

## 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 Hannan,  
Morley, Sholette and Vaugh

ABSENT: Councillors Flynn\* and Powers

Mayor Nelson stated that Councillor Powers was excused because he is out of the City for his job.

### PUBLIC HEARING

1. A public hearing regarding a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 215, Section 215-2.1, entitled "Connection to Available Public Water Service Required" of the Code of the City of Ogdensburg was held. No one being present to speak, the hearing was closed.

2. A public hearing regarding a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 221, Section 221-8, entitled "Zoning Map" of the Code of the City of Ogdensburg was held. No one being present to speak, the hearing was closed.

\*At this point in the meeting, Councillor Flynn arrives.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nelson moved that the claims as enumerated in Warrant #03-2008 in the amount of \$650,613.31, and Library Warrant #03-2008 in the amount of \$23,213.19 and Community Development Fund Warrant #03-2008 in the amount of \$220,414.68 and Capital Fund Warrant #03-2008 in the amount of \$27,979.75 as audited, be and the same are ordered paid and Councilor Flynn seconded the motion.

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The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

### APPOINTMENTS

1. Mayor Nelson moved to appoint John B. Johnson to a three-year term on the Frederic Remington Art Museum Board of Directors, term will expire 12/31/10, and Councillor Morley seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

2. Mayor Nelson moved to appoint Lee T. Hirschey to a three-year term on the Frederic Remington Art Museum Board of Directors, term will expire 12/31/10, and Councillor Vaugh seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

### PERSONAL APPEARANCE

1. Aaron Jarvis, Tisdale Associates, presented Council with an updated feasibility study regarding the existing conditions of the Lake Street Bridge, three options for Council to review and his recommendations. The three options were:

C) New Pedestrian Bridge south of existing bridge. Cost \$2,205,195.84

D) Eliminate the existing Bridge and move water and sewer mains, cost \$1,722,902.40

E) Eliminate the existing bridge and move water and sewer infrastructure to NYSDOT bridge, cost \$2,170,022.40

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Mr. Jarvis stated the option E cost estimate is \$2,170,022.40 just to run the water and sewer. Mr. Jarvis recommended option C, which is to build a new pedestrian bridge south of the existing bridge with new 16” water and 20” sewer lines attached to it.

After much discussion, there was a consensus of Council to maintain a walk bridge. Mayor Nelson stated this bridge must be dealt with this year.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Councillor Morley moved an ordinance amending Chapter 215, Section 215-2.1, entitled “Connection to Available Public Water Service Required” of the Code of the City of Ogdensburg and Councillor Vaugh seconded to wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 2 of 2008  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 215 OF THE MUNICIPAL  
CODE OF THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg as follows:

Section 1: Article 1 of Chapter 215 be and the same is hereby amended to add the following section:

215-2.1. CONNECTION TO AVAILABLE PUBLIC WATER SERVICE  
REQUIRED

The owner of all houses, buildings or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation or other purposes situated within the City of Ogdensburg and abutting on any street, alley or right-of-way in which there is now located or may in the future be located public water service of the City is hereby required at the expense of the property owner to install suitable piping and related equipment and to connect such piping and related equipment directly with the proper public water serve in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter provided said public water service is located within one hundred (100) feet of the property line of the property to be served. Said property owner shall be required to install said piping and related equipment within ninety (90) days after the date of notice from the Director of the Department of Public Works.

**Section 2:** This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication of notice that shall give the title and describe the same in summary.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

2. Councillor Hannon moved an Ordinance amending Chapter 221, Section 221-8, entitled “Zoning Map” of the Code of the City of Ogdensburg and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

ORDINANCE 3 of 2008  
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:

SECTION 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. 48.071, Block No.1, Lot No. 3, consisting of approximately 1.23 acres; bounded by the St. Lawrence River, Franklin Street the northernmost property line of 48.071-1-4 and 48.071-1-5, and the easternmost property line of 48.071-1-2.1 and 48.071-1-2.2, in the City of Ogdensburg, which is zoned Residential/Business (R/B) is hereby rezoned to Planned Development District (PDD).

SECTION TWO

This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication of a notice which shall give the title and describe same in summary.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

3. Mayor Nelson moved a Resolution calling for public hearing and public notice for the purpose of obtaining public input into the ongoing Community Development Program and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg is contemplating the submission of a grant application to the NYS Governor's Office for Small Cities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and staff of the office of Planning and Development are in desirous of obtaining public input into the matter of the ongoing community development program of the City,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council shall hold public hearings in the matter of the ongoing community development program to be held in the City Council chambers at City Hall, Ogdensburg, New York, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008 and the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk give notice of such public hearings by publication in the newspaper so designated by the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg for legal and public notices at least seven (7) days before the hearing dates setting forth the time and place.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

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### OLD BUSINESS

1. Councillor Hannan stated at the last meeting he requested an update on the developers for the Diamond properties and Mr. Sciorra said he was meeting with two developers the next day. Councillor Hannan asked for an update. City Manager Arthur Sciorra stated that one consultant has requested an additional thirty days to provide additional information. Mr. Sciorra stated that the thirty day extension was granted.

2. Councillor Hannan stated that this past summer the City signed an agreement with Ridgeview Tel for wireless service and questioned if they are operational.

City Manager Arthur Sciorra stated they have not turned on their service due to sales issues east of the City and problems with radio signals. Mr. Sciorra added that even though they haven't turned on their signal, they are still leasing space on our towers and we have started billing them as of last month.

3. Councillor Hannan stated he reviewed Public Works Director Kit Smith's memo regarding shared services. Councillor Hannan said he would like to explore what other municipalities are doing, and if they have obtained any grants for shared services.

City Manager Arthur Sciorra explained that we have been actively pursuing shared water and sewer services with Lisbon, Oswegatchie, and Heuvelton. Mayor Nelson said that the City Manager and a group of Council will be attending the NYCOM Conference in two weeks and can talk to other officials to explore what they have done with shared services. Councillor Nick Vaugh volunteered to meet with municipal officials who have been successful with shared services.

4. Councillor Hannan requested an update on the Planner position. City Manager Arthur Sciorra stated that we re-advertised and applicants have until February 15, 2008 to submit applications. Mr. Sciorra said we have had some applicants.

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### NEW BUSINESS

1. Councillor Flynn stated that he met with Bill Kraus in Albany regarding Disabled Veterans and Veterans Tuition Programs. Councillor Flynn asked if § 55c of Civil Service Law was available here. City Clerk Kathy Bouchard stated yes.

Councillor Flynn requested that Council draft a letter endorsing the Veterans Tuition Bill and send copies to our two senatorial candidates and the Executive Director of the Veterans Affairs.

There was a consensus to support the Veterans Tuition Program Bill, but Council requested more information from Councillor Flynn before a letter is drafted.

2. Councillor Sholette asked Recreation Director Scott Lalone if there have been any scheduling issues at the new Visitor's Center. Councillor Sholette also asked if certain groups have scheduled meetings set for certain days throughout the year. Mr. Lalone stated that certain groups (AA) do have regularly scheduled meetings, but that they are all scheduled on a first come first serve basis.

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