

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

PRESENT: Mayor Skelly, Councillors Fisher, Kennedy and Rishe

ABSENT: Councillors Dillabough, Powers and Skamperle

Councillor Kennedy participated in this meeting remotely from 404 Rensselaer Avenue, Ogdensburg, NY 13669.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

1. Margaret Haggerty addressed Council and read a prepared statement. (A copy of her statement follows these minutes.)

2. Doug Loffler thanked Council for the dedication of the Zeke Montroy Horseshoe Pit Complex. Mr. Loffler thanked City Historian Julie Madlin for the dedication ceremony and City Clerk Cathy Jock for distributing the program at the ceremony, adding it was an excellent ceremony. Mr. Loffler thanked Councillor Rishe for attending the ceremony and Councillors Skamperle and Powers for their telephone calls, adding the family greatly appreciated it. Mr. Loffler said we are now down to four months, and he has not seen where Council has started a search for the next City Manager. Mr. Loffler said the word on the street is that there is a deal being struck for the position, and the public needs to know the status.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Skelly moved that the claims as enumerated in General Fund Warrant #14-2022 in the amount of \$641,625.09 and Library Fund Warrant #14-2022 in the amount of \$0.00 and Capital Fund Warrant #14-2022 in the amount of \$87,197.50 and Community Development Fund Warrant #14-2022 in the amount of \$1,801.94 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #14-2022 in the amount of \$0.00 as audited, be and the same are ordered paid and Councillor Fisher seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Mayor Skelly moved a resolution to approve the sale of surplus property following the August 2, 2022 surplus property auction, and Councillor Fisher seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF SURPLUS CITY-OWNED
PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg has acquired the following parcels in accordance with property tax sale foreclosure proceedings; and

WHEREAS, City staff have reviewed the parcels and find no conflict with the proposed sale, having no infrastructure, or known easements of public benefit; and

WHEREAS, said parcels have been declared surplus by City Council on July 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, all property sold by the City of Ogdensburg is, “as is” and “where is”, by quit claim deed; the City makes no warranty as to clear title or condition; and

WHEREAS, all property within the City of Ogdensburg is subject to the provisions and enforcement of §97-13 Property Maintenance; and

WHEREAS, sale of surplus property promotes the return of underutilized property to the taxable roll for the greater public benefit in keeping with comprehensive planning goals;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the following sales

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Tax Map #: 48.065-2-4
Location: 426 Champlain Street
Restrictions: This is a non-conforming parcel in the City's
Moderate Density Residential (MDR) zoning district
(34'x120').
Minimum bid: \$500
Sale Price: \$500
Buyer: Charles Langley
Buyer: Amber Langley

Tax Map #: 59.023-6-18
Location: 930 Franklin Street
Restrictions: This is a non-conforming parcel in the City's
Moderate Density Residential (MDR) zoning district
(28'x161').
Minimum bid: \$6,500
Sale Price: \$6,500
Buyer: Andrew C. LaFlair

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, said listed buyers are financially responsible for all applicable St. Lawrence County filing fees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sale of said City-owned real property shall be subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.

Councillor Rishe asked if other properties were advertised for the auction. Director of Planning and Development Andrea Smith said fifteen properties were advertised but only two were sold. Councillor Rishe asked what the strategy is to sell the remaining properties. Ms. Smith said the options are being reviewed and evaluated by staff with the expectation that recommendations will be brought to Council as early as August 22, 2022.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

2. Mayor Skelly moved a resolution calling for public notice and public hearing on the City's proposed RESTORE NY 6 grant application(s) and Property Assessment List for strategic to demolish, deconstruct, rehabilitate and/or reconstruct vacant, abandoned, condemned and surplus properties within the City's designated Brownfield Opportunity Area, and Councillor Fisher seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL INTRODUCING
A RESTORE NY 6 GRANT APPLICATION & PROPERTY ASSESSMENT
LIST & PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg desires to submit an application to Empire State Development Corporation (ESD) for RESOTRE NY 6 funding; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with grant submission guidelines the City shall hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed application(s) and the required Property Assessment List; and

WHEREAS, the Property Assessment List shall be published in the official City newspaper for three (3) consecutive days prior to this public hearing in accordance with grant guidelines.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg City Council shall hold a public hearing on the proposed grant application(s) and Property Assessment List to be held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 330 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, New York, on Monday the 22nd day of August, 2022, at 6:00 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 days before the hearing date, of a notice setting forth the time and place and describing the proposed ordinance in summary form.

Councillor Rishe asked Director of Planning and Development Andrea Smith to detail the properties. Ms. Smith explained 30 Main Street is the former cheese plant and consists of five tax map numbers. Ms. Smith said the proposal is to demo the property and complete site improvements.

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Ms. Smith said 1223 Pickering Street is the Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue Squad building. Ms. Smith explained there is a proposal by Rob Noble to purchase the building and convert the former retail space back into retail space. Ms. Smith said both properties are being considered, and comments on both will be accepted at the public hearing. Ms. Smith explained the City can submit one standard application for up to \$2 million and a special application for up to \$10 million. Councillor Rishe asked for details on the plan. Ms. Smith explained public comments will be accepted at the August 22, 2022 meeting, and Council will be presented with a resolution at the first meeting in September. Ms. Smith added applications are due in October.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

3. Mayor Skelly moved a resolution to accept the bid on the surplus 1994 E-ONE HM100 Quint from Jamie Mullen in the amount of \$7,100, and Councillor Rishe seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE BID ON THE SURPLUS
1994 E-ONE HM100 QUINT

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg solicited bids on the sale of the surplus 1994 E-ONE HM100 Quint online with Municibid; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Mullen was the highest bidder with a bid amount of \$7,100;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ogdensburg City Council hereby accepts the bid from Jamie Mullen in the amount of \$7,100 for the purchase of the surplus 1994 E-ONE HM100 Quint.

City Manager Stephen Jellie said the St. Lawrence County EMS Director was asked to send a notification about the truck to all local fire departments. Mr. Jellie explained if a local department had come forward to express interest, he would have recommended the City donate the truck.

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Mr. Jellie said the condition of the truck will not get better sitting outside, adding it is a thirty-year-old truck and this bid is likely as good as it gets.

The vote was:

AYES: Mayor Skelly, Councillors Fisher and Rishe

NAYS: Councillor Kennedy

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Mr. Jellie asked Councillor Kennedy what she would like to do with the truck since she voted against the sale. Councillor Kennedy said she based her decision on conversations she has had with others, and she does not see why the City could not use the truck if it was needed. Mr. Jellie said Councillor Kennedy had discussions with no one on staff, including the City Manager. Councillor Kennedy asked if the City looked at a truck broker to get a better price. Mr. Jellie said yes, adding the service we used garners the best sales. Mr. Jellie said Watertown recently used this service for the sale of a surplus fire truck. Mr. Jellie said staff will look into other options, adding the truck cannot be used because it out of service and will not be put back into service.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. City Manager Stephen Jellie said the discussion regarding marketing opportunities for the City can be held until the next meeting when all members of Council are present.

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CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

1. Margaret Haggerty addressed Council and reviewed the business application of Maslow's hierarchy of needs. Ms. Haggerty said if clandestine conversations are going on in the City such as regarding the position of the City Manager, Council should provide that information to the public.

Mayor Skelly said there was no longer a need for Executive Session.

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

Margaret Haggerty
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Shout out to all the families, students, teachers, staff and administrators who are getting ready for the upcoming school year.

This should only take me a few minutes since it should only be a refresher for all of you, at least all who have at least one semester of college under your belt. For those without any college course experience, I will gladly send detailed information at your request.

The five stages of human needs from Abraham Maslow 1943 has been one of the most cognitively contagious ideas in the behavioral sciences:

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

The need for air, food, water and health.

The need for safety, shelter, stability.

The need for love, belonging and inclusion.

The need for self-esteem, power, control, recognition.

The need for development, creativity, growth.