

**\*AMENDED\***  
**AGENDA**  
Special Council Meeting  
Thursday, April 30, 2020  
6:00 P.M.

**Due to public health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, the Ogdensburg City Council will not be meeting in-person. In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 202.1, this meeting will be held via videoconferencing using GoToMeeting.com and a transcript will be provided at a later date.**

**The public will have an opportunity to participate in the meeting in accordance with §AR-17(G) of the Ogdensburg Municipal Code using the following link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/439044429> or by calling 1-872-240-3212 and entering Access Code #439-044-429.**

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Call to Order

\*III. Personal Appearance

IV. Items for Council Action

1. A resolution directing the City Manager to implement cost reductions in the 2020 budget. (Bill #37)

V. Adjournment

Business of the City Council  
City of Ogdensburg

SUBJECT: A resolution directing City Manager to implement cost reductions in the 2020 budget

FOR AGENDA OF: April 30, 2020

BILL #: 37

DEPT. OF ORIGIN: Mayor

DATE SUBMITTED: April 28, 2020

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY CITY ATTORNEY

EXHIBITS: Resolution

APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER FOR SUBMITTAL

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EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: -0-	AMOUNT BUDGETED: -0-	APPROPRIATION REQUIRED: -0-
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SUMMARY STATEMENT

A resolution directing the City Manager to implement cost reductions in the 2020 budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

**Approval of resolution.**

MOVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR SKELLY	_____	COUNCILLOR DILLABOUGH	_____
COUNCILLOR FISHER	_____	COUNCILLOR KENNEDY	_____
COUNCILLOR POWERS	_____	COUNCILLOR RISHE	_____
COUNCILLOR SKAMPERLE	_____		

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THE  
FOLLOWING COST REDUCTIONS IN THE 2020 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the City is projected to lose in excess of \$500,000 in sales tax and real property tax revenue as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS, the State has also warned that it will need to cut over \$400,000 in Aide to Municipalities for Ogdensburg as a result of the financial crisis caused by the pandemic, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is also threatening to reduce sales tax collections to the City of Ogdensburg under an expiring sales tax agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is necessary and imperative that the City adjust its budget to compensate for this loss of revenue to ensure that the City remains financially solvent,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby directed to implement the following cost reductions in the 2020 adopted budget:

1. Four layoffs in the Police Department effective May 15.
2. Four layoffs in the Fire Department effective 15.
3. Eliminate two administrative positions in the Recreation Department effective May 15. All functions of department to be assumed by existing staff at Public Works.
4. A 40% reduction in Police Department overtime, which amounts to \$114,000 of the allocated \$285,000 overtime budget.
5. Leave Manager position vacant until end of 2020 fiscal year.
6. Layoff the Assessor effective May 15.
7. Eliminate one housing inspector position effective May 15.
8. Implement recommended cuts, including: engineering consultants; city hall maintenance; central services contractual expense; pumper truck payment; recreational capital construction; parks equipment and capital construction; fishing derby; landfill closure; no summer recreation camp; and pool closure. These items total \$210,986.
9. An extension of the current hiring freeze through December 31, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Manager is hereby directed to implement these budget reductions beginning May 15 and as specified above, and that a complete report of progress with these reductions shall be delivered to the Council at its May 11 regularly scheduled meeting.