

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. Donald Hooper, of Pinto Mucenski Hooper VanHouse and Company, presented the results of the 2008 City Audit. (A copy follows these minutes.)

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nelson moved that the claims as enumerated in General Fund Warrant #18-2009 in the amount of \$71,048.47 and Library Fund Warrant #18-2009 in the amount of \$649.00, Capital Fund Warrant #18-2009 in the amount of \$0 and Community Development Fund Warrant #18-2009 in the amount of \$1,384.80 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #18-2009 in the amount of \$10,690.20 and HOME Fund Warrant #18-2009 in the amount of \$0 and AHC Funds Warrant #18-2009 in the amount of \$5,890.71 and RESTORE Program Warrant #18-2009 in the amount of \$0 as audited, be and the same are ordered paid and Councillor Powers seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Councillor Powers introduced a resolution to alter and pave intersecting roads, and Councillor Sholette seconded to wit:

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF OGDENSBURG
TO ALTER AND PAVE INTERSECTING ROADS

WHEREAS, in connection with the reconstruction of Route 812, City of Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, P.I.N. 7BRD.07, and under the provisions of Section 10, Subdivision 25, of the New York State Highway Law, as amended, which provides in part that the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation shall “have power to combine, connect, alter, relocate, terminate and pave intersecting highways, roads or streets”, and also that “maintenance of any highway, road or street which is affected by the subdivision and which, in the judgment of the Commissioner, is not deemed to be part of the State Highway System shall be maintained by the municipality or the municipalities in which the streets or roads are located”; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner proposes to improve Route 812, City of Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County and in connection therewith to alter and pave the following roads or streets:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Between Stations</u>	<u>Centerline (km)</u>	<u>Lane (km)</u>
Proctor Avenue West	1+004 to 1+023	.019	.038

WHEREAS, said highway, roads or streets are located within the City of Ogdensburg and, in the judgment of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, will not be deemed to be part of the State Highway System,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ogdensburg approves the above described paving and altering of the City roads; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon completion of construction of the above described roads or street, the City of Ogdensburg will maintain such roads or streets in accordance with the provisions of the Highway Law; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit four (4) certified copies of the foregoing resolution to: New York State Department of Transportation; 317 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601, ATTN: Timothy J. Vreath.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

2. Councillor Sholette introduced a resolution supporting the National League of Cities and US Conference of Mayors legislative amendments that reduce public liability for acquiring and trying to redevelop contaminated sites, and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES AND US
CONFERENCE OF MAYORS LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS TO REDUCE
PUBLIC LIABILITY FOR ACQUIRING
AND REDEVELOPING CONTAMINATED SITES

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities and US Conference of Mayors are circulating a letter requesting legislative amendments that reduce public liability for acquiring and trying to redevelop contaminated sites;

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the City of Ogdensburg hereby joins the National League of Cities and US Conference of Mayors as a signatory to the letter requesting legislative amendments that reduce public liability for acquiring and trying to redevelop contaminated sites; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said letter be forwarded to Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand and former Congressman McHugh's Office.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Councillor Morley asked City Manager Arthur Sciorra if the budget hearing schedule for Council and staff has been released. Mr. Sciorra stated he anticipates releasing the preliminary 2010 budget on Friday and a budget schedule will be attached. Mayor Nelson suggested Mr. Sciorra email the schedule to Council.

Mayor Nelson requested that City Comptroller, Philip Cosmo provide Council with the reports they receive each budget year, along with the capital account balance sheet and a listing of our outstanding receivables.

2. Councillor Hannan asked City Manager Arthur Sciorra if the Community Center concession has closed for the season. Mr. Sciorra stated that they have closed but are still paying monthly rent as per their contract. Councillor Hannan questioned if it was possible for them to run the concession at the Lockwood Arena for hockey tournaments. Phil Clemens, Director of Recreation said the Chamber of Commerce has been providing a limited concession for a few events.

3. Councillor Hannan stated that he would like to see a formal meeting scheduled between the School and City staff for school safety issues on a regular yearly basis.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Nelson said he received a letter from Attorney Fodor regarding Old Ford Street. Director of Planning and Development, Justin Woods advised the Mayor that he has taken care of that matter.

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2. Mayor Nelson said the Planning Board is meeting with the Save the River group next Wednesday, 11/4/09 at 7:00 pm.

3. Councillor Morley advised Council that a tentative sales tax agreement will be in this week's update and hopefully ready for Council action at the November 9th meeting.

4. Councillor Hannan asked City Comptroller Philip Cosmo for a five year fund balance history and an analysis of outstanding tax receivables.

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