

## 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 Morley, Powers,  
Sholette, Skamperle and Vaugh

ABSENT: Councillor Cilley \*

Mayor Nelson stated Councillor Cilley asked to be excused tonight as he coaches the high school girls softball team and there are many double headers scheduled due to the weather. There was a consensus of Council to excuse Councillor Cilley.

### PRESENTATION

1. Director of Planning and Development, Justin Woods played a video, depicting Ogdensburg as a Fishing Destination, narrated by Don Meissner.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nelson moved that the claims as enumerated in General Fund Warrant #10-2011 in the amount of \$931,711.53 and Library Fund Warrant #10-2011 in the amount of \$51,478.57 and Capital Fund Warrant #10-2011 in the amount of \$60,347.33 and Community Development Fund Warrant #10-2011 in the amount of \$54,119.76 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #10-2011 in the amount of \$29,340.23 and HOME Fund Warrant #10-2011 in the amount of \$2,770.00 and AHC Funds Warrant #10-2011 in the amount of \$9,865.00, RESTORE Program Warrant #10-2011 in the amount of \$0.00 and NSP Funds Warrant #10-2011 in the amount of \$5,062.50 and NY Main St. Program Warrant #10-2011 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

PROCLAMATION

1. Mayor Nelson read a proclamation urging the community to purchase Buddy Poppies from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, from May 27 through June 2, to show support for United States Veterans. (A copy of the proclamation follows these minutes.)

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Councillor Skamperle moved a resolution authorizing the Police Department to reimburse the Department's Specialized Equipment and Professional Training Line with funds from the Forfeiture of Criminal Proceeds Account, and Councillor Powers seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO UTILIZE FUNDS  
FROM THE FORFEITURE OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDS ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, the Police Department in its efforts to investigate various crimes committed in the City, often utilizes various types of specialized equipment, including the Computerized Voice Stress Analyzer, that on many occasions has proven to be the key to solving particular crimes; and

WHEREAS, the current Toshiba CVSA instrument and software is approximately 11 years old and in need of an upgrade; and

WHEREAS, a special Trade-in Program currently exists in which an upgrade to the latest CVSA II Dell Latitude instrument and a reduced tuition cost for training of CVSA Operators is available; and

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WHEREAS, it is permissible by the Equitable Sharing Program Guidelines to utilize funds from the Forfeiture of Criminal Proceeds fund to pay for such expenses incurred in the upgrading of equipment and training,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Police Department is hereby authorized to reimburse the Department's Specialized Equipment and Professional Training Line items and that monies in the amount of \$4,380.00 be appropriated from the Forfeiture of Criminal Proceeds Account, Line A2626 General Fund Revenues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the \$4,380.00 be transferred from the Forfeiture of Criminal Proceeds account and distributed in the amounts of \$3,295.00 to the Specialized Equipment Line Item Account A3120.240 and \$1,085.00 to the Professional Training Line Item Account A3120.510.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

2. Councillor Sholette moved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Vehicle Maintenance Agreement with Regan's Automotive, Inc., and Councillor Vaughn seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT  
FOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg has received three proposals for the vehicle maintenance for City-owned motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has reviewed the three proposals and has recommended Regan's Automotive, Inc., Ogdensburg, NY;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Regan's Automotive, Inc. according to the terms set by the City of Ogdensburg Request for Proposal, Vehicle Maintenance, and the proposal submitted by Regan's Automotive, Inc.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Mayor Nelson reminded everyone that Waddington is number one or two in the competition to be named the Ultimate Fishing Town USA, and urged citizens to vote and show their support for Waddington. City Manager, Arthur Sciorra stated people may send their e-mail addresses to the Waddington Chamber of Commerce, and they will vote on their behalf.

2. Mayor Nelson reminded the community that the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall opening ceremony will be on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

3. Mayor Nelson reminded everyone that the Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday at 10:00a.m., hosted by the American Legion.

4. Councillor Morley stated that two City properties, 2 Grove Street and 505 New York Avenue, have very tall grass. Mayor Nelson stated he received complaints about the old St. Joseph's Nursing Home property. City Manager, Arthur Sciorra stated he will check on these locations.

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5. Councillor Morley requested an update on the Cheese Plant sewer separation inspection results. Mr. Sciorra stated the City Attorney is working with the engineering firm on the inspection, no results at this time.

6. Councillor Morley requested a census information update. Director of Planning and Development, Justin Woods stated the City data is not out yet, but the State data was just released. Mr. Woods also stated the American Fact Finder website has the most current information, and he will provide that website information to the City Manager.

7. Councillor Powers stated last fall Council requested Jason Clark give a update on the Northern Corridor Transportation progress, it was scheduled but later cancelled. Mr. Sciorra stated he would contact Mr. Clark and reschedule.

8. Councillor Skamperle stated Council approved a tentative agreement with the fire department on March 14<sup>th</sup>, and questioned the status of the contract. Mr. Sciorra explained the City and union are finalizing the contract language.

9. Councillor Sholette asked if the City has received a letter from Mr. Dupree regarding the placement of a swale on his lot in the Beaverbrook area. City Manager, Arthur Sciorra stated the City Attorney sent him an easement agreement, but hasn't received anything back.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Councillor Vaugh stated the EB5 Visa Program attracts foreign investors with \$500,000 capital in exchange for a visa, which helps attract investment and creates jobs. Councillor Vaugh stated he would like the IDA, OBPA and the local economic developers to get together and talk about using this program as a tool to create jobs. Councillor Vaugh added that the closest CIS regional center is located in Vermont and has attracted \$17,000,000. for a resort in their area.

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\* At this point in the meeting Councillor Cilley arrives.

Director of Planning and Development, Justin Woods stated this is a very large program that takes a couple of years to set up, and can cost up to a quarter million dollars to establish. Mr. Woods also stated it is a great program to attract investors once set up. Mr. Sciorra stated this is a great, flexible program that should be investigated, but the City needs to determine what is best for us and possibly join with Plattsburgh, Buffalo or Vermont.

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Councillor Powers asked if the windows for Senator Ritchie's office are still on back-order. City Manager, Arthur Sciorra stated Director of Public Works, Kit Smith reported the windows would be here and installed by the end of this week or early next week.

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