

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

PRESENT: Mayor Skelly, Councillors Dillabough, Fisher,
Kennedy, Powers, Rishe and Skamperle

ABSENT: None

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

City Manager Stephen Jellie said the sales tax distribution agreement presented to Council was the culmination of hard, dedicated work by members of City Council, the County Legislature and himself. Mr. Jellie explained the agreement was sent to the City by St. Lawrence County Legislature Chairman Dave Forsythe for consideration. Mr. Jellie said the agreement will need to be reviewed by the State and considered by the County Legislature. Mr. Jellie explained the County Attorney has asked that Council signal agreement with the bulk of the agreement and the content in premise so the process can move forward. Mr. Jellie said a resolution would not be passed that night, but a resolution would be brought forward when the agreement is more finalized. Mr. Jellie said Mayor Skelly, Councillor Fisher and he have attended the bulk of the sales tax negotiation meetings and could probably answer questions from other members of Council.

Councillor Skamperle said aside from topics that would be discussed in Executive Session he believed all members of Council had a pretty good understanding of where the City is at in the process.

Mayor Skelly said it had been almost a year since the sales tax negotiations began, and the process has had its ups and downs. Mayor Skelly said he is grateful for the County bringing forward the proposed agreement, and he believes all members of Council are in favor. Mayor Skelly explained it was an important move for not only the City but also for the towns and villages. Mayor Skelly said it will bring stability and thanked the County for bringing it forward.

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Councillor Fisher said he appreciates all the work City Council and the County Legislature have put into the negotiations. Councillor Fisher said he hopes to watch the ink dry on the agreement in the short term. Councillor Fisher explained the City and the County have a lot of other projects, and thanked the County.

Councillor Powers, Councillor Kennedy and Councillor Dillabough said they were fine with the agreement in premise. There was a consensus of Council to move forward with the agreement. Mr. Jellie said he would convey the consensus of Council to the County.

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