

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, Mitchell, Morley, Skamperle and Stevenson

ABSENT: None

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

1. Patrick Hansen, 123 Belmont Courts, addressed Council regarding parking safety at the Ogdensburg Public Library. Mr. Hansen asked if there is a plan of action to make it safer. Mayor Nelson said the matter will be turned over to the City Manager for review.

Mr. Hansen said he has requested the Oaths of Office for several City officials from the City Clerk. Mr. Hansen stated he provided Council with USC Title 18 §241-242 at the last Council meeting and asked if members of Council reviewed the information. Councillor Stevenson said she has not had a chance to read it. Mr. Hansen expressed his disagreement with not being allowed to bring his service animal to City Court. Councillor Morley said the Court is not a business, and we are required to provide them with space. Councillor Ashley explained we have no control over the Court. Councillor Hosmer said New York State leases the second floor. Mayor Nelson said when an individual addresses Council it is not a dialogue session and explained it is simply a chance to make a statement to Council. Mayor Nelson added New York State Court Administration oversees Ogdensburg City Court, and Council has no jurisdiction over City Court.

Mayor Nelson made a motion to move to Executive Session to discuss proposed contract litigation and the employment history of a particular employee, and Councillor Skamperle seconded. Upon returning from Executive Session, all members of Council were still present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nelson moved that the claims as enumerated in General Fund Warrant #2-2014 in the amount of \$582,828.81 and Library Fund Warrant #2-2014 in the amount of \$21,652.60 and Capital Fund Warrant #2-2014 in the amount of \$184,105.80 and Community Development Fund Warrant #2-2014 in the amount of \$2,597.50 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #2-2014 in the amount of \$27,007.00 and HOME Fund Warrant #2-2014 in the amount of \$0.00 and AHC Funds Warrant #2-2014 in the amount of \$0.00 and NSP Funds Warrant #2-2014 in the amount of \$0.00 and Ogdensburg Growth Fund Warrant #2-2014 in the amount of \$48.85 as audited, be and the same are ordered paid and Councillor Morley seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

APPOINTMENTS

1. Mayor Nelson moved to appoint Dale Coats to a five-year term on the Board of Assessment and Review Board, term to expire 09/30/2018, and Councillor Stevenson seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

Mayor Nelson said there is a conflict with the February 10, 2014 City Council Meeting and he will be attending the NYCOM Meeting on that date. Councillor Stevenson said she would like the City Council meeting changed to February 13, 2014 since she will be out of town on February 10, 2014. After some discussion, Mayor Nelson made a motion to change the February 10, 2014 City Council Meeting to February 13, 2014 at 7 pm and Councillor Stevenson seconded.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Mayor Nelson made a motion to move a resolution appointing a Deputy Mayor for the City of Ogdensburg for 2014-2015 from the table, and Councillor Ashley seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION
APPOINTING A DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2014 AND 2015

WHEREAS, the Ogdensburg City Charter provides that a Deputy Mayor is to be elected from the City Council members at the first regular Council meeting in January of even-numbered years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Councilor Morley is hereby elected Deputy Mayor of the Ogdensburg City Council for 2014 and 2015.

The vote on the resolution was:

AYES: Mayor Nelson, Councillors Ashley, Hosmer, Mitchell,
Skamperle and Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Councillor Morley

APPROVED, 6 TO 0

2. Mayor Nelson moved a resolution calling for public notice and public hearing to add Chapter 58, Pride and Beautification, to the Ogdensburg Municipal Code, and Councillor Ashley seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL INTRODUCING
THE ADDITION OF CHAPTER 58 – PRIDE AND BEAUTIFICATION
COMMISSION TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG
AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED that the ordinance entitled "Ordinance Adding Chapter 58 Entitled 'Pride and Beautification Commission' to 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 in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, New York, on Monday the 13th day of February, 2014, 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 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

3. Mayor Nelson moved a resolution calling for public notice and public hearing with regard to an amendment to Article II, City Hall Policies, and the procedures for use of meeting rooms in City Hall, and Councillor Stevenson seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL INTRODUCING
AN AMENDMENT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG
AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING

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BE IT RESOLVED that the ordinance entitled "Ordinance To Amend Administrative Regulations, Article II, City Hall Policies" 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 in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, New York, on Monday the 13th day of February, 2014, 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 days before the hearing date, of a notice setting forth the time and place and describing the proposed ordinance in summary form.

City Manager John Pinkerton explained the changes. Councillor Skamperle said while reading the Administrative Regulations he noticed all City Hall rooms close at 9 pm and asked if that applies to City Council meetings. Mr. Pinkerton clarified it does not.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

4. Mayor Nelson moved a resolution calling for public notice and public hearing with regard to an amendment to Chapter 189 entitled "Streets and Sidewalks" to add Article III entitled "Complete Streets", and Councillor Ashley seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL INTRODUCING
AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 189 – STREETS AND SIDEWALKS
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG
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BE IT RESOLVED that the ordinance entitled "Ordinance Amending Chapter 189 Entitled 'Streets and Sidewalks' 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 in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, New York, on Monday the 13th day of February, 2014, 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 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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councillor Skamperle said he read in the \$25,000 Blue Way Trail grant paperwork that there will be environmental review requirements. City Manager John Pinkerton said he will get a list of all requirements to Council.

2. Councillor Morley thanked the Department of Public Works for clearing our streets this winter and added he has no objections to snow being dumped in the St. Lawrence River. DPW Supervisor Gregg Harland said very little snow is dumped into the river since we cannot dump when the river is frozen. Mr. Harland said we only dumped about five loads of snow in the river this winter. Mr. Harland explained we don't have a lot of space to put the snow. Councillor Stevenson said she is concerned about dumping in the river and suggested we find a larger area for snow.

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3. Councillor Morley asked if the brush piles have been picked up and chipped by the man we have a contract with. Mr. Harland said last year's brush has been picked up. Councillor Stevenson commended Mr. Harland and the DPW workers for their recent work on the Hamilton Street water main break. City Manager John Pinkerton asked Mr. Harland to update Council regarding the wood pile. Mr. Harland said Vern Lowery was the high bidder, paid \$2,000 and has been hauling it out.

4. Councillor Ashley asked for an update on the new fire engine. Fire Chief Michael Farrell said it is expected by the end of the week and he will contact the City Manager when it arrives.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Councillor Hosmer said he was told the scoreboard lights at the Lockwood Center are out. Mr. John Pinkerton said he will look into that issue. Councillor Mitchell asked for the current condition of the ice. Mr. Pinkerton said the compressor is back on and the ice is fine. Councillor Mitchell said he was asked about the temperature inside the arena, noting there are gaps above the doors and between the walls. Mr. Pinkerton said it was originally built as an outdoor arena, and we are improving and upgrading as we obtain funding.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Councillor Morley said he would like to see the Greenbelt area cleaned up by May 1, 2014. City Manager John Pinkerton said he will email Councillor Morley for more information.

There was a consensus of Council to move to Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee from which no action was expected.

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