

## 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

### PRESENTATION

1. Ogdensburg Police Department Patrolman Mark Kearns introduced the City's K9 patrol dog, Kodiak. Patrolman Kearns explained the City's K9 program officially began on June 1, 2014 and former District Attorney Nicole Duve' secured the \$12,000 needed for the program from drug seizure money. Patrolman Kearns said Kodiak was trained in Albany for detection of several different types of drugs and can search buildings, vehicles and packages. Patrolman Kearns explained donations have been received from Tractor Supply, the SPCA and the Criminal Justice Club at SUNY Canton. Patrolman Kearns presented Kodiak with three packages for a demonstration to Council. Patrolman Kearns demonstrated how Kodiak sits when he discovers drugs. Patrolman Kearns said he has completed 80 hours of training and will complete 16 hours per month. Councillor Stevenson thanked Patrolman Kearns for his donation of the dog to provide the City with a K9 officer. City Manager John Pinkerton asked if we have used Kodiak's services yet. Patrolman Kearns said yes. Police Chief Richard Polniak said Kodiak was used in his neighborhood and found drug paraphernalia discarded by an individual. Mayor Nelson said he is grateful to have a K9 officer in Ogdensburg and thanked Patrolman Kearns.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nelson moved that the claims as enumerated in General Fund Warrant #12-2014 in the amount of \$1,340,829.37 and Library Fund Warrant #12-2014 in the amount of \$23,808.36 and Capital Fund Warrant #12-2014 in the amount of \$0.00 and Community Development Fund Warrant #12-2014 in the amount of \$0.00 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #12-2014 in the amount of \$0.00 and HOME Fund Warrant #12-2014 in the amount of \$0.00 and AHC Funds Warrant #12-2014 in the amount of \$0.00 and NSP Funds Warrant #12-2014 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. Mayor Nelson moved a resolution calling for a public hearing and public notice on a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 209, Section 209-57, Schedule XX: "Handicapped Parking" of the Code of the City of Ogdensburg, and Councillor Skamperle seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL INTRODUCING AN ORDINANCE  
AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE  
AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_ of 2014, entitled, Chapter 209, Section 209-57, Schedule XX: "Handicapped Parking" 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

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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 at the Council Chambers in the City of Ogdensburg, New York, on the 14th day of July, 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 (7) 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

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

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 23, 2014.

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, 2014.

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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, 2014, 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.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

3. Councillor Stevenson moved a resolution to authorize the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Ogdensburg and the St. Lawrence NYSARC, and Councillor Hosmer seconded to wit:

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RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY  
MANAGER TO SIGN A MOU BETWEEN THE  
CITY AND ST. LAWRENCE NYSARC

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg and the St. Lawrence NYSARC wish to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MoU”), setting forth a statement of cooperation between the two parties to ensure the safety and well being of St. Lawrence NYSARC employees and staff in the event that their Ogdensburg facility becomes uninhabitable following an emergency evacuation, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager, John M. Pinkerton, is hereby authorized and directed to sign the attached Memorandum of Understanding.

Councillor Ashley asked if this is the same agreement that was passed last year. City Manager John Pinkerton said yes. Councillor Morley asked if the City has any liability. Mr. Pinkerton said it is a public building. Mr. Pinkerton explained the hours they would need to use the building are the same hours we are open to the public.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councillor Skamperle said he received a complaint that people are dumping brush on City property. City Manager John Pinkerton said some neighborhoods are using a common area for all of their brush. Mr. Pinkerton explained the complaint is being addressed. Councillor Morley asked if the common area being used by neighbors to collect brush is City-owned property or between the sidewalk and curb. Mr. Pinkerton said it is one common area between the sidewalk and curb.

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Councillor Morley said he remembers an issue in the past when people put brush on neighbor's property and he believes a local law was passed to prohibit that. Public Works Supervisor Gregg Harland said it is against the law to place brush on another person's property. Police Chief Richard Polniak said he recently reviewed the law and brush must be placed in front of your own residence.

Councillor Morley asked for a monthly status report on the brush pickup process. Councillor Hosmer said we have already saved 612 hours. Mr. Harland said man hours have been cut in half. Councillor Morley said he wants more information reported to Council monthly. Mr. Harland said there has been an increase in the number of people dropping off their brush at the landfill area.

2. Councillor Stevenson said the Tenant/Landlord seminar went very well and thanked City Manager John Pinkerton for setting it up. Councillor Stevenson said attendance was good.

3. Councillor Morley asked for an estimate of how much our total assessment valuation was increased. City Assessor Bruce Green said the Board of Assessment and Review is currently reviewing grievances and the tentative roll will be completed and available 1 to 2 weeks after they are done.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Councillor Hosmer asked if the banners placed along the pedestrian bridge were budgeted. City Manager John Pinkerton said they were grant funded to be placed in the parks and along the pedestrian bridge.

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Councillor Skamperle said the trees in the pedestrian bridge area look very nice but he believes planting twenty four trees on the west side is too much. Councillor Skamperle asked if we planted all the trees we purchased with the grant money. Mr. Pinkerton said yes. Councillor Stevenson said Planning & Development Director Andrea Smith has a landscaping background and the trees will complement each other.

Mayor Nelson said we will do a dedication in that area in the next month. Mayor Nelson explained out of the area members of the Bjork family will be in Ogdensburg until July 8<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Nelson said he will ask his secretary to schedule the dedication ceremony and send invitations.

2. Councillor Morley asked when milling and repaving of City streets will begin. Public Works Supervisor Gregg Harland said around July 14<sup>th</sup> or maybe sooner. Councillor Morley asked if we will be repaving State Street. Mr. Harland explained State Street will be repaved by the NYSDOT. City Manager John Pinkerton said he will contact NYSDOT to request an update.

3. Councillor Hosmer thanked Pat Paquin for thirty five years of service. Mayor Nelson said Pat was a jack of all trades and a master of many.

Mayor Nelson said there was a need for Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and he did not expect any action. Upon returning from Executive Session all members of Council were still present.

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