

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

PRESENT: Mayor Nelson, Councillors Cilley,  
Morley, Sholette and Skamperle

ABSENT: Councillors Powers and Vaugh

### PROCLAMATION

1. Mayor Nelson proclaimed April 2011 as “Fair Housing Month” in the City of Ogdensburg.

### PRESENTATION

1. Justin Woods, Director of Planning and Development presented his departments presentation at the 2011 National Brownfield Conference. Mr. Woods stated our presentation received very positive feedback, some interest and good leads. (A copy of the City of Ogdensburg Brownfield Opportunity Areas material handed out at the conference follows these minutes.)

2. Kit Smith, Director of Public Works, stated that an informational meeting was held at the Community Center to answer Beaver Brook residents’ questions on April 6. Mr. Smith said it was a very good meeting and outlined the Beaver Brook Stormwater Improvements Project changes.

### PERSONAL APPEARANCE

1. Steve Rose, 1702 Montgomery Street, thanked Council for the first public meeting regarding the proposed Beaver Brook Stormwater Improvements Project.

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Mr. Rose stated the areas of concern are the swale on Jay Street, the piping and the swale on Picquet Drive. Mr. Rose reviewed for Council questions residents have and stated they look forward to the second public meeting. Mr. Rose stated his neighbors have questions about the home inspection protocol.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Mayor Nelson moved that the claims as enumerated for April 11, 2011 in General Fund Warrant #7-2011 in the amount of \$748,082.43 and Library Fund Warrant #7-2011 in the amount of \$20,718.56 and Capital Fund Warrant #7-2011 in the amount of \$0.00 and Community Development Fund Warrant #7-2011 in the amount of \$0.00 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #7-2011 in the amount of \$0.00 and HOME Fund Warrant #7-2011 in the amount of \$0.00 and AHC Funds Warrant #7-2011 in the amount of \$0.00, RESTORE Program Warrant #7-2011 in the amount of \$0.00 and NSP Funds Warrant #7-2011 in the amount of \$0.00 and NY Main St. Program Warrant #7-2011 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

2. Mayor Nelson moved that the claims as enumerated for April 18, 2011 in General Fund Warrant #8-2011 in the amount of \$279,313.27 and Library Fund Warrant #8-2011 in the amount of \$17,870.85 and Capital Fund Warrant #8-2011 in the amount of \$83,291.66 and Community Development Fund Warrant #8-2011 in the amount of \$5,221.16 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #8-2011 in the amount of \$16,019.93 and HOME Fund Warrant #8-2011 in the amount of \$0.00 and AHC Funds Warrant #8-2011 in the amount of \$0.00, RESTORE Program Warrant #8-2011 in the amount of \$0.00 and NSP Funds Warrant #8-2011 in the amount of \$0.00 and NY Main St. Program Warrant #8-2011 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 Morley moved a resolution to approve the 2011 tax warrant, and Councillor Skamperle seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Tax Roll of the City of Ogdensburg, for the fiscal year January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, has been completed, and,

WHEREAS, Section C70 of the City Charter directs that when the tax rolls have thus been completed, a warrant signed by the City Manager and the City Clerk shall be attached hereto directing the Comptroller to collect from the persons named in the rolls the sum specified as levied against the parcels as owned by them, and

WHEREAS, the tax was computed on the taxable valuation of \$269,180,357 and the tax rate is \$16.242658 per thousand for the General City Tax and the taxable valuation of \$270,465,845 and the tax rate is \$9.435530 per thousand for the General County Tax for the fiscal year January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 and the tax roll will produce the following:

CITY AND COUNTY TAX	\$	6,924,193.01
DUE WATER ACCOUNT		143,676.28
DUE SEWER ACCOUNT		170,679.69
DUE MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT		10,827.58
OMITTED TAXES		<u>9,764.46</u>
TOTAL	\$	<u>7,259,141.02</u>

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NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Section C70 of the City Charter, the Tax Roll of the fiscal year 2011 is confirmed and the warrant in the sum of \$7,259,141.02 annexed thereto and be signed for the collections of all taxes in two installments; the first installment commencing April 15, 2011 and the second installment commencing July 15, 2011, and that all taxes shall be liens on the real property against which the sum levied is superior to all other liens and encumbrances from the date of signing of said warrant.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

2. Councillor Sholette moved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute contracts with National Grid and RISE Engineering, and Councillor Skamperle seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER  
TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS WITH NATIONAL GRID & RISE ENGINEERING TO  
INSTALL ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING  
AT 6 MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the Climate Smart Communities Pledge setting a goal to reduce the City's energy use; and

WHEREAS, the City conducted Energy Audits using NYSERDA and National Grid programs showing significant potential cost savings from making energy efficient improvements; and

WHEREAS, for lighting improvements, the National Grid programs offered the City greater cost savings; and

WHEREAS, the combined projected cost savings from these improvements is almost \$18,000 per year;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute contracts with National Grid and RISE Engineering to make energy efficient light improvements at 6 municipal facilities for a total project cost not to exceed \$20,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the \$20,000 in funds to pay for this work shall be derived from the City's Fund Balance, and that the City Comptroller is authorized to transfer the funds to the corresponding accounts for each building.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

3. Mayor Nelson moved a resolution authorizing a change order to the contract for the Beaver Brook Stormwater Improvements Project, and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER  
TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER #1  
TO THE CONTRACT WITH FIACCO & RILEY CONSTRUCTION, INC.  
FOR THE BEAVER BROOK STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Fiacco & Riley Construction, Inc. for the Beaver Brook Stormwater Improvements Project for a total contract sum, including contingency, not to exceed \$106,500.; and

WHEREAS, in the original project an open ditch swale was recommended; and

WHEREAS, in an informational meeting concerns were brought forth by residents living in the area; and

WHEREAS, the City feels their concerns are warranted and a modification of the drainage within the area to a closed pipe drainage system is being proposed by the project engineer;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute Change Order #1, at a project cost increase of \$24,098., to the existing contract between the City of Ogdensburg and Fiacco & Riley Construction, Inc., for a total contract sum not to exceed \$130,598.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the additional \$24,098. in contingency funds to pay for this work shall be derived from Capital Account H812003.518.

The vote was:

AYES: Mayor Nelson, Councillors Cilley,  
Morley and Skamperle

NAYS: Councillor Sholette

APPROVED, 4 TO 1

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Mayor Nelson wished Deputy Mayor Morley a Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
2. Mayor Nelson requested an update on the BOA deliverables from the Director of Planning and Development, Justin Woods.
3. Mayor Nelson requested an update on the City's new website. City Manager, Arthur Sciorra stated the website is completed. Director of Planning and Development, Justin Woods stated the website is in its final draft, and the site will be changed in four to six weeks.
4. Mayor Nelson asked if staff has received any information on Cloud Technology. Mayor Nelson said being a beta site for the Cloud technology is a way to share and reduce costs. Mr. Sciorra stated Mr. Woods has looked at this; but until the beta sites are evaluated, this is nothing the City can get into immediately. Mr. Woods stated the pilot communities were already selected by the time the City applied, but they know the City is very interested if they do another round of testing.

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5. Councillor Sholette requested an update on the Cheese Plant.

6. Councillor Sholette requested an update on the City's Vehicle Maintenance RFP's that were discussed during the budget process. Mr. Sciorra stated the RFP's were sent out to all City repair shops.

7. Councillor Sholette requested an update on the Visitors' Center concession. City Manager, Arthur Sciorra stated there is an interested candidate who will be brought forward very soon.

8. Councillor Sholette stated some City marina users have told him that the marina pipe that flows from west to east is blocked. Mr. Sciorra stated Director of Public Works, Kit Smith and Director of Planning and Development Justin Woods have discussed using marina grant funds to create a cut through with a walk-over.

9. Councillor Skamperle asked if a permit will be required to clean out this pipe. Director of Public Works, Kit Smith stated we need a permit, and there are conditions to obtaining the permit, such as closing off the inner harbor and doing the work during the winter. Mr. Smith also stated Perras Construction gave the City a bid to do this work which he will give to the City Manager for the update. Mr. Smith added that he is not sure a pipe will do what Councillor Sholette wants, but it needs to be open with a walkway to get a good flow.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Councillor Skamperle gave kudos to Director of Recreation, Matthew Curatolo and Mr. Sciorra for their assistance with the walleye program and the Ultimate Fishing Town USA. Councillor Skamperle stated four and a half jars of walleye eggs were obtained and are being worked on at the pumphouse. Councillor Skamperle also stated he is glad to see the follow-through taking place with the community partnership from the meeting Mr. Sciorra, Mr. Woods and Andrea Smith had with the St. Lawrence Valley Sportsman's Club.

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2. Councillor Sholette stated he read about the proposed scuba diving park and asked who drew the recent photo in the newspaper. Mr. Sciorra stated Eric Brunet did the drawings. Councillor Sholette stated it would be great if the City could take advantage of this opportunity.

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