

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

PRESENT: Mayor Ashley, Councillors Davis, Kennedy,  
Price, Shaver, Skamperle and Stevenson

ABSENT: None

### PRESENTATION

1. Tim Redmond, Chairman of the Planning Board, made a presentation to Council to provide a summary of the Planning Board zoning amendments. (A copy of the map showing proposed zoning changes follows these minutes.) Mr. Redmond explained the review has been a five year process, and the Planning Board has reviewed all aspects including signage and setbacks. Director of Planning and Development Andrea Smith suggested Council discuss how to initiate public input on the proposed changes.

### PROCLAMATION

1. Mayor Ashley read a proclamation from Assemblywoman Addie A.E. Jenne to commemorate the City's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. (A copy of the proclamation follows these minutes.)

### CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Ashley moved that the claims as enumerated in General Fund Warrant #10-2018 in the amount of \$652,205.11 and Library Fund Warrant #10-2018 in the amount of \$23,317.12 and Capital Fund Warrant #10-2018 in the amount of \$5,560.00 and Community Development Fund Warrant #10-2018 in the amount of \$0.00 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #10-2018 in the amount of \$0.00 as audited, be and the same are ordered paid and Councillor Skamperle seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Councillor Stevenson moved a resolution to approve the sale of 2 King Street, Tax Parcel #48.078-5-27, for \$1,000.00 to Adam W. Davis, and Councillor Price seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF 2 KING STREET,  
TAX PARCEL 48.078-5-27, TO ADAM W. DAVIS

WHEREAS, the Ogdensburg City Council, on April 9, 2018, authorized the public auction of surplus City-owned real property, and

WHEREAS, the City held an auction on April 25, 2018 to sell said property, and

WHEREAS, the City received bids that met the minimum bids set by City Council,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the following sale of:

<u>TAX MAP #</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MINIMUM PURCHASE PRICE</u>	<u>RESTRICTION(S)</u>
48.078-5-27	2 King Street	\$1,000 includes (estimated \$400 Attorney and \$350 recording fees)	nonconforming lot, R/B

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sale shall be subject to the terms of the April 9, 2018 resolution.

The vote was:

AYES: Mayor Ashley, Councillors Kennedy, Price,  
Shaver, Skamperle and Stevenson

ABSTAIN: Councillor Davis

NAYS: None

APPROVED, 6 TO 0

2. Councillor Skamperle moved a resolution to amend the 2018 budget: Consolidated Highway Aid A3501 and corresponding Appropriation A5110.330 to include the receipt of CHIPs allocation in the amount of \$321,704.15 Extreme Winter Recovery allocation in the amount of \$49,324.86 and the NYPAVE allocation in the amount of \$73,432.17, for a new grant total of \$444,461.18, and Councillor Kennedy seconded to wit:

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2018 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg has been awarded a CHIPs allocation in the amount of \$321,704.15, an Extreme Winter Recovery allocation in the amount of \$49,324.86 and the NYPAVE allocation in the amount of \$73,432.17, and

WHEREAS, these funds are to be used for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of local highways, and

WHEREAS, \$390,000.00 in Capital Construction funding (A5110.330) was included in the 2018 budget, and

WHEREAS, \$54,461.18 was not included in the 2018 budget,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Comptroller is authorized to amend the 2018 budget to include the receipt of \$54,461.18 in grant revenue into account A5110.330.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

3. Councillor Kennedy moved a resolution to approve the issuance of a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) to cover cash flow needs for the City, and Councillor Skamperle seconded to wit:

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION DATED MAY 29, 2018.  
A RESOLUTION DELEGATING TO THE COMPTROLLER  
OF THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG, ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY, NEW YORK,  
THE POWER TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF AND TO SELL NOT  
EXCEEDING \$2,000,000 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES OF SAID CITY IN  
ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF TAXES LEVIED OR TO BE  
LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF SAID CITY WHICH COMMENCED  
JANUARY 1, 2018.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell not exceeding \$2,000,000 tax anticipation notes of the City of Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York, including renewals thereof, in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied or to be levied for the fiscal year of said City which commenced January 1, 2018, is hereby delegated to the Comptroller. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

City Manager Sarah Purdy confirmed this is a process we follow every year. Councillor Shaver asked if this is necessary because of delinquent taxes. Ms. Purdy explained our fiscal year begins on January 1<sup>st</sup> but tax collection doesn't begin until May which can create a cash flow issue. City Comptroller Timothy Johnson said it also helps with grants since we must expend the funds prior to reimbursement. Councillor Shaver asked if we recover the funds from tax collection. Mr. Johnson said yes but added interest rates are rising because of our Moody rating. Councillor Shaver asked for the interest rate, and Mr. Johnson explained it was 4% last year which equals \$72,000 on \$2 million. Ms. Purdy asked Mr. Johnson if we could cover our expenses without proceeding with the TAN, and Mr. Johnson said yes, but eventually we would run out of money.

Councillor Shaver asked if the City can change our fiscal year. Ms. Purdy explained that would present many challenges, but we could discuss it with the restructuring board. Ms. Purdy added she does not think changing the fiscal year would negate the need for the TAN. Councillor Shaver said he would like to see a plan established to get out of this pattern. Ms. Purdy explained the City did not get into this situation overnight and will not get out of it overnight. Councillor Stevenson said all ways to generate revenue are being explored. Ms. Purdy added we are dealing with decisions of the past right now, and there are multiple things we are trying to pick away at while keeping the bills paid.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

4. Mayor Ashley moved a resolution to provide for public notice and public hearing regarding an ordinance to amend § AR-27.2 entitled "Workplace Violence Prevention Program Policy" of the Municipal Code of the City of Ogdensburg, and Councillor Skamperle seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION  
INTRODUCING ORDINANCE #10 FOR 2018

BE IT RESOLVED that proposed Ordinance #10 of the year 2018 entitled:

An amendment to § AR-27.2 entitled “Workplace Violence Prevention Program Policy” of the Municipal Code of the City of Ogdensburg be and it hereby is introduced before the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg, NY, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the aforesaid proposed Ordinance be laid upon the desk of each member of the City Council, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hold a Public Hearing on said proposed Ordinance at the City Council Chambers at 7:00 pm on Monday, June 11, 2018, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the City of Ogdensburg of said public hearing at least seven days prior thereto.

Councillor Skamperle asked what changes are being proposed. City Manager Sarah Purdy said the entire current policy is being eliminated and replaced with the proposed policy. Ms. Purdy said she will provide Council with a copy of the current policy.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mayor Ashley said he has received positive comments regarding the demolition of St. Joseph’s Nursing Home. Councillors Stevenson and Davis agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Councillor Shaver said he has been contacted by an individual attempting to open a bottle redemption business and was advised the Municipal Code doesn't address that type of business. Councillor Shaver asked for the process to be expedited and discretion be given to Director of Planning and Development Andrea Smith to interpret the Municipal Code. Ms. Smith explained because the current Municipal Code does not include that type of business and there are no like uses, the Code must be amended which includes a process and Council's approval. Ms. Smith explained if the bottle redemption would be tied to a retail business or a not-for-profit organization and no additional changes would be required, but the owner has specifically stated there will be no retail activity at the business. Ms. Smith said the proposed changes will be presented to Council in June. Councillor Shaver said the Planning Board should be given more discretion so we can encourage businesses to come to the City.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. City Manager Sarah Purdy addressed Council regarding the Greenbelt repairs, advising Council that FEMA needs to know if we plan to repair the Greenbelt as is or make changes. Ms. Purdy said there is a consensus of the team to improve, increase and enhance waterfront activity and access, while still meeting the needs of our less mobile residents. Director of Planning and Development Andrea Smith distributed pictures outlining the current design of the Greenbelt area as well as proposed changes to the design. (A copy of the photos follows these minutes.) After much discussion among Council members and City staff regarding the different design options and ideas, there was a consensus of Council to advise FEMA that the City's intention is to change the design of the Greenbelt area.

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2. Director of Planning and Development Andrea Smith announced the City has been designated as the 25<sup>th</sup> Land Bank in New York State. Ms. Smith explained the City is waiting on the approval letters to file for a Certificate of Incorporation. Ms. Smith said the Land Bank Board will then be required to hold a meeting within thirty days and adopt the by-laws. Ms. Smith said the Land Bank will be ready to address properties at the tax sale next year. City Manager Sarah Purdy said this designation is critical to turn around the City's finances.

3. Councillor Price said he received several complaints about the Montroy Park fields. Recreation Director Matt Curatolo said the fields are typically mowed on Monday, but yesterday was Memorial Day. Mr. Curatolo said he personally walked the fields and did not find any potholes. Mr. Curatolo said he would like to increase communication between Kiwanis and the City. Councillor Skamperle said the Recreation Department is understaffed in comparison to previous years. Mr. Curatolo explained the grass is growing fast and if the fields were mowed two times per week something else wouldn't get done. Councillor Skamperle said Kiwanis members are willing to help and suggested exploring the possibility of a waiver to allow them to use City equipment to help. Councillor Skamperle explained Kiwanis members are planning fundraisers to raise money to purchase equipment and possibly hire staff to maintain the fields. Mr. Curatolo said a meeting is scheduled at the end of the season. Councillor Davis said we need to work together to enhance our fields.

Mayor Ashley said there was a need for Executive Session to discuss matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed and property acquisition, and Councillor Price seconded the motion.

The vote to adjourn to Executive Session was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

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