

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, Skamperle and Vaugh

ABSENT: Councillors Powers and Sholette*

Mayor Nelson stated that Councillor Powers requested to be excused tonight. There was a consensus of Council to excuse Councillor Powers.

*At this point in the meeting Councillor Sholette arrived.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. City Clerk Kathleen Bouchard read a letter from Al Recore, Commander of the American Legion, requesting permission to hold the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on May 30, 2011. Mayor Nelson turned this request over to staff for review and consideration.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nelson moved that the claims as enumerated in General Fund Warrant #9-2011 in the amount of \$71,252.21 and Library Fund Warrant #9-2011 in the amount of \$1,132.13 and Capital Fund Warrant #9-2011 in the amount of \$6,484.24 and Community Development Fund Warrant #9-2011 in the amount of \$3,870.00 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #9-2011 in the amount of \$1,080.00 and HOME Fund Warrant #9-2011 in the amount of \$7,443.66 and AHC Funds Warrant #9-2011 in the amount of \$11,716.34, RESTORE Program Warrant #9-2011 in the amount of \$0.00 and NSP Funds Warrant #9-2011 in the amount of \$0.00 and NY Main St. Program Warrant #9-2011 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. Mayor Nelson introduced a resolution establishing a standard work day for elected and appointed officials who are participating members in the NYS Retirement System, and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

**Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution
 For Elected And Appointed Officials**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ogdensburg hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

Title	Name	Social Security Number (Last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)
Elected Officials							
City Councillor	Daniel E. Skamperle	5638	50000025	6	01/1/2010-12/31/13	n	10
City Councillor	Nicholas J. Vaugh	0913	43446863	6	01/1/2008-12/31/11	n	8
City Councillor	Douglas G. Sholette	9863	50229848	6	01/1/2008-12/31/11	n	6

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The vote was:

AYES: Mayor Nelson, Councillors Cilley,
Morley, Skamperle and Vaugh

ABSTAIN: Councillor Sholette

NAYS: None

APPROVED, 5 TO 0

2. Councillor Vaugh introduced a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a 2011 Preserve NY Grant, and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO
APPLY FOR A 2011 PRESERVE NY GRANT

WHEREAS, the City initiated a historic preservation report in 2009 and 2010;
and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Report recommends, among other things, the consideration of expanding the City's Historic District and developing multiple site nominations for historic properties eligible for the state and national register; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Council on the Arts and the Preservation League of New York State administers a grant program to support preservation planning;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for a 2011 Preserve NY Grant, and if awarded, to enter into the necessary contracts to administer the grant.

Councillor Skamperle questioned if this will place restrictions on historic property in the City and asked what tax incentive programs and benefits this program will provide. Planning & Development Director, Justin Woods stated this resolution is for a grant application, and added that it will allow tax credits for income tax.

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Councillor Vaugh stated Council previously requested a Historic Preservation District Report but hasn't received either the final or preliminary draft. Councillor Vaugh also questioned if the Planning Board and the Historic Commission will be involved. Mr. Woods stated he will involve the Planning Board at their next meeting and the Historic Commission next month.

Councillor Skamperle questioned if there will be a public hearing. Mr. Woods stated it's not required but one can be held if Council wishes.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

3. Mayor Nelson introduced a resolution calling for a public hearing regarding the lease of City-owned property in the City of Ogdensburg, and Councillor Vaugh seconded to wit:

A RESOLUTION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL TO OPERATE A CONCESSION IN THE DOBISKY VISITORS CENTER AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE LEASE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg has issued a Request for Proposals with intent to "establish a private sector business in the operation of a quality food and beverage concession for the patrons of Greenbelt Park". . .with intent to encourage "new and innovative approaches to providing services and special events at this location"; and

WHEREAS, the City has received a workable proposal from Alyssa R. Hicks d/b/a Lulu's who submitted an application including a business plan; and

WHEREAS, Alyssa R. Hicks d/b/a Lulu's has offered \$600/month as payment for the lease to operate the concession; and

WHEREAS, the term of the lease shall end on the September 30, 2011, at which time the tenant will openly provide an audited financial statement, including revenues and expenditures, for the purposes of negotiating a fair, long-term rental rate; and

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WHEREAS, the City Council hereby accepts the proposal of Alyssa R. Hicks d/b/a/ Lulu's to operate a concession located in the Dobisky Visitors' Center, subject to approval of lease;

WHEREAS, the City Charter mandates that a Lease be finalized only after giving public notice in a local newspaper and conducting a public hearing;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council shall hold a public hearing on the 9th day of May, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., at the Council Chambers in the City of Ogdensburg, New York, regarding this proposed Lease of City-owned property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk give notice of such public hearing by publication in the newspaper so designated by the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg for legal and public notices 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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councillor Morley stated he received a complaint that people are parking their cars in the area between the sidewalk and road. Assistant City Manager Philip Cosmo said he will discuss this at the staff meeting.

2. Councillor Sholette stated that he previously requested an update on the Cheese Plant and it's water and sewer issues. Mr. Cosmo stated that he and Mr. Sciorra have discussed this and will provide the information when he gets back.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Nelson congratulated Planning and Development Director, Justin Woods on the recent I.C.L.E.I. Milestone Achievement Award in recognition of leadership and progress toward climate protection in Ogdensburg. (A copy follows these minutes.)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Councillor Sholette reminded Council that the Arbor Day Celebration is this Friday at 9:30am in the Hamilton Street Park. Councillor Sholette stated he is unable to make this year's ceremony.

Mayor Nelson stated this is the 18th year the City has received Tree City designation.

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