

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 Ashley, Hosmer, Morley,
Skamperle and Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor Cilley

PRESENTATION

1. Donald Hooper of Pinto, Mucenski, Hooper, VanHouse and Co., PC, provided Council with the results of the 2012 City Audit. Mr. Hooper said he had an exit presentation with City Manager John Pinkerton and City Comptroller Philip Cosmo and discussed the auditor's opinions. Mr. Hooper suggested developing an audit committee. (A copy of the audit summary follows these minutes.)

2. Joseph Moorman, NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance Office of Real Property Tax Services, provided Council with a PowerPoint presentation on the STAR (School Tax Relief) Registration Program. (A copy of the PowerPoint presentation and STAR Registration Fact Sheet follows these minutes.)

3. Andrea Smith, Director of Planning & Development, advised Council that in accordance with New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), there will be a public scoping session regarding the City's Step II BOA planning initiative on October 28, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chamber at City Hall. Ms. Smith advised that a copy of the draft scoping document is available for review at the Public Library, City Clerk's Office and at www.ogdensburg.org.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

1. Matthew Flynn, 1124 Washington Street, thanked Council and City staff for temporarily closing the 400 block of Hamilton Street (near St. Mary's Cathedral), to create a handicap parking area, on October 26, 2013 to allow the Ogdensburg Catholic Diocese to host an international speaker, Matthew Kelly.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nelson moved that the claims as enumerated in General Fund Warrant #17-2013 in the amount of \$765,408.59 and Library Fund Warrant #17-2013 in the amount of \$41,435.66 and Capital Fund Warrant #17-2013 in the amount of \$106,318.88 and Community Development Fund Warrant #17-2013 in the amount of \$41,116.02 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #17-2013 in the amount of \$0.00 and HOME Fund Warrant #17-2013 in the amount of \$0.00 and AHC Funds Warrant #17-2013 in the amount of \$0.00 and NSP Funds Warrant #17-2013 in the amount of \$0.00 as audited, be and the same are ordered paid and Councillor Ashley seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

Mayor Nelson moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and to seek Counsel advice regarding sale of City-owned property, Charter amendment and on-going litigation, and Councillor Skamperle seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

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

APPOINTMENTS

1. Mayor Nelson moved to appoint Patricia Redden Sargent to fill the unexpired term of Misty Fishel on the Zoning Board, term will expire 12/31/2014, and Councillor Morley seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

2. Mayor Nelson moved to appoint Christopher B. Lalone to a three-year term as an Alternate on the Zoning Board, term will expire 12/31/2015, and Councillor Skamperle seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

3. Mayor Nelson moved to appoint Malcolm Casselman Jr. to a three-year term as an Alternate on the Zoning Board, term will expire 12/31/2015, and Councillor Skamperle seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Mayor Nelson moved to call for a public hearing on an ordinance amending Chapter 209, Section 209-48, Schedule XI: "Parking Prohibited at All Times" and Section 209-57, Schedule XX: "Handicapped Parking" of the Code of the City of Ogdensburg, and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL INTRODUCING AN ORDINANCE
AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE
AND PUBLIC HEARING

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BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. ____ of 2013, entitled, Ordinance Amending Chapter 209 entitled "Vehicles and Traffic"; Chapter 209, Section 209-48, Schedule XI: "Parking Prohibited at All Times" and Section 209-57, Schedule XX: "Handicapped Parking" of the Code of the City of Ogdensburg 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 28th day of October, 2013 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 (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

2. Mayor Nelson introduced a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement to extend the Snow and Ice Control Agreement between the City of Ogdensburg and St. Lawrence County, and Councillor Stevenson seconded to wit:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN
AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG
AND ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to sign the attached extended Snow and Ice Control Agreement between the City of Ogdensburg and St. Lawrence County for the 2013-2014 Season.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

3. Councillor Skamperle introduced a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Labor Contract with the CSEA Hourly Unit for 2013-2015, and Councillor Ashley seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE
A LABOR CONTRACT WITH THE CSEA HOURLY UNIT
FOR 2013-2015

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg and the CSEA Hourly Unit have negotiated the attached Tentative Labor Agreement for 2013 through 2015, and

WHEREAS, the membership of the CSEA Hourly 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 Hourly Unit for 2013 through 2015 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.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

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