projects for Waste Water Treatment Plant;

WHEREAS, the cost of the project is \$5,189,380., and

WHEREAS, the New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Grant is a grant for 25% of the project cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg City Manager is hereby authorized to submit an updated grant application with the New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Grant Assistance through the Hardship and CSO/SSO Projects application categories.

Councillor Morley asked if there are any other grants the City can apply for to decrease our expenses for this project. Mr. Feuka said he anticipates a CFA would be available next, but he is not sure of the qualifications. Mr. Feuka said Governor Cuomo is also trying to increase the funding that will be available under the New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act grant program.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

9. Councillor Mitchell moved a resolution to amend the 2016 budget to allow for the use of 2015 Operation Stonegarden Grant Funds, and Councillor Stevenson seconded to wit:

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2016 GENERAL FUND BUDGET
IN CONNECTION WITH 2015 OPERATION STONEGARDEN FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City was awarded funding from the Office of Homeland Security, to be utilized in participating in the 2015 Operation Stonegarden Program in the amount of \$65,980.00; and

WHEREAS, a portion of those funds amounting to approximately \$27,449.00 were earmarked to cover overtime expenses incurred in performing our obligations within the program, \$36,603.00 were earmarked to purchase a Ford 4X4 patrol vehicle, \$ 1,352.00 were earmarked to cover fuel expenses during patrol operations and \$576.00 to cover vehicle maintenance; and

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WHEREAS, the process of obtaining the approval and State contract award, went beyond the date of approval of the 2016 Budget and therefore the funding was not reflected in the 2016 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the proper approval and contract award process has been completed and the funding needs to be reflected within the 2016 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council amends the 2016 budget to allow for the expenditure of the 2015 Operation Stonegarden Program grant funds, in the amount of \$65,980.00, to be appropriated as follows:

\$27,449.00 to be added to the Overtime Line – A3120.120

\$36,603.00 to be added to the Specialized Equipment Line – A3120.240

\$1,352.00 to be added to the Gasoline Line - A3120.480

\$576.00 to be added to the Equipment Maintenance Line – A3120.440

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2015 Operation Stonegarden Program revenue line be created in the 2016 budget as follows:

\$65,980.00 to be added to the 2016 Operation Stonegarden Program revenue line – A4101

Mayor Ashley said this is federal funding and contains no local money. Councillor Morley asked if this purchase will bring this year's total number of vehicle purchases for the police department to three. Mayor Ashley said yes, the police department already had two approved vehicle purchases in the budget. Councillor Morley asked if the vehicle can be used as a patrol vehicle or if restrictions are imposed because the purchase was made with grant funding. Councillor Stevenson said when the vehicle is not being used for Stonegarden activities it would be at the disposal of the Chief. Councillor Morley said an additional vehicle will decrease the wear and tear on our other vehicles.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

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10. Councillor Stevenson moved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for \$10,000 from the River Valley Redevelopment Agency to implement the Paterson Street Bike Lane, and Councillor Price seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER
TO SUBMIT A ST. LAWRENCE RIVER VALLEY REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg desires to promote the development of complete streets following the adoption in 2014 of our Complete Streets Policy, Article III of Chapter 189 Streets and Sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the goals and objectives of this policy the City Council has established an Active Living Task Force (ALTF); and

WHEREAS, the ALTF has identified the River Valley Redevelopment Agency as a source of funding to implement the proposed designate Paterson Street Bike Lane; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg is an eligible applicant for RVRA funding as a municipality located within St. Lawrence County; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of RVRA funding is to assist entities within the county undertaking projects that will provide clear and demonstrable community benefit to advance community development and environmental improvement; and

WHEREAS, this 2016 RVRA application for \$10,000 will leverage non-competitive funding from the St. Lawrence Health Initiative in the amount of \$10,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg that it hereby authorizes the filing of a FY2016 RVRA Grant Application to secure funding to undertake the implementation of approximately 1.3 miles of designated bike lane connecting Route 37 via Park Street, East David Street, and Paterson Street with the St. Lawrence Riverfront; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, or her designee, is hereby authorized to submit the application and, if awarded, to administer the program, including executing all necessary documents relating to the application or administration of the program.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

NEW BUSINESS

1. Councillor Stevenson said she attended the open forum at the Sherman Inn regarding the history of Ogdensburg. Councillor Stevenson said the event was well attended and encouraged everyone to attend future meetings.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Councillor Price said he was contacted by Joseph Schneider from the Veteran's Administration in Syracuse regarding their critical need for volunteer drivers in our area. Councillor Price encouraged anyone interested in volunteering to transport our veterans to attend the information session to be held at Amvets Post 19, Ogdensburg on April 2, 2016 at 2:00 pm. Councillor Stevenson thanked Councillor Price for remembering the topic and also encouraged anyone who can help to attend the meeting.

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