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Office of the City Manager

MEMORANDUM

MEMO TO: City Council
FROM: Sarah Purdy, City Manager *SP*
DATE: April 21, 2016
SUBJECT: Update 16/15

1. **Council Meeting Date Change** – Please note that the May 23, 2016 Council meeting has been changed to *Thursday, May 26, 2016*. This information has been changed on the City website and City Facebook page.
2. **Budget Report** - Comptroller Phil Cosmo gave an update at the April 11, 2016 City Council meeting on how the fiscal 2015 year ended. This update indicated that he and I would report at next Monday's Council meeting what steps we are taking to address creating more General Fund balance. I have been reviewing purchases planned for this year and have been meeting with each department head, but it turns out I was a little over-ambitious and need more time to meet with staff. I will plan for a report at the May 26 Council meeting.

3. **Department of Public Works Updates**

WWTP Update

- DANC Agreement – Agreement has been signed and will commence upon successful hire by DANC. DANC has offered a promising candidate the position and have a verbal acceptance. Looking at starting the week of May 16th.
- Waiting on State CSC to offer 4A test.
- WWTP Fund Opportunities – C2AE has submitted our second round grant application. We have received an acknowledgment that the application has been received.

Equipment

- Box and subframe failure on 401. Box predates 1995, but 401 is a 2003. We are looking at the cost of a replacement box.

Staff

- Gregg Harland has retired with his last working day being Monday, April 18, 2016. Shane Brown and Mike Baldock will be promoted to Supervisor, Public Works starting on Thursday, April 21, 2016.
- Looking at summer hires.

Road Cuts

- Currently cold patching pot holes.
- Waiting on availability of hot mix.

Paving / Milling / Streets

- We are finalizing the paving list for the 2016 season, but need CHIPS numbers to complete plan.
- Sheehan is low bidder for asphalt this year. Not sure how this will work out. They had the bid a few years back, but could not provide the product and the bid was turned over to Barrett's early in the season. Regardless the numbers are very favorable.

- We are trying to identify and address sign issues. Replacing worn and missing signs.
- Street cleaning is moving forward as conditions permit.

Sidewalks

- Batch plant opened last Friday. Setup Unit 7 yesterday and will start with sidewalk projects immediately.

Unit “6”

- Water services scheduled for Thursday and Friday.

Brush Pickup

- Spring cleanup is scheduled to start April 25th.
- Weekly program starts the first Monday in June.

Paterson St

- Punch List work has been suspended until spring. Final touch ups will be completed at that time.
- Met with NYS DOT about drainage near Burger King. Hoping for meeting in the next couple weeks with B&L so that we can get closure on this issue.

Solar Array

- Construction has resumed. Contractor is moving ahead slowly.

Storm Drops / Cleaning Sewer Mains

- Flushing the sewer mains as time permits. Process almost completed for spring.

Mowing / Trimming

- Activity will resume next spring.

Filters

- Next filters are scheduled for 4-29-16.

Misc.

- 1130 Ford Street was demoed on Monday – April 18th. Material was hauled away on Tuesday and Wednesday. Site should be clear by end of business Wednesday.
- Working on cleaning up fill at the Park Plaza property as time permits.

4. **Parks and Recreation Updates**

- Kids Kingdom Damage – On Friday, April 15th Parks and Recreation employees found more damage to the fence around Kids Kingdom. A report was filed with the Police Department and the fence was repaired. Photo attached.

5. **Planning Department Update**

6. **Assessment Department Update**

7. **Fire Department Update**

8. **Public Statement Hearing Regarding Ag Energy’s Application to Restart Electric Generation in Ogdensburg Facility**

- New York State Department of Public Service Notification Letter – Attached please find a notification letter from the NYS DPS notifying the public that they will sponsor a public hearing on May 4, 2016, 7:00 pm, at City Hall, Council Chambers to receive public comments regarding Ag Energy’s petition to restart electric generation at the Ogdensburg facility. Please see the attached letter for more information.





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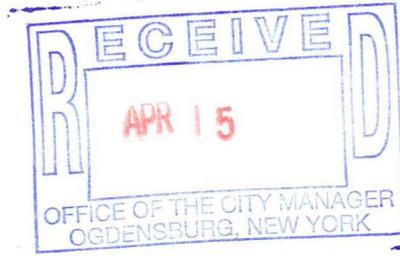
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April 12, 2016

Dear Community Leader/Elected Official:

AG-Energy has filed a petition with the New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) seeking approval to restart electric generation at the Ogdensburg Energy Facility. The plant is located at 21 Entrance Avenue, Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York.

The Commission is sponsoring a public statement hearing to solicit input and comments from your community regarding the petition. Information received at the public statement hearing will be transcribed and will be included in the case record. The public comments will be considered by the Commission in deciding this case.

The enclosed fact sheet provides detailed information on how to participate in the public statement hearing and available options to submit comments on the proceeding. A copy of the petition, as well as additional information about the proceeding can be found at the Commission's www.dps.ny.gov web site. From the homepage, click on "Search," and enter 16-E-0033 in the "Search by Case Number" field.

I would appreciate your assistance with informing your constituents about the public statement hearing and encouraging them to provide comments. It is the Commission's intent to facilitate and encourage active and meaningful participation throughout all of its proceedings. We hope you will consider joining us.

Sincerely,

Michael Corso
Consumer Advocate and Director,
Office of Consumer Services

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Public Service Commission

Factsheet and Notice of Public Hearing

Ogdensburg Energy Facility Case 16-E-0033

AG-Energy, LP ("AG-Energy") owns the Ogdensburg Energy Facility located in Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York. The Company has filed a petition with the New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) seeking approval to restart electric generation at the plant.

Informational Forum and Public Statement Hearing

The Commission is seeking public comment on AG-Energy's petition to restart the electric plant at its Ogdensburg Facility. Interested members of the public are invited to attend the hearing and provide comments before an Administrative Law Judge. The hearing will be preceded by an information session, at which Staff from the Department of Public Service (DPS) will provide an overview of the Public Service Law certification process and representatives from the Company will provide a summary of its request. The presentation will be followed by an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions.

It is not necessary to be present at the start of the hearing, or make an appointment in advance, or present written material in order to speak at the hearing. All comments given at the hearing will be transcribed and become part of the Commission's formal record. The hearing will adjourn no earlier than 8:00 p.m. and will remain open until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made.

Please join us at the following location:

Information Session and Public Statement Hearing

Date: May 4, 2016
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Ogdensburg City Hall
City Council Chambers
330 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations may place a collect call to the DPS's Human Resources Management Office at 518-474-2520. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711 to reach the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Office at the previously mentioned number. If you have difficulty understanding English, please call the Department at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services.

Case Background

AG-Energy L.P.'s Facility began commercial operation in 1994 as a 79 megawatt cogeneration facility, selling electric output to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and steam to the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center. The facility consisted of two gas turbine generating units, a steam turbine generating unit and two auxiliary boilers.

In 2007, AG-Energy removed the gas turbines from service, leaving in place the steam service which continued to provide steam until 2010. AG-Energy has maintained the equipment on site and performed maintenance activities to preserve the condition of the equipment and Facility.

AG-Energy now seeks to restart electric generation operation. On January 20, 2016, AG-Energy filed a petition with the Commission requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) pursuant to Public Service Law §68. The CPCN would authorize AG-Energy to perform the work necessary to restart its existing electric generation facility, which will have the same generating capacity as before the gas turbines ceased commercial operations. That work involves the reinstallation of the gas turbines.

Additional details are set forth in the petition which is available on the Commission's website at www.dps.ny.gov. To access information on the petition regarding AG-Energy, click on "Search" and then enter case number "16-E-0033." The Commission may approve, modify, or reject AG-Energy's petition in whole or in part.

Methods for Commenting on the Case

All comments can be made at the public statement hearing held on May 4, 2016 or submitted through the methods below:

- **Via Mail/E-Mail:** Submit comments electronically to Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, at secretary@dps.ny.gov or by mail or delivery to Secretary Burgess at the New York State Department of Public Service, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-1350. Comments delivered in these manners should reference the associated case number (16-E-0033).
- **Via the Department Website:** Comments may be entered directly into the case via the www.dps.ny.gov website, by entering the associated case number in the Search option found on the homepage. After opening the case, enter comments in the "Post Comments" section located at the top of the page.
- **Call the Toll-free Opinion Line:** Individuals may choose to submit comments by calling the Commission's toll-free Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This line is set up to receive in-state calls 24 hours a day. Callers should press "1" to leave comments about Case 16-E-0033. Comments received via the Opinion Line are not transcribed, but a summary is provided to the Commission for their consideration.

All comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission. Comments will be accepted at any point while this proceeding is pending, but are requested by May 10, 2016 to ensure full consideration.