

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

PRESENT: Mayor Ashley, Councillors Davis, Mitchell,
Morley, Price, Skamperle and Stevenson

ABSENT: None

PRESENTATION

1. Kevin Feuka, Capital Consultants Architecture and Engineering (C2AE), provided Council with an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Feuka outlined the Executive Summary provided to Council. (A copy of the summary follows these minutes.)

PUBLIC HEARING

1. A public hearing regarding an ordinance to amend Chapter 221 entitled 'Zoning', Section 221-8, entitled "Zoning Map" of the Ogdensburg Municipal Code was held. No one being present to speak, the hearing was declared closed.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

1. Tim Winter, 521 Paterson Street, addressed Council regarding the snow removal issue on Paterson Street. Mr. Winter explained he was asked when this issue had been addressed with Council in the past. Mr. Winter said he first spoke on the matter in September 2010 and raised the issue again at the March 25, 2014 Council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Ashley moved that the claims as enumerated in General Fund Warrant #3-2016 in the amount of \$572,363.41 and Library Fund Warrant #3-2016 in the amount of \$20,979.96 and Capital Fund Warrant #3-2016 in the amount of \$1,980.00 and Community Development Fund Warrant #3-2016 in the amount of \$112,477.24 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #3-2016 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

APPOINTMENTS

1. Mayor Ashley moved to re-appoint Scott Thomas to a three-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire 12/31/2018, and Councillor Morley seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Councillor Skamperle moved an ordinance to amend Chapter 221 entitled 'Zoning', Section 221-8, entitled "Zoning Map", and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 221 ENTITLED "ZONING"
OF THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE

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

ITEM ONE: Amendment of Chapter 221, Section 221-8, entitled "Zoning Map"

That Section 221-8 entitled "Zoning Map" is hereby amended to read as follows:

That Section No. 48.077, Block No. 1, Lot No. 3.1 AND Section No. 48.077,
Block No. 1, Lot No. 2.2, with frontage on Covington Street, in the City of
Ogdensburg, which is zoned Residential Business (R/B), is hereby rezoned to
Moderate Density Residential (MDR).

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.

Councillors Skamperle said he supports the ordinance and the waterfront
development. Mayor Ashley and Councillor Morley agreed. City Manager Sarah
Purdy said this project fits in with the larger endeavor, and there was an agreement
to move forward and develop this property now. Councillor Morley asked if the
property owners will need to install their own water and sewer systems. Director
of Public Works Scott Thornhill said yes and when complete, our staff will connect
their systems to our main systems.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

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2. Councillor Mitchell moved a resolution establishing the Oswegatchie River Inter-municipal Coordinating Committee and authorizing the City Manager to appoint one representative and up to two alternates to the committee to further the vision and projects established in the Oswegatchie River Blueway Trail Plan, and Councillor Stevenson seconded to wit:

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE OSWEGATCHIE RIVER
INTER-MUNICIPAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

This Agreement dated February 11, 2016 is between the City of Ogdensburg and other local governments located along the Oswegatchie River in the following counties: St. Lawrence, Jefferson, Lewis, Herkimer, and Hamilton.

WHEREAS, numerous cooperating parties, including the local governments along the Oswegatchie River, various New York State agencies, and various not-for-profit organizations share the responsibilities, interests, and benefits of creating the Oswegatchie River Blueway Trail and protecting and enhancing the Oswegatchie River, which is a regional resource affected by the actions of these parties;

WHEREAS, the cooperating parties participated in the development of an inter-municipal plan for creation of the Oswegatchie River Blueway Trail and protection and revitalization of the 109-mile Oswegatchie River area, entitled the Oswegatchie River Blueway Trail Plan;

WHEREAS, The Oswegatchie River Blueway Trail Plan includes recommendations for protecting natural resources and enhancing water-based recreation and tourism as part of an overall program to develop a sustainable tourism-based economy and revitalize waterfront communities;

WHEREAS, one of the recommendations of the Oswegatchie River Blueway Trail Plan is effective inter-municipal cooperation for implementing regional actions through the establishment of an appropriate institutional mechanism;

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WHEREAS, the cooperating parties hereto are desirous of continuing to work together on a cooperative basis in order to maintain communication, establish a forum where Oswegatchie River community revitalization issues may be addressed, and enhance inter-municipal and public-private efforts to protect and enhance the Oswegatchie River Blueway Trail area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- a) THAT the parties hereto agree to create and participate in an Oswegatchie River Inter-municipal Coordinating Committee (“the Committee”);
- b) THAT the Committee shall be comprised of one designated representative of each signatory party;
- c) THAT the Committee will choose by majority vote one representative to serve as chair;
- d) THAT each party may, at its pleasure, change its representative to the Committee from time to time;
- e) THAT the Committee will:
 1. Advance activities to implement the recommendations of the Oswegatchie River Blueway Trail Plan;
 2. establish, review, and update priority actions for protecting and enhancing the Oswegatchie River and revitalizing its waterfront communities;
 3. Identify funding priorities for consideration by members when applying for grants and other financial assistance;
 4. Facilitate coordination of members efforts, sharing of information, and increased education of and among Committee members, to protect and enhance the Oswegatchie River;
 5. Approve an annual work plan and budget for the Committee;

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6. Convene an annual forum for the purpose of reviewing past accomplishments and discussing actions needed to further protection and enhancement of the Oswegatchie River and Blueway Trail;
7. sub-committees as needed;
8. Adopt bylaws and procedures for the conduct of business, as necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Ogdensburg City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to appoint one representative, and up to two alternates on behalf of the City of Ogdensburg to serve on the Oswegatchie River Blueway inter-municipal committee.

Councillor Skamperle asked if our representative on this committee will be a City employee. Director of Planning and Development Andrea Smith explained each municipality is asked to appoint a representative, but it does not need to be a City employee.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councillor Davis said he has researched the City's Code of Ethics and read our current policy. Councillor Davis explained he would like Council to review this policy and cited some suggestions. Councillor Davis said Council needs to be a unified body and work together as a group. Councillors Price and Stevenson agreed. Councillor Stevenson suggested Council name an Ethics Officer and recommended City Attorney Andy Silver. Mayor Ashley agreed.

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2. Councillor Morley said he heard the recently cleaned parcel at the end of King Street is about to be sold and developed. Councillor Davis asked if the parcel in question is owned by St. Lawrence Gas, and Councillor Morley said yes. Councillor Stevenson said the parcel is privately owned and Council would have no input regarding development. Councillor Morley said there may be a zoning change request. Ms. Purdy said she will watch for requests regarding this parcel and make sure the proper procedures are followed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Councillor Morley asked for more information regarding the proposed purchase of a paver. Ms. Purdy said details are not available for tonight's meeting, but she will provide Council with an update. Councillor Morley suggested shared services with another community to save money. Ms. Purdy said we will certainly look at all options.

2. Mayor Ashley thanked the Department of Public Works for the excellent condition of our City streets. Director of Public Works Scott Thornhill said he will pass the compliment along to his staff.

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