

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

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

ABSENT: None

PRESENTATION

1. Michael Taylor and Neil Pariser of Vita Nuova, made a presentation to Council entitled “BOA: Reuse Strategy and Vision” describing the final recommendations for waterfront development. David MacLeod of NYS DOS provided an overview of the next steps of this project to Council. (A copy of the presentation follows these minutes.)

PROCLAMATION

1. Mayor Nelson read a Proclamation supporting the Declaration of the Rights to Libraries in support of the Ogdensburg Public Library. (A copy of the proclamation follows these minutes.)

PUBLIC HEARING

1. A public hearing regarding an ordinance amending Chapter 209, Section 209-48, Schedule XI: “Parking Prohibited at All Time” and Section 209-57, Schedule XX: “Handicapped Parking” of the Code of the City of Ogdensburg was held.

No one being present to speak, the hearing was declared closed.

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2. A public hearing on SEQR Scoping for the BOA was held. Director of Planning & Development Andrea Smith said written comments will be accepted until the close of business on November 12, 2013.

No one being present to speak, the public hearing was closed.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. City Clerk Kathleen Bouchard read a letter from Michael Guimond, President of the Ogdensburg Rotary Club, pledging a \$15,000 donation for the purchase of a gazebo for the Oswegatchie Walking Bridge. (A copy of the letter follows these minutes.)

Mayor Nelson thanked the Ogdensburg Rotary Club for their pledge and said Council will gladly accept the donation. Mayor Nelson said a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held to recognize the Ogdensburg Rotary Club's generosity.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nelson moved that the claims as enumerated in General Fund Warrant #18-2013 in the amount of \$542,579.36 and Library Fund Warrant #18-2013 in the amount of \$20,388.14 and Capital Fund Warrant #18-2013 in the amount of \$16,050.00 and Community Development Fund Warrant #18-2013 in the amount of \$2,980.18 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #18-2013 in the amount of \$0.00 and HOME Fund Warrant #18-2013 in the amount of \$0.00 and AHC Funds Warrant #18-2013 in the amount of \$0.00, and NSP Funds Warrant #18-2013 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

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Councillor Skamperle moved 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 Ogdensburg Municipal Code, and Councillor Ashley seconded to wit:

ORDINANCE #__ OF 2013

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 209 ENTITLED
"VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

ITEM ONE: That Chapter 209, Section 209-48, Schedule XI:
"Parking Prohibited at All Times" of the Code of the City of
Ogdensburg, is hereby amended to add the following:

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Location</u>
Franklin Street	West	From a point 81 feet south of the south curbline of Ford Street to a point 105 feet south therefrom

ITEM TWO: That Chapter 209, Section 209-57, Schedule XX:
"Handicapped Parking" of the Code of the City of Ogdensburg, is hereby
amended to add the following:

ADD

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Location</u>
Franklin Street	West	From a point 105 feet south of the south curbline of Ford Street to a point 20 feet south therefrom

ITEM THREE: This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication of notice which shall give the title and describe same in summary form.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

2. Councillor Ashley moved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a NYSDOT Undertaking Agreement to allow the 2013 Holiday Light Up the Night Parade route to be designated as State Street, and Councillor Stevenson seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER
TO SIGN A NYSDOT UNDERTAKING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) requires an Undertaking Agreement to allow the 2013 Holiday Light Up the Night Parade route to be designated as State Street (Route 68), and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager, John M. Pinkerton, is hereby authorized and directed to sign an Undertaking Agreement with the NYSDOT to allow the 2013 Holiday Light Up the Night Parade route to be designated as State Street (Route 68).

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Mayor Nelson said we must now meet NYSDOT requirements because the parade is being moved from Ford Street to State Street which is a State road. Councillor Ashley said State Street is a better location for the parade because it is a wider and a better lit street. Mayor Nelson asked if we will need to meet the same requirements for the Memorial Day Parade. City Manager John Pinkerton said we will follow the same procedure for that parade.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councillor Skamperle asked for an update on the new DEC heightened storm sewer requirements. City Manager John Pinkerton said it was an unfunded mandate, and the City's cost will be approximately \$200,000 to \$250,000. Mr. Pinkerton explained the storm water currently being expelled into the St. Lawrence River must now be either expelled into our sewage treatment plant or into an 800,000 gallon retaining tank. Mr. Pinkerton said the City must come into compliance by 2019 or 2020. Mayor Nelson suggested a presentation to explain the compliance plan. Mr. Pinkerton said a presentation is being developed.

2. Councillor Hosmer said when Council finished with last year's budget they discussed ways to make the budget process easier. Councillor Hosmer explained one suggestion was after each department's budget was adopted, a tentative budget would be set for the first meeting in December. Councillor Hosmer asked if Council planned to proceed in the suggested manner or continue with the usual process. Councillor Hosmer added he believes it would be more beneficial to discuss the budget while department heads are present. Councillors Ashley and Morley agreed. Councillor Cilley explained suggestions are made to the City Manager who makes

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adjustments to the budget before it is presented to Council. Mayor Nelson said he has seen it done many ways, but believes Council needs to hear each department first. Mayor Nelson stated the City Manager and the department heads should be able to be flexible when making the recommended cuts. Councillor Morley said the cuts should be voted on and Council should have the opportunity to cut a line item. Councillor Stevenson said she is concerned with making a blanket cut and would like to recap for department heads what Council is looking at. Councillor Hosmer added that he also asked for a three to five year projection. City Comptroller Philip Cosmo said we do not have the time or staff to do it.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Nelson congratulated Joe Basta on receipt of the Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year award and William Hosmer on receipt of the Chamber of Commerce's Business Improvement award. Mayor Nelson also congratulated the Pride & Beautification Committee on their award and thanked the Chamber of Commerce for recognizing our community members.

2. Councillor Morley stated Tuesday, November 5th is Election Day and urged people to vote.

3. Councillor Morley said he read that New York State is auditing the City. City Manager John Pinkerton advised that the Police Department's Sexual Predator Registration process is being audited. Police Chief Richard Polniak explained that NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services requires the maintenance of up-to-date records on all sexual offenders living in the City who are required to register. Chief Polniak explained once offenders enter the SVP Unit, photos and other information cannot be gathered due to HIPAA requirements. Chief Polniak said 115 agencies are being audited.

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