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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

PUBLIC HEARING

1. A public hearing regarding a resolution to increase City of Ogdensburg Parking Fines, effective March 1, 2015 was held.

Dean Hebert, 516 Park Street, addressed Council and asked if the fine for parking on someone else's property will also be doubled.

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

2. A public hearing regarding an ordinance to add Chapter 38, Joint Planning and Zoning Commission to the Ogdensburg Municipal Code was held. No one being present to speak, the hearing was declared closed.

3. A public hearing regarding an ordinance to add Article VII, Adaptive Reuse District to the Ogdensburg Municipal Code pending County review was held. The following people spoke in opposition to the ARD:

- a) Sue Ellen Piercey, 1407 Knox Street
- b) Marcy O'Neil, 411 Jersey Avenue
- c) Carol Shaver, 1610 Lafayette Street
- d) Terry Shaver, 1610 Lafayette Street
- e) Bridget Johnson, 512 Seymour Street
- f) Richard Paro, 412 Rosseel Street

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

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nelson moved that the claims as enumerated in General Fund Warrant #3-2015 in the amount of \$605,743.97 and Library Fund Warrant #3-2015 in the amount of \$19,745.18 and Capital Fund Warrant #3-2015 in the amount of \$113,949.07 and Community Development Fund Warrant #3-2015 in the amount of \$0.00 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #3-2015 in the amount of \$17,721.23 and NSP Funds Warrant #3-2015 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 Morley moved a resolution to increase City of Ogdensburg Parking Fines effective March 1, 2015, and Councillor Ashley seconded to wit:

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE
CITY OF OGDENSBURG PARKING FINES

WHEREAS, the current City of Ogdensburg penalties for parking violations are insufficient to deter such violations on local streets, and

WHEREAS, the Ogdensburg Police Department is recommending that fines for certain parking violations be increased to be more effective deterrents to these violations; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following City of Ogdensburg Parking Fines be increased, effective March 1, 2015, as follows:

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<u>FINE \$</u>	<u>VIOLATION</u>
\$20.	All Night Parking (OMC 209.25)
\$40.	Fire Lanes (OMC 209.21-1)
\$20.	2-Hr Parking or Time Restricted Parking (OMC 209.22)
\$20.	No Standing (OMC 209.24)
\$20.	No Stopping (OMC 209.23)
\$20.	Alternate Side Parking (OMC 209)
\$20.	Alternate Side Parking (OMC 209)
\$20.	Blocking Driveway (NYS VTL 1202-2a)
\$20.	Parked Facing Wrong Way (NYS VTL 1213-b)
\$20.	Blocking Sidewalk/Crosswalk (NYS VTL 1202)
\$20.	Parked 20' of Crosswalk (NYS VTL 1202)
\$20.	Any other NYS VTL Parking Violation or violations other than parking or OMC, i.e. – expired registration, expired inspection, etc)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that fines not paid within ten (10) days of issuance will be doubled; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg City Council hereby approves the abovementioned Parking Fine Increases.

Councillor Morley asked if the City has alternate side parking. Councillor Hosmer said yes, near Montroy Park. Councillor Morley asked how many parking tickets we issue in a year. Police Chief Richard Polniak said the average over the past 15 years has been 990 parking tickets per year. Chief Polniak explained 896 parking tickets were issued in 2014, 745 in 2013 and 900 in 2012. Councillor Morley asked if we should be enforcing the current parking regulations instead of increasing the fines. Chief Polniak said currently motorists aren't deterred by the \$10 fine and park where they want to park. Chief Polniak explained enforcement of parking regulations is part of his department's routine activities. Councillor Morley asked if the purpose is to generate revenue. Chief Polniak said no, increasing the fines will create a deterrent to illegal parking. Councillor Ashley asked when the parking fines were last increased. Chief Polniak explained he is unsure but the fines were \$10 fifteen years ago. Councillor Ashley said he supports this increase because we would be closer to the parking fines imposed by nearby communities.

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Councillor Skamperle asked if the parking situation described by Mr. Hebert is addressed by these increases. Chief Polniak said the new ordinance Mr. Hebert referred to is designed to prevent people from parking on someone else's property. Councillor Hosmer asked if residents can call the police department if someone is parked on their property. Chief Polniak said yes, and his department will take care of it.

Councillor Morley said he doesn't mind raising the fines if we will enforce the parking ordinances.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

2. Mayor Nelson moved an ordinance to add Chapter 38 entitled "Joint Planning and Zoning Commission" to the Ogdensburg Municipal Code, and Councillor Stevenson seconded to wit:

ORDINANCE #2
ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 38 ENTITLED
"JOINT PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION"
TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg, New York, as follows:

ITEM ONE

That Chapter 38 entitled "Joint Planning and Zoning Commission" is hereby added:

Chapter 38
JOINT PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

§38-1. Commission established.

- A. The City officially establishes a Joint Planning and Zoning Commission (hereafter referred to as the “Joint Commission”), to be appointed by the Mayor and City Council. The Planning and Zoning Boards, by the majority vote of each board, will recommend and present to the City Council the names of three (3) persons eligible and willing to serve on this Commission from each of their respective boards. The membership shall include three (3) members of the Zoning Board of Appeals, three (3) members of the Planning and Development Board, and three (3) members of City Council for a total of nine (9) volunteer commissioner’s. Three alternate members may be appointed, one (1) from the Planning Board, one (1) from the Zoning Board of Appeals, and one (1) from City Council in the event that a regular member is unable to participate in matters before the Joint Commission because of a conflict of interest, illness or other absence.
- B. Commissioner’s shall serve for terms of three (3) years, except that, of those first appointed, five (5) shall serve for one (1) year, three (3) for two (2) years and one (1) for three (3) years.

§38-2. Purpose.

The primary purpose and responsibility of the Joint Commission is to advise the City Council, City staff and other agencies and boards on matters affecting community development as it relates to adaptive reuse of all lands public, quasi-public, and institutional in nature.

§38-3. Meetings. Records. Quorum.

- A. Meetings. The Joint Commission shall have regularly scheduled meetings *or* shall meet at such other times as the Director of Planning and Development determines. The Joint Commission shall also advertise and hold public hearings as required. Notice of all public hearings shall be published in the official paper at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. All meetings of the Joint Commission shall be open to the public.
- B. Records. The Joint Commission shall keep minutes of its proceedings. All decisions of the Joint Commission shall be recorded in the minutes which shall fully set forth the reasons for the decision of the Joint Commission and the findings of fact on which the decision was based, and such record of every official determination of the Joint Commission shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk as a public record.
- C. Quorum and voting. At least 3/4ths of the appointed members must be present to constitute a quorum; not less than 2 commissioners from each comprising board shall be present to constitute this quorum. Adoption of any resolution or action shall be by 2/3rds majority of all appointed members, not the number of filled positions, to make official decisions. In adaptive reuse permit applications referred to the County Planning Board, which recommends denial or approval with modifications, a majority plus one vote of the Board's full membership shall be required to act contrary to the County Planning Board's recommendation; however, the Joint Commission may deny any application by a simple majority vote of its full membership.

§38-4. Community Liaisons.

- A. The Joint Commission has the express authority to appoint community liaisons.
- B. Community liaisons shall be selected from interested property owners within the 400' radius of the proposed project site and shall be limited to the greater of 3 or 10% of the mailing list. In no instance shall one household have more than one (1) community liaison representation.

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C. Community liaisons shall be elected by the public at a date and time specified in the initial mailing and notice of hearing.

D. Community liaisons may advise and assist the Joint Commission on neighborhood specific concerns pertaining to Adaptive Reuse Permit Applications, and shall be appointed on a case-by-case basis by the Commission.

ITEM TWO

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

Director of Planning and Development Andrea Smith said we received the County's review and only one change was recommended. Ms. Smith read the recommendation to Council:

“Staff recommends revising the last sentence to Chapter 38, Section 38-3, Item C (Quorum and voting) to read as: “In adaptive reuse permit applications referred to the County Planning Board, which recommends denial or approval with modifications, a majority plus one of the Board’s full membership shall be required to act contrary to the County Planning Board’s recommendation. Both the 2/3rds, and the majority plus one of the full membership voting criteria require six out of nine votes of the Commission. The Joint Commission may deny any application by a simple majority vote of its full membership. This revision helps ensure the reader understands the voting requirements to approve a project is the same regardless of where the project is located.”

Ms. Smith explained she has discussed the suggested change with the Chairman of the Planning Board and recommend the Joint Commission be adopted as amended. Councillor Morley asked if the Joint Planning and Zoning Commission can overrule the Zoning and Planning Boards. Ms. Smith said the Joint Commission would only review ARD applications.

Councillor Ashley asked why so many parcels are included in the list. Ms. Smith explained the parcels listed meet the minimum criteria as recommended by the Planning Board.

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Councillor Morley asked if it is necessary for Council members to be included in the Joint Commission. Mayor Nelson said it was suggested by the public and added by Council. Councillor Skamperle said he is opposed to Council being on the Joint Commission because Council has the final say with a simple majority. Councillor Morley asked why this commission is needed. Ms. Smith said the Planning Board recommended the makeup of the Joint Commission because they wanted members from both boards. Ms. Smith explained Zoning Board members have training and Planning Board members are skilled in site plan review. Ms. Smith said the idea was for the Joint Commission to be comprised of the greatest strengths to review these unique applications. Councillor Ashley asked how many applications are anticipated per year. Ms. Smith said she has no way to estimate how many applications will be received each year but expects to receive a few initially. Councillor Stevenson explained the City currently has no way to address blighted properties, and this just allows the City to have a plan with strict guidelines.

Councillor Morley made a motion to amend the composition of the Joint Commission to exclude Council members and Councillor Skamperle seconded. Mayor Nelson said Council members asked for Council to be included in the Joint Commission and removing Council would eliminate Council's input on a project. Mayor Nelson explained board members are appointed, not elected like Council members. Mayor Nelson said Council having a seat at the table is not a bad idea. Councillor Ashley asked if the matter should be tabled. Mayor Nelson said we have been discussing this matter since November.

The vote on the motion to amend the ordinance to exclude Council members from the composition of the Joint Commission was:

AYES: Councillors Ashley, Mitchell, Morley and Skamperle

NAYS: Mayor Nelson, Councillors Hosmer and Stevenson

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Councillor Hosmer made a motion to table the matter for further discussion, and Councillor Morley seconded. Councillor Morley explained he believes the Joint Commission should include three members of the Planning Board, three members of the Zoning Board and three members of an impacted neighborhood. Councillor Hosmer said we would need a process to select from neighbors in the impacted neighborhood who are willing to serve on the Joint Commission.

Councillor Stevenson said the matter should be tabled because Council needs legal guidance. Councillor Stevenson questioned the City's liability for including non-trained residents on the commission.

The vote to table the ordinance was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

3. Mayor Nelson moved an ordinance adding Article VII entitled "Adaptive Reuse District (ARD)" to the Ogdensburg Municipal Code, and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

ORDINANCE #3

ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE VII ENTITLED
"ADAPTIVE REUSE DISTRICT (ARD) "
TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg, New York, as follows:

ITEM ONE

That Article VII entitled "Adaptive Reuse District (ARD)" is hereby added:

ARTICLE VII
Adaptive Reuse District

§221-22. District and Map.

Ogdensburg's Adaptive Reuse District is specifically mapped to include parcels that exhibit pre-existing nonconforming land use patterns customarily associated with public, quasi-public and institutional development across the City. The parcels that make up this district have property class codes 600's (community service land uses) or 800's (public service land uses). Over time, parcels may be added into or removed from this zoning district as necessary through the standard zoning map amendment process.

§221-23. Purpose.

The purpose of this district is to recognize the public, quasi-public, and institutional nature of particular parcels of land and provide standards and guidelines for their continued use and future adaptive reuse; and to ensure that the developments within the district will be compatible with surrounding zoning districts and uses.

§221-24. Submission and Review Procedure.

The following regulations shall apply to all land within the Adaptive Reuse District

A. Applicability of regulations for Adaptive Reuse Districts (ARD).

- 1) No building, structure, premises or part thereof shall be constructed, erected, converted, enlarged, extended, reconstructed or relocated except in conformity with these regulations and for uses permitted by this article and until the proposed site and development plan and landscape plan have been filed with and approved on behalf of the Joint Planning and Zoning Commission ("Joint Commission") as hereinafter provided. Such request shall be in the form of an application for an Adoptive Reuse Permit, following all requirements for plan submission and documentation of Article XV including 239-m review when relevant.

- 2) All land use within the Adaptive Reuse District shall be limited to the use or uses existing on the effective date of this article or approved by the application for an Adaptive Reuse Permit.
- B. Site and development plan consideration. Upon the application for such permit, the Joint Commission shall consider and either approve, disapprove, or approve subject to any conditions, amendments or commitments, the proposed site and development plan and landscape plan.
- 1) Plan documentation and supporting information. All drawings submitted must be at a scale of not more than 50 feet to the inch. The site and development plan shall include layout and elevation plans for all proposed buildings and structures, and shall indicate:
 - i. The names of all owners of record of all adjacent property, and the tax map number of the property, all as shown in the City's official tax records.
 - ii. Proposed Adaptive Reuse District uses.
 - iii. Any existing uses, buildings, and structures.
 - iv. Proposed buildings and structures. Off-street parking layout.
 - v. Vehicular entrances and exits and turnoff lanes.
 - vi. Setbacks.
 - vii. Landscaping, screens, walls, fences.
 - viii. Signs, including location, size and design thereof.

- ix. Storm drainage facilities.
 - x. Other utilities if aboveground facilities are needed.
- 2) Site and development requirements. Parcels in the Adaptive Reuse District are subject to the following site and development requirements. In review of the proposed site and development plan, the Joint Commission shall assess whether the site and development plan, proposed uses, buildings and structures shall:
- i. Be so designed as to create a superior land development plan, in conformity with the Comprehensive Plan (LWRP) of the City of Ogdensburg, New York, including the applicable Brownfield Opportunity Area plan;
 - ii. Create and maintain a desirable, efficient and economical use of land with high functional and aesthetic value, attractiveness and compatibility of land uses, within the Adaptive Reuse District and with adjacent uses;
 - iii. Provide sufficient and adequate access, parking and loading areas as prescribed by Off-street parking, §221-41;
 - iv. Provide traffic control and street plan integration with existing and planned public streets and interior access roads;
 - v. Provide adequately for drainage and public utilities; and

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- vi. Allocate adequate sites for all uses proposed - the design, character, grade, location and orientation thereof to be appropriate for the uses proposed, logically related to existing and proposed topographical and other conditions, and consistent with the Comprehensive Plan (LWRP).

- vii. Provide sidewalks along public streets, and other full control of access frontages including, but not limited to, recreational trails as determined by the Joint Commission. Sidewalks shall consist of the walkway and any curb ramps or blended transitions. If required to be installed, the Joint Commission shall be guided by the provisions of Chapter 189, Streets and Sidewalks and all relevant ADA accessibility requirements.

§221-25. Public Hearing. The Joint Commission shall schedule and hold both a preliminary review and a public hearing on all adaptive reuse applications. These meetings shall be held separately, and within 30 days of one another. The public hearing shall be held within 62 days of the receipt of a complete application submission or completion of the SEQR review and shall be advertised in the City's official newspaper at least ten (10) days before the public hearing. All property owners within a 400' radius of the parcel under review shall receive a direct mailing informing them of the request and meeting dates.

§221-26. Adaptive Reuse Permit requirements. No building or structure shall be constructed, erected, converted, enlarged, extended, reconstructed or relocated in Ogdensburg's Adaptive Reuse District, without an Adaptive Reuse Permit, and such permit shall not be issued until the proposed site and development plan, and landscape plan has been approved in accordance with this section.

§ 221-27. Joint Planning and Zoning Commission decisions.

- A. The Joint Commission shall render its recommendation within 62 days following receipt of a complete application for an adaptive reuse permit. The Joint Commission's final action, rendered in writing, shall consist of either:

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- 1) Approval of the adaptive reuse permit based upon a determination that the proposed plan will constitute a suitable development and is in compliance with the standards set forth in this section;
- 2) Disapproval of the adaptive reuse permit based upon a determination that the proposed project does not meet the standards for review set forth in this section, and stating such deficiencies; or
- 3) Approval of the site plan subject to any conditions, modifications and restrictions as required by the Joint Commission which will ensure the project meets the standards for review.

B. Notice of the Joint Commission's recommendation shall be given in writing to the applicant and City Council.

§221-28. City Council Action

- A. Prior to authorizing any Adaptive Reuse Permit, the City Council shall hold a public hearing in accordance with this chapter (see Article XVII) and consider the report and recommendation of the Joint Commission and all other relevant comments, reviews and statements.
- B. The City Council shall act to approve, disapprove or approve with modifications, the application for an Adaptive Reuse Permit and preliminary development plan, and shall report its decision to the City's Joint Commission and Planning Board. Should the City Council wish to act contrary to any recommendation for disapproval or approval with modifications made by the Joint Commission or the County Planning Board under authority of § 239-m of the General Municipal Law, it may do so only with 4 affirmative votes of the City Council.
- C. The City Council shall render a decision within 30 days following receipt of a recommendation from the Joint Commission for an adaptive reuse permit.

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- 1) Upon approval of the adaptive reuse application and payment by the applicant of any and all fees due to the City, the Joint Commission shall endorse its approval by having the acting Chairperson sign the final site plan and forward copies to the applicant and Code Enforcement Officer.
- 2) Upon disapproval of the adaptive reuse application, the Joint Commission shall so inform the Code Enforcement Officer, and the Code Enforcement Officer shall deny a building permit to the applicant. The Joint Commission shall also notify the applicant in writing of its decision and its reasons for disapproval.

D. Failure of the City Council to take final action within the specified time period shall be deemed approval. The time within which a decision must be rendered may be extended by mutual consent of the applicant and the Joint Commission.

§221-29. Appeals. Any person aggrieved by any decision of the Joint Commission may apply to the Supreme Court for review by a proceeding under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules. Such proceedings shall be instituted within 30 days after filing of a decision in the office of the City Clerk.

ITEM TWO

That the existing Article VII – Industrial and Institutional District (I/I) to Article XX – Adult Entertainment Uses and all existing subsections and references thereto be renumbered as follows:

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ARTICLE VIII - **Industrial and Institutional District (I/I)**

- §221-30. Purpose
- §221-31. Permitted uses
- §221-32. Special Permit Uses
- §221-33. Prohibited uses

ARTICLE IX - **Mobile Home District (MH)**

- §221-34. Purpose.
- §221-35. Permitted Uses.
- §221-36. Prohibited Uses

ARTICLE X - **Planned Development District (PDD)**

- §221-37. Purpose.
- §221-38. Minimum standards.
- §221-39. Submission and review procedure.
- §221-40. Expiration of permit.

ARTICLE XI - **Waterfront Overlay District (W)**

- §221-41. Purpose and loading.
- §221-42. Permitted uses.
- §221-43. Prohibited uses.

ARTICLE XII - **Determination of Use**

- §221-44. Determination of use.

ARTICLE XIII - **Dimensional Regulations**

- §221-45. Dimensional regulations.

ARTICLE XIV - **Regulations Applicable to All Districts**

- §221-46. Accessory uses and structures.
- §221-47. Open storage of inoperative or unregistered motor vehicles.
- §221-48. Public garages and gasoline filling stations.
- §221-49. Outdoor vending machines; outdoor Sales.
- §221-50. Off-street parking and loading.
- §221-51. Signs.
- §221-52. Usable open space.
- §221-53. Temporary uses and structures.
- §221-54. Nonconforming lots, uses and structures.

ARTICLE XV - **Environmental Quality Review**

- §221-55. Purpose.
- §221-56. Process completion required.

- §221-57. Applicability.
- §221-58. Classification of action.
- §221-59. Environmental assessment forms.
- §221-60. Lead agency.
- §221-61. Determinations of significance.
- §221-62. Acceptance of draft environmental impact statement.
- §221-63. Public comment period.
- §221-64. Public hearing.
- §221-65. Preparation of final environmental impact statement.
- §221-66. Notice of completion of final environmental impact statement.
- §221-67. Findings statement.

ARTICLE XVI - **Site Plan Review**

- §221-68. Legislative Authority.
- §221-69. Purpose.
- §221-70. Sketch plan conference.
- §221-71. Applications for site plan approval.
- §221-72. Application acceptance; referral to Planning Board.
- §221-73. Public Hearing
- §221-74. Referral to County Planning Board.
- §221-75. Planning Board decisions.
- §221-76. Standards for review.
- §221-77. Enforcement; inspections.
- §221-78. Amendment to approved plans.
- §221-79. Appeals.

ARTICLE XVII - **Administration and Enforcement**

- §221-80. Code Enforcement Officer and Zoning Administration Officer.
- §221-81. Planning Board.
- §221-82. Zoning Board of Appeals; appeals procedure.
- §221-83. Standards for granting variances.
- §221-84. (Reserved)
- §221-85. Building permit required.
- §221-86. Applications.
- §221-87. Issuance or denial of building permit.
- §221-88. (Reserved)
- §221-89. Certificates of occupancy and certificates of compliance.
- §221-90. Appeals.
- §221-91. Complaints; investigation.
- §221-92. Stop-work orders.
- §221-93. Revocation of permits.
- §221-94. Judicial review.

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ARTICLE XVIII - Amendments

- §221-95. Legislative Authority.
- §221-96. Referral to Planning Board.
- §221-97. Referral to County Planning Board.
- §221-98. Public notice and hearing.
- §221-99. City Council vote; protests.

ARTICLE XIX - Application Fees

- §221-100. Application fees.

ARTICLE XX - Penalties for Offenses

- §221-101. Penalties for Offenses.
- §221-102. (Reserved)

ARTICLE XXI - Adult Entertainment Uses

- §221-103. Purpose.
- §221-104. Definitions.
- §221-105. Location; signs; blockage of view from public places; establishment of business.
- §221-106. Measurement of distances.
- §221-107. Penalties for offenses.
- §221-108. Severability.
- §221-109. When effective.

ITEM THREE

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

Councillor Hosmer made a motion to table the ordinance, and Councillor Ashley seconded the motion.

Councillor Morley suggested amending the time limit to 60 days for completion of the review. Councillor Skamperle recommended 90 days, and Mayor Nelson recommended 45 days. Director of Planning and Development Andrea Smith explained there is a provision already included for extending the time frame. Councillor Morley said Council wants more than 62 days. Councillor Hosmer added the applicant may not want to delay the process. Councillor Skamperle said the City should be in a hurry to process these applications but he also wants a safety net for residents. Councillor Stevenson said residents often say we are not business friendly. Councillor Stevenson explained 45 days seems reasonable because some developers may not want to wait 90 days. Councillor Skamperle said our objective is to protect our neighborhoods not delay development. Councillor Stevenson explained Council members can attend the Joint Commission meetings to get the information about a project and may even be able to facilitate the process.

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Councillor Mitchell made a motion to change the time limit to 60 days, and Councillor Skamperle seconded. This motion did not come to a vote due to previous motion to table.

The vote to table the ordinance was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councillor Stevenson suggested Council members meet at the Lockwood Arena at 6pm on 1/23/15 for a tour of the facility. Mayor Nelson asked City Comptroller Philip Cosmo to coordinate the tour with City Manager John Pinkerton and Recreation Director Matthew Curatolo.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Councillor Ashley said there was a water main break in his neighborhood last Friday at 1am and the DPW crews worked through the night and into the next day making the repairs. Councillor Ashley explained another break occurred on Saturday morning and the crews returned and stayed until the problem was fixed. Councillor Ashley said our DPW department did an excellent job and he wanted to commend them. Councillor Stevenson agreed.

2. Mayor Nelson said City staff members in every department work hard for our citizens. Mayor Nelson thanked Police Chief Richard Polniak and his department for the recent drug bust.

3. City Comptroller Philip Cosmo said a Town Hall Meeting with the City Assessor has been scheduled for March 3, 2015 at 6:30pm at the Dobisky Center. Councillor Stevenson said the presentation will include an explanation of how an assessment amount is determined and how to file a grievance.

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4. Councillor Hosmer said there are quite a few events scheduled in the City in the upcoming weeks. Councillor Hosmer explained there is a Polar Bear Plunge, Pond Hockey Classic, Polar Bear 5K Walk/Run and 1 Mile Walk/Run along the Maple City Trail on Saturday, February 14th; a Shiverball tournament and Battle of Ogdensburg re-enactment on February 21st; and, a SNOLF tournament on February 28th.

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