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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 and Skamperle

ABSENT: Councillor Stevenson\*

Mayor Nelson stated Councillor Stevenson is out of the City for this meeting and we are trying to connect via videoconference to allow her to participate. Mayor Nelson added that Councillor Stevenson is in San Diego, California, and is having difficulties with the hotel's Wi-Fi, but will continue trying to connect with us.

Nick Mazza from Bonadio & Co., Inc., briefed Council on the search process used to hire a City Manager. Mr. Mazza stated that he received 32 applications, conducted preliminary interviews and provided Council with 3 candidates. Mr. Mazza stated Council interviewed the 3 candidates and determined that Sarah Purdy was the best candidate. Mr. Mazza read Ms. Purdy's experience.

Mayor Nelson thanked Mr. Mazza. Councillor Morley stated that he would be abstaining from the vote to appoint a City Manager because his brother-in-law was a candidate.

Mayor Nelson introduced a resolution to appoint a City Manager and authorize the Mayor to execute an employment agreement on behalf of the City of Ogdensburg, and Councillor Ashley seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A  
CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg has been actively recruiting for the position of City Manager, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have reviewed applications and interviewed candidates since that time, and

WHEREAS, Sarah Purdy is qualified to serve as City Manager and because of her past experience and background can best serve the City of Ogdensburg in meeting future goals and objectives, now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that Sarah Purdy is appointed as City Manager to serve pursuant to the conditions of the employment contract attached hereto, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute said employment agreement on behalf of the City of Ogdensburg.

The vote was:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Councillor Morley

APPROVED, 5 TO 0

Mayor Nelson stated he feels very confident with this appointment and is sorry he won't be working with Sarah Purdy. Mayor Nelson stated that John Pinkerton has been an exceptional leader who chooses to retire and Sarah Purdy has the experience to carry the City's momentum forward.

\*At this point in the meeting Councillor Stevenson connected via videoconference. A few moments later Councillor Stevenson stated she was unable to clearly hear the audio and disconnected.

Sarah Purdy was congratulated by City Council and addressed the Council and audience. Ms. Purdy stated that when she interviewed for this position she was impressed with the City, the civil pride and the friendliness of the residents. Ms. Purdy said Ogdensburg is an exciting city with lots to offer and she will start work here on December 7.

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