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

PRESENT: Mayor Nelson, Councillors Ashley, Cilley, Morley, Skamperle, Hosmer and Stevenson

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING

1. A public hearing on the sale of City-owned property was held and the following addressed Council:

Hollis Harris, 7 Brown Street, said he has maintained the Brown Street vacant lot for the last ten years and is interested in purchasing this property.

Gene Perrigo, 816 Paterson Street, asked if the prior buildings were buried on the 808 & 814 Paterson Street lots, if there are liens on the property and will a survey be required. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said the prior buildings are not buried on the lots and a survey will not be provided, the buyer will receive a Quit Claim Deed. Mr. Cosmo said it is up to the buyer to have a survey done depending on what will be done with the lots. Mr. Perrigo asked if the minimum bid of \$5,000 can be lowered. Mr. Cosmo explained the two lots are buildable and both lots have water/sewer services.

Sheila Perrigo of 816 Paterson Street said she believes \$3,000 is a fair price for the 808 & 814 Paterson Street property. Mrs. Perrigo said she put in a request two years ago to buy the properties, but the request did not go anywhere.

Larry Vielhauer, 721 Park Street, spoke about 1026 Lafayette Street and the paper street on Clark Street. Mr. Vielhauer asked why the City is only selling one end of the paper street. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said the lower lot gathers water and is not a buildable lot.

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Mr. Cosmo added the paper street will never be a City street as there are no sewer lines in the interior. Interim City Planner Andrea Smith said the sale does not land lock the property since the Clark Street lot will never meet the Lafayette Street lot. Mrs. Smith said the Lafayette Street lot is a buildable lot. Councillor Cilley asked if the Lafayette Street lot is part of the paper street. Mrs. Smith said no because it has Lafayette Street frontage.

Cheryl Bouchey, 912 Mechanic Street, asked Council to split the 808 & 814 Paterson Street lots.

Bill Kench, 1118 Lafayette Street, said he is interested in purchasing the 1026 Lafayette Street property. Mr. Kench asked if the lot is buildable with a Quit Claim Deed. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said a bank may require a Warranty Deed. Mr. Kench questioned if someone else purchases this property and fills the flooded area, will the City make sure his property is not flooded.

No one else being present to speak, Mayor Nelson declared the Public Hearing closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nelson moved that the claims as enumerated in General Fund Warrant #12-2012 in the amount of \$1,147,885.92 and Library Fund Warrant #12-2012 in the amount of \$24,430.10 and Capital Fund Warrant #12-2012 in the amount of \$186,913.25 and Community Development Fund Warrant #12-2012 in the amount of \$6,759.07 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #12-2012 in the amount of \$40.85 and HOME Fund Warrant #12-2012 in the amount of \$0.00 and AHC Funds Warrant #12-2012 in the amount of \$0.00, RESTORE Program Warrant #12-2012 in the amount of \$0.00 and NSP Funds Warrant #12-2012 in the amount of \$0.00 and NY Main St. Program Warrant #12-2012 in the amount of \$2,850.00 as audited, be and the same are ordered paid and Councillor Skamperle seconded the motion.

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The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. 1. Mayor Nelson moved a resolution to offer City-owned property for sale at Public Auction, and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

ORDINANCE #5 of 2012
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 properties 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>	<u>RESTRICTION(S)</u>
48.058-4-21.1	Curtis	\$ 500.	
48.058-3-12	Curtis	\$ 100.	
48.058-3-13	416 ½ John	\$ 100.	
48.065-4-5	524 Bigelow Street	\$20,000.	
48.064-8-8	1505 Ford St	\$ 500.	
48.064-2-41	214 Pero Ln.		
48.064-2-40	216 Pero Ln.	\$ 500.	No Subdivision
48.065-5-16	520 Barre St	\$ 5,000.	Demo required
48.071-6-4	917 Ford St	\$5,000.	
48.073-4-2	701 Barre St	\$ 500.	

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48.078-5-18	Lincoln Ave	\$ 50.	
48.079-18-13	212 Ford St	\$ 5,000.	
48.079-18-23	100 Ford St	\$400,000.	
48.080-2-7	1026 Lafayette	\$ 5,000.	
	Street		
48.080-5-39	808 Paterson		
48.080-5-38	814 Paterson	\$ 3,000.	No subdivision
	Street		
48.078-7-16	Brown Street	\$ 100.	
48.079-12-10.114			
	420 Lafayette	\$ 5,000.	
	Street		
48.078-5-42.1	17 Mill St.	\$ 100.	
48.078-5-39	216 Lake St	\$ 500.	No subdivision
48.078-5-41	13-15 Mill St	\$ 100.	
59.021-3-27.1	904 Ogden St		
59.021-3-26	902 Ogden St	\$ 5,000.	No subdivision
59.021-3-23	217 Harrison	\$ 100.	
	Avenue		
59.030-4-16	804/806 NY	\$ 500.	
	Avenue		
59.030-7-4	420 Pine St	\$ 500.	Demo required
59.030-8-13	1101 Albany	\$ 500.	
	Avenue		
59.030-9-19	824 Madison	\$ 100.	
	Avenue		
59.031-3-7	1025 NY Ave	\$ 5,000.	
48.078-4-29	115 Lake Street	\$ 500.	

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 ten days after publication.

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Councillor Skamperle made a motion that the minimum bid price for 808 & 814 Paterson Street be lowered from \$5,000 to \$3,000 and Councillor Morley seconded the motion. Mayor Nelson said if Council lowers the minimum bid for one parcel, others can request the same. Councillor Cilley said he is concerned about the restriction placed on the parcels. Councillor Cilley said if a person purchases the properties, he should be able to do what he wants with the property. Councillor Morley said he understands why no subdivision will be allowed. Councillor Morley explained the City needs new houses and keeping the parcels combined makes it a buildable lot. Councillor Stevenson said she is not in favor of subdividing the lots or lowering the price. Mayor Nelson said the City has money invested in the back taxes and recommended the parcels be sold at these prices. Councillor Stevenson suggested if the properties do not sell the first time; the minimum bid could be lowered. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said the City has considerable money against these properties and added the minimum bid prices do not cover the amount invested. Mayor Nelson said the City has sold a building lot in the past for \$5,000.

The vote was:

AYES: Councillors Ashley, Hosmer, Morley and Skamperle

NAYS: Mayor Nelson and Councillors Cilley and Stevenson

CARRIED, 4 TO 3

The vote on the amended ordinance was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

Councillor Morley made a motion that the minimum bid price for 701 Barre Street be lowered from \$500 to \$100 and added it is a non-buildable lot. Councillor Skamperle seconded the motion. Interim City Planner Andrea Smith said the lot is a non-conforming lot at the end of an improved street.

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Mrs. Smith said the lot can be developed. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said the determination between \$500 and \$100 was made based on advantages that some lots may have over others.

The vote was:

AYES: Councillor Morley

NAYS: Mayor Nelson and Councillors Ashley, Cilley, Hosmer, Skamperle and Stevenson

DEFEATED, 6 TO 1

2. Mayor Nelson moved a resolution calling for a public hearing on an ordinance to name a City lane "Edwards Lane", and Councillor Skamperle seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING AN ORDINANCE
AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE
AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. ____ of 2012, entitled "An Ordinance to name an unnamed City lane on the Official City Map, as "Edwards Lane", be and it hereby is introduced before the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg, New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council shall hold a public hearing in the matter of the adoption of the aforesaid Ordinance to be held at the Council Chambers in the City of Ogdensburg, New York, on the 9th day of July, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk give notice of such public hearing by publication in the official newspaper at least seven

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(7) days before the hearing date of a notice setting forth the time and place and describing the proposed ordinance in summary form.

Councillor Hosmer asked how the decision is reached to name an unnamed lane. Mayor Nelson said the Historical Commission makes that decision and recommendation.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

3. Councillor Ashley moved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Labor Contract with the CSEA Salaried Unit for 2010-2012, and Councillor Skamperle seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER
TO EXECUTE A LABOR CONTRACT WITH THE
CSEA SALARIED UNIT FOR 2010-2012

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg and the CSEA Salaried Unit have negotiated the attached Tentative Labor Agreement for 2010 through 2012, and

WHEREAS, the membership of the CSEA Salaried Unit has ratified said Tentative Labor Agreement,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a Labor Contract with the CSEA Salaried Unit for 2010 through 2012 which incorporates the terms of the Tentative Agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Comptroller is hereby authorized to make related budgetary transfers from the Contingency Account.

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Councillor Morley asked for an explanation of the terms of the contract. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said it is a three year contract with pay increases of 1%, 1.5% and 1.75%. Mr. Cosmo said the contract also contains the City recommendation of mandatory mail order prescriptions and use of generic drugs, increased deductibles effective 1/1/2013 and some uniform allowance increases. Mr. Cosmo said this contract mirrors the CSEA hourly contract.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

4. Councillor Skamperle moved a Tax Anticipated Note Resolution, and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION

DATED JUNE 25, 2012.

A RESOLUTION DELEGATING TO THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG, ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY, NEW YORK, THE POWER TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF AND TO SELL NOT EXCEEDING \$2,000,000 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES OF SAID CITY IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF TAXES LEVIED OR TO BE LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF SAID CITY WHICH COMMENCED JANUARY 1, 2012.

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

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Section 1. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell not exceeding \$2,000,000 tax anticipation notes of the City of Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York, including renewals thereof, in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied or to be levied for the fiscal year of said City which commenced January 1, 2012, is hereby delegated to the Comptroller. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said the Tax Anticipation Note is the same one used for the last several years for \$2 million. Mr. Cosmo said it is similar to a GAP Note, explaining it is needed because the money usually doesn't come in when it has to go out. Councillor Morley asked for the rate of the Note compared to last year. Mr. Cosmo said it is at 2% which is the same low rate as last year.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councillor Ashley made a motion to reconsider the May 29, 2012 resolution regarding C.W. Augustine, Inc.'s authorization to apply for and administer the grants, and Councillor Hosmer seconded the motion. Councillor Cilley said he is concerned where the City will stand if the grant application is not completed, and asked how much of it has been completed. Councillor Cilley asked Council if we can have Mr. O'Neil file the grant application. Councillor Morley said Mr. O'Neil told Council that he was going to resubmit the previous year's grant application that is filed upstairs.

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Councillor Morley added the July 16th deadline is only a soft deadline, and the hard deadline is actually August 16th. Councillor Stevenson said she does not want the City to lose the opportunity to apply for the grant. Councillor Stevenson said she felt C.W. Augustine, Inc. was disrespectful of Council and Ogdensburg citizens. Councillor Stevenson said she did not like the manner in which Mr. O'Neil treated participants of the program. Councillor Stevenson said she is in favor of C.W. Augustine, Inc. completing the grant application with very strict monitoring, but also supports preparing a RFP for the Housing Program in the future. Councillor Ashley said C.W. Augustine, Inc. wrote nine grant applications and received funding for none. Councillor Hosmer agreed and said the last housing grant the City received was in 2007. Mayor Nelson said the grant presentation to Council will be at the July 9th meeting and said it is difficult to tell residents that the City will have no grant money to lend because some do not like James O'Neil. Mayor Nelson said if the grant is written, the much needed money can be available to the citizens. Mayor Nelson said a process can be put into place to monitor the program and carry out Council's wishes. Mayor Nelson said the City could owe C.W. Augustine, Inc. money for work completed to date, and will be obligated to pay him. Councillor Morley said the City can give C.W. Augustine, Inc. a 30 day notice to end the contract, and added this issue was raised in February but nothing has been done. Councillor Morley said the City got rid of the City Manager and the City Planner, but not the manager of the housing program. Councillor Morley said James O'Neil blames everyone except himself. Councillor Skamperle said Mr. O'Neil does not have a good track record. Interim City Planner Andrea Smith said the general CFA and CDBG deadlines are July 16th, and there is a longer deadline for supplemental paperwork. Councillor Morley said Mr. O'Neil told us he was going to resubmit the same grant that is on file upstairs. Mrs. Smith said some of the information from the previously filed grant application can be used, but some data will need to be updated which is not a simple task. Councillor Cilley suggested Council get City Attorney Andy Silver's opinion of the legal repercussions and an explanation of what the City's obligations are to Mr. O'Neil. Mr. Silver said Council would need to waive its confidentiality right before he could give his legal advice in open session.

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Councillor Cilley said he wanted to meet with the City Attorney before voting. Mayor Nelson made a motion that Council move to Executive Session, and Councillor Morley seconded the motion.

The vote to adjourn to executive session was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

Upon returning from Executive Session, all members of Council were still present.

Councillor Ashley said that based on the information and legal advice on contractual issues obtained during Executive Session, he wished to withdraw his motion. Councillor Hosmer withdrew his second of Councillor Ashley's motion.

Mayor Nelson said the City will continue with the RFP process for the administration of the City's Housing Program. Councillor Morley and Councillor Skamperle said they will give Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo the names of agencies that may be interested in submitting a proposal.

2. Councillor Morley requested an update on the Beaverbrook area damage. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said he received notice today that the City will be receiving the insurance money from the perpetrators.

3. Councillor Morley questioned if the cleaning of the fence line at the Diamond National property has been done. DPW Director Kit Smith said he will have it mowed and the grass trimmed along the fence line. Mr. Smith said he hasn't had workers available to do it.

4. Councillor Morley asked if an estimate to repair the zamboni at the Lockwood Arena was available. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said we received an estimate from our mechanics for \$25,000 to \$30,000 to fix the zamboni.

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Mr. Cosmo stated that Recreation Director Matthew Curatolo is away looking at used machines. Councillor Morley said the City purchased the current zamboni 5 or 6 years ago and asked what the cost will be for the New Jersey company to fix our machine. DPW Director Kit Smith said the estimate to restore our current machine came from the same company we are currently looking at to purchase a used machine from. Councillor Morley said he would like to know exactly what is wrong with our zamboni. Councillor Cilley said the company that worked on our machine in the past estimates \$25,284 to repair our machine. Councillor Morley said the battery operated machines are not good, because the batteries do not last. Mr. Cosmo said we can discuss the options when the used machine information becomes available.

5. Councillor Morley requested for an update on the clean-up of Crescent Street hill. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said we received one quote of \$8,000 and expects another quote coming from an individual in the county. Mr. Cosmo said the \$8,000 estimate is a good price if both projects are done at the same time. DPW Director Kit Smith advised that the hill is loaded with poison ivy. Mr. Cosmo said he will have the estimates for Council at the next meeting. Councillor Ashley asked if the work can be done with an arm. Mr. Smith said the arm has a thirteen foot reach which can be used to trim the smaller stuff, but noted someone would have to drag everything down the hill. Councillor Stevenson asked if the City can maintain this area after it is professionally cleaned. Mr. Smith said with the street work and water and sewer projects, he does not have enough workers. Mayor Nelson said we could have the initial clean-up done and solicit quotes to maintain it each year at budget time. Mayor Nelson said we can review the estimates at the next meeting. Councillor Morley asked if the City has reduced the number of summer workers. Mr. Cosmo said over the years we have reduced the summer staff. Mr. Smith said he only has three summer workers now. Councillor Ashley asked if the City is cutting Newel's hill. Mr. Smith said his crew spent a week and a half there. Mayor Nelson said the cost is billed to the owner. Mr. Cosmo said the Newel property went to tax sale today and the owner has one year to redeem it. Councillor Ashley asked if there were any bidders on the Larose house on Lafayette Street.

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Mr. Cosmo said someone paid the taxes last year and that person became the owner as of 4 p.m. today. Councillor Hosmer asked what happens if we bill for mowing and the owner only pays the taxes. Mr. Cosmo said we bill for services and then re-levy any unpaid charges on the next year's tax bill. Mayor Nelson said we need to look at the fee and raise it. Mayor Nelson said it is cheaper for people to pay us than to hire someone to do the work. Mayor Nelson said we need to look at the fee schedule because there are so many City properties that are not being maintained. Mr. Cosmo explained that we convert the cost to time and materials, and added that he will look at the fee schedule.

6. Councillor Hosmer questioned the status of the long grass at the vacant Park Street Plaza. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said a weed notice was sent out. DPW Director Kit Smith said the notice comes due this week, noting it has been almost the full ten days allowed for rectification. Councillor Ashley said he noticed the sidewalk crews are doing the intersections and putting in the handicap ramps. Councillor Ashley asked if this is a State law. Mr. Smith said it is an ADA regulation for the blind, and it is standard for corners to be replaced with plastic/fiberglass. Councillor Ashley said the crews did a very good job.

7. Councillor Hosmer said we have received the estimate for the Oddfellow's Social Club and asked if we have contacted the club to let them know what we want to do. Mayor Nelson said the estimate is our cost to loop the water line. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said there are no grants available. Mr. Cosmo said the City is asking the Oddfellow's club to replace their lateral line first to see if it fixes the problem. Councillor Skamperle said the club is looking for the City to commit to fix the problem if the lateral replacement does not solve the problem. Councillor Morley said their initial estimate was \$3,200 and it is now \$10,000. DPW Director Kit Smith said initially the City thought a small line would be okay, but now the larger line is needed to meet the standard requirements for a flushometer. Mayor Nelson said it is unfair to the taxpayers to commit to a \$100,000 expenditure until budget time.

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Councillor Cilley asked if the Champlain Street line is a dead end line. Mr. Smith said it is a dead end line but added it is a new line. Mr. Smith said it is flushed regularly and no one else has problems. Councillor Cilley questioned if we can load up on Linden Street. Mr. Smith it would be difficult because there is a lot of traffic in the Linden Street area. Mr. Smith said he believes the problem is in their lateral line because National Grid's water was tested and they do not have the same problem as the Oddfellow's Club. Mr. Smith noted that National Grid has people in the building every day. Councillor Hosmer asked if the City will communicate this to the club. Councillor Stevenson said it is important to communicate to them that the City wants to help them. Councillor Hosmer asked if the City could flush their line when they have an event planned. Mr. Smith said doing that could hurt them by stirring up sediment, but a flush point at the end of their lateral could be installed to clear the line. Mr. Smith explained they could install a flush point off the bypass and flush the line when needed. Mr. Smith said they could let it run for 5-8 minutes, turn it off and turn the meter back on. Councillor Morley asked if they could clean out the line, and Mr. Smith said they could pig the line. Councillor Ashley asked if the line could rupture if it is pigged and Mr. Smith said yes. Mr. Smith explained the machine scrapes the sides of the pipe to clean it out.

8. Councillor Skamperle asked for an update on the Co-Gen Plant. Councillor Skamperle said he watched the news and has read about the sister facility in Fort Drum. Councillor Skamperle said there is a company interested in starting a Bio Mass facility and there has been some discussion about Ogdensburg. Councillor Skamperle said the Economic Development Council is looking for more projects and the company in Watertown is looking for tax breaks. Councillor Skamperle said it is important to get Bio Mass here or the Co-Gen Plant producing energy. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said he has spoken with the contact person, Greg Sharland. Mr. Cosmo said they are willing to talk, but noted there is not a lot of activity. Mr. Cosmo said Mr. Sharland will keep us updated. Councillor Morley asked if there is a problem with the State contract. Mr. Cosmo said there is a contract with the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center and the prison. Mr. Cosmo said the biggest cost is buying the natural gas for heating those facilities.

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Mr. Cosmo added the Federal and State agencies complicate issues and make it a slow process. Mayor Nelson said Claxton Hepburn Medical Center looked at Bio Mass units. Councillor Skamperle said he thought the delay was that they wanted more acreage. Mayor Nelson agreed, but said they also needed the contract extended. Councillor Morley added there is also controversy over how the material is shipped. Mayor Nelson said he saw sealed trucks when he toured the Bio Mass facility.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Councillor Hosmer said he recently noticed a camera or sensor on the front of City Hall. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo explained that City Court has the entire building wired and the cameras are viewed by Court Security.

2. Councillor Hosmer questioned why the Simplicity Café advertisement is on the City's website. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said other companies have also been linked to our website. Councillor Morley asked if they pay for the advertisement. Councillor Cilley said our website should list links of interest similar to what other communities have posted on their websites. Councillor Ashley said we should do this for all businesses or none. Mayor Nelson said it sounds like a press release. Councillor Stevenson said there were some links for businesses who have contracted with CGI Communications, but some of those links are now gone. Councillor Stevenson asked for an update on those links. Mr. Cosmo said he will review this with Pat Paquin, who maintains the City website.

3. Mayor Nelson said Pepsi Cola Ogdensburg Bottlers, Inc. has been selected as one of three finalists in the Country for the North American Bottler of the Year Award. Mayor Nelson said the company will know the winner on August 15, 2012. Mayor Nelson noted kudos to Pepsi Cola Ogdensburg Bottlers who will celebrate 70 years next year. Mayor Nelson said Pepsi has 44 employees and is one of the most civic-minded organizations in Ogdensburg and St. Lawrence County.

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Mayor Nelson explained that a Los Angeles camera crew toured our community while preparing a documentary about Pepsi Cola Ogdensburg Bottlers, Inc. and loved Ogdensburg. Mayor Nelson said the crew commented about the friendliness of the North Country people. Mayor Nelson wished Pepsi well in the competition.

4. Mayor Nelson asked if Council wants to schedule a Committee of the Whole Meeting. Councillor Stevenson asked about the Town Hall Meetings. Councillor Morley said Council should let the citizens provide the topics of discussion. Councillor Stevenson suggested a portion of the meeting be used to discuss a specific topic and the other portion used for an open discussion. Mayor Nelson suggested a Saturday or Sunday. Councillor Cilley said July is full of community activities and is a bad time to schedule a Town Hall Meeting. Councillor Stevenson said she prefers a week night. Mayor Nelson asked for a consensus of Council. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo suggested Council think about it and discuss it at the July 9th meeting. Mayor Nelson said Mr. Cosmo could also talk to City staff.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Councillor Morley stated an EDR presentation was held a few weeks ago at the Dobisky Center and asked when it will be presented to Council. Interim City Planner Andrea Smith said EDR will not be giving a presentation to Council because it was not part of the work plan. Mrs. Smith said they were hired to facilitate the public discussions and their staff will compile the draft for preliminary review in mid-July. Mrs. Smith said the draft will be submitted to Council for review, and the Department of State will do a 60 day review. Councillor Morley questioned if it would go to the State if Council approves it. Mrs. Smith said Council will have the opportunity to comment on the draft which will be submitted to the Department of State and Council at the same time. Mrs. Smith explained there would be a public hearing held prior to submitting it for the Department of State's final review.

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Councillor Morley said he believes the ideas presented at the last EDR meeting were not good for Ogdensburg. Mayor Nelson said the 90 day window allows for concepts to be developed. Councillor Cilley said we are falling into the same trap as the last City Planner, adding it needs to go before the public and Council. Councillor Cilley said he is not comfortable with anything going to the Department of State before it is approved by the citizens and Council. Mrs. Smith explained that there have been public meetings twice per month for over a year and Council has been invited. Mrs. Smith added that the Department of State has the final say. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said there is a process that must be followed and added nothing will be thrown at us as there will be time for review. Mr. Cosmo said it is a very strict policy set by New York State. Councillor Morley said they suggested a concept to build a lock above the dam which he does not agree with. Mayor Nelson said there have been 30 meetings held and everyone had the ability to attend. Mrs. Smith said she makes Council aware of the meetings that are held at times convenient to the public. Councillor Cilley said both plans presented are financially unrealistic. Mrs. Smith said the concepts presented are a direct result of the community participation received over the past year. Mayor Nelson said we should not limit our thinking and added the plans are just concepts. Councillor Skamperle said we are not locked into the conceptual plans. Councillor Hosmer said we are only locked in if the State issues grant money for a specific concept. Mrs. Smith said the City is required to have a public comment period and added the plans are just concepts. Councillor Morley said if the City is thinking of re-opening the canal, 115 Lake Street should not be sold since that is where the canal was previously located. Mayor Nelson said we shouldn't think small and added the developers Mrs. Smith has met with are interested in developing our waterfront. Councillor Hosmer asked when the concept will be available for review, and Mrs. Smith said mid-July. Mayor Nelson said when he campaigned for Mayor he said he wanted to tear down Diamond National, and was told it would never happen. Mayor Nelson said we need to think long term and clean up our industrial sites and our waterfront. Mayor Nelson added we need to give our input and leave our community fingerprints on this project.

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Councillor Skamperle said Mrs. Smith did a good job getting the word out. Mrs. Smith said she appreciates the public participation.

2. Councillor Stevenson said the Ogdensburg Public Library Board honored its volunteers Friday night. Councillor Stevenson added Patty Ritchie prepared a proclamation that was read by Jim Reagen, which acknowledged the library volunteers. Councillor Stevenson said it was a nice event and noted kudos to the Library Board and the Director.

3. Councillor Skamperle gave kudos to Cape Air and Algonquin Power Company for their support of the Sandbar Classic Fishing Derby.

4. Mayor Nelson gave kudos to FishCap for a successful Wounded Warrior Fishing Derby that had 25 military men/women participating.

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