

SPECIAL 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 Hannan,  
Morley, Powers, Sholette and Vaugh

ABSENT: Councillor Flynn \*

PRESENTATION

1. City Comptroller Philip Cosmo handed out a detailed spreadsheet showing the estimated short fall for 2009, and the City department accounts that may be used to make up that short fall. (A copy of the memo and spreadsheet follow these minutes.)

\* Councillor Flynn arrives at this point in the meeting.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Councillor Sholette moved a resolution to approve an increase for the hourly rental rates at the Richard G. Lockwood Civic Center, and Councillor Powers seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE HOURLY RATES AT THE RICHARD G.  
LOCKWOOD CIVIC CENTER

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg charges organizations, businesses and individuals for ice time, and

WHEREAS, projected ice rental hours for 2009-10 are lower than our previous skating season, and

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WHEREAS, the City needs to increase revenues, and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Commission has reviewed and approved rate increases in ice rentals for 2009-10 season,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the hourly ice rental rates be changed to the following:

Minor Hockey (residents)	\$60.00 p/h
Figure Skaters (residents)	\$60.00 p/h
Non-Prime Hrs. after 10:00 PM	\$55.00 p/h
Youth Groups (non-residents) 16 yrs. and younger	\$75.00 p/h
Adult Groups	\$70.00 p/h
Young Timers	
Old Timers	
Adult Groups (non-residents)	\$85.00 p/h
Special Events (residents)	\$55.00 p/h
Special Events (non-residents)	\$65.00 p/h
Public Skating (residents)	\$2.00
Public Skating (non-residents)	\$3.00
Ice Skate Rental	\$3.00

Councillor Morley stated that the ice rental rates should be increased to \$70.00 p/h for all organizations, except the non-prime hours which should be \$55.00 p/h.

Councillor Flynn agreed and questioned if all Minor Hockey and Ogdensburg Figure skaters are residents. Councillor Flynn said he believes some are non-residents from neighboring communities and those communities should help foot the bill for the arena.

Councillor Sholette said better time management of prime time rink hours would create additional revenue.

Councillor Hannan stated that the key to additional revenue is to promote the non-ice months of the arena during April to October.

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Mayor Nelson said he expects Minor Hockey and the Figure Skating Club to work with us by making sure the ice time is filled, or we won't be able to afford keeping it open. Mayor Nelson explained that Council never expected to make money at the arena, but hoped to break even.

Recreation Director Phil Clemens advised Council that the arena ice will be installed days prior to the Halloween weekend for a hockey tournament and will close March 1, 2010 to save money.

City Manager Arthur Sciorra stated that we are also looking at other ways to save money during ice season, they are:

1. Installing the ice the fourth week of October instead of second week;
2. Keeping ice thin will save energy;
3. Insulate the zamboni room;
4. Polling the Canadian market with off season surveys to see how they market their facilities to increase revenues and decrease expenditures.

The vote was:

AYES: Mayor Nelson, Councillors Hannan,  
Powers, Sholette and Vaugh

NAYS: Councillors Flynn and Morley

APPROVED, 5 to 2

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

CITY OF GODESBURG SIX MONTH FINANCIAL REVIEW AS OF JUNE 30, 2009									
FUND	GENERAL	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	ACTUAL THROUGH 6/30	DIFF	YEAR END ESTIMATE	ESTIMATED REVENUE SHORT-FALL OR APPROPRIATION OVERAGE	POSSIBLE REVENUE INCREASE OR SPENDING REDUCTIONS
		A1110	SALES TAX	\$2,271,716.00	\$1,598,084.08	-873,631.94	\$2,450,216.00	\$121,500.00	
		A2401	INTEREST EARNINGS	\$100,000.00	\$6,000.91	-\$143,384.09	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00	
		A2006	ARENA REVENUES	\$29,116.00	\$15,043.43	-\$13,471.57	\$31,816.00		\$2,600.00
APPROPRIATIONS									
		VAR	HEALTH INS.	\$1,287,814.00	\$847,880.00	-\$440,014.00	\$1,370,000.00	\$72,186.00	
		VAR	GASOLINE USAGE	\$208,600.00	\$37,313.68	-\$148,286.42	\$140,000.00		-\$66,800.00
		VAR	ESTIMATED UTILITY SAVINGS	\$481,000.00	\$177,874.96	-\$303,025.04	\$382,286.00		-\$78,804.00
		VAR	NYS RETIREMENT BILL	\$814,800.00	\$257,400.00	-\$557,400.00	\$487,790.00		-\$27,040.00
		A1230.510	CITY MANAGER	\$1,500.00	\$425.00	-\$1,075.00	\$425.00		-\$1,075.00
		A1315.330	CITY COMPTROLLER	\$8,500.00	\$4,787.72	-\$3,712.28	\$8,500.00		-\$3,000.00
		A1410.410	CITY CLERK	\$280.00	\$126.00	-\$154.00	\$126.00		-\$126.00
		A1420.515	LEGAL CONSULTANTS	\$90,000.00	\$73,710.32	-\$16,289.68	\$110,000.00	\$80,000.00	-\$118.00
		A1430.410	CIVIL SERVICE	\$700.00	\$662.00	-\$38.00	\$662.00		-\$460.00
		A1430.420	CIVIL SERVICE	\$600.00	\$60.00	-\$540.00	\$60.00		-\$480.00
		A1395.515	ASSESSMENTS	\$1,000.00	\$127.50	-\$872.50	\$600.00		-\$500.00
		A1120.310	POLICE VEHICLES	\$55,800.00	\$0.00	-\$55,800.00	\$15,600.00		-\$40,000.00
		A1120.110	POLICE VACANCIES	\$92,213.00	\$32,952.00	-\$59,261.00	\$96,175.00		-\$40,038.00
		A2410.425	FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$4,000.00	\$1,788.23	-\$2,211.77	\$3,800.00		-\$400.00
		A2410.420	FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$1,000.00	\$874.19	-\$125.81	\$900.00		-\$100.00
		A2410.440	FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$18,500.00	\$6,098.60	-\$12,401.40	\$11,750.00		-\$4,750.00
		A2410.450	FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$5,000.00	\$1,086.48	-\$3,913.54	\$3,800.00		-\$1,400.00
		A2410.490	FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$8,100.00	\$1,303.44	-\$6,796.56	\$4,100.00		-\$2,000.00
		A2410.510	FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$7,800.00	\$4,044.20	-\$3,755.80	\$4,800.00		-\$2,750.00
		A2410.550	FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$7,800.00	\$2,890.58	-\$4,909.42	\$7,100.00		-\$500.00

