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

PRESENT: Mayor Nelson, Councillors Ashley,
Cilley, Morley, Skamperle and Hosmer

ABSENT: Councillor Stevenson

Mayor Nelson advised that Councillor Stevenson asked to be excused because she is out of town and was unable to get a return flight in time for the Council meeting. There was a consensus of Council to excuse Councillor Stevenson.

PRESENTATION

1. Forsythe's Rifles made a presentation to Council about the Bi-centennial Celebration of the War of 1812. Barbara O'Keefe, Forsythe's Rifles, asked that the City Hall bell be rung at noon on June 18th in honor of the Bi-Centennial.

2. Mayor Nelson presented the following NYCOM Public Service Certificates to City employees with 25 or more years of service. Mayor Nelson stated that our employees make this City a great place to live. (A copy of the certificates follows these minutes.) The following City employees were recognized:

Bryon Montroy, 25 years

Thomas Beauchamp, 25 years

Terry Shaver, 25 years

Timothy O'Reilly, 25 years

Frederick Badlam, Jr., 25 years

Donald McCarthy, 25 years

Joe-Ellen Murray, 25 years

Deborah Mitchell, 35 years

3. Interim City Planner Andrea Smith made a presentation to Council regarding the Local Waterfront Redevelopment Program (LWRP) describing the history and current status of the program. (A copy of her presentation material follows these minutes.)

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Councillor Morley asked if the City had received any input from the Ogdensburg Bridge & Port Authority. Mrs. Smith said no, but feedback from the OBPA is required and she hopes for their participation. Councillor Morley asked for the cost of the EDR review. Mrs. Smith said the budget was \$45,000.00 and noted the inventory analysis, laws and zoning were reviewed. Mayor Nelson said the money was received from a federal grant.

4. City Assessor Bruce Green made an assessment roll and grievance procedures presentation to Council. (A copy of this presentation material follows these minutes.) Mr. Green said the City's Grievance Day is June 19th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers. Mr. Green explained the procedure is that property owners meet with him first and then if they are not satisfied, they meet with the Assessment Board. Mr. Green said if they are still not satisfied after meeting with the Board, they should file a Small Claims Court action in City Court. Mr. Green said the tentative roll is out and available on the City's website. Mr. Green added the final roll will be available August 1st. Mr. Green said the values are down, adding values may decrease more depending upon grievances. Mr. Green explained that the lawsuit won against the City by ANR and the loss of St. Joseph's Nursing Home from the tax roll, resulted in a significant reduction. Mr. Green also noted there are pending lawsuits against the City that have yet to be resolved. Councillor Skamperle asked if the City Attorney is handling these lawsuits, and Mr. Green said yes. Councillor Skamperle asked for the total reduction, and Mr. Green explained it is a 1.3 million reduction. Councillor Skamperle asked if the 2% tax cap is New York State law mandating that assessed values cannot be increased by more than 2%. Mayor Nelson said the tax cap has nothing to do with assessment. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said the 2% tax cap has nothing to do with tax rate either. Mr. Cosmo explained the 2% tax cap mandates that the total amount the City can collect from taxpayers cannot increase by more than 2% each year.

Councillor Hosmer asked why the St. Lawrence County Real Property website offers access to tax information for the entire county except the City.

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Mr. Cosmo explained the County's computer program is not compatible with ours because we collect water and sewer rates, and also collect taxes for the school. Mr. Cosmo said our system is more complicated. Mr. Cosmo added the City is working on an online program that will be different from the County's, but will make our information available online.

Councillor Hosmer asked if we are at 100% assessed value, and Mr. Green said we have been at 100% for years. Councillor Hosmer asked how we can encourage people to fix up their homes without fear that their assessments will be increased. Mr. Green suggested placing an article in the newspaper advising what improvements can be made without raising the assessed value. Mr. Green added property additions can be added with an eight year exemption that will allow the increased assessed value to be phased in over the eight years. Mayor Nelson said when people obtain a building permit they meet with Mr. Green to obtain an estimate of what the change in their assessed value will be and how it will affect their taxes. Mr. Green confirmed his office works closely with the Code Enforcement Office and also sends people to the Planning Office to determine if money is available for upgrades. Councillor Hosmer said he would like to be able to reach people who don't come in to obtain a building permit. Councillor Morley said the replacement of doors or windows and maintenance should not increase a homeowner's assessed value. Councillor Cilley said he is concerned about assessed values being increased by the total cost of an improvement. Councillor Cilley said his assessed value increased by the total cost of the new roof he had replaced. Councillor Cilley said the cost of labor should not be included since the labor cost does not increase the value of the property. Mr. Green said he personally visits each property to see the improvement when a permit is issued, adding there is no increase with general maintenance and repair. Mayor Nelson said the City is at the maximum exemption of 12.5% per year. Mayor Nelson said he has heard positive things about Mr. Green and suggested a press release to let people know what repairs and improvements can be done without an increase in the property's assessed value.

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Mayor Nelson also suggested a link on the City website and a memo attached to tax bills. Councillor Ashley said he spoke with an individual this morning who was quite upset about the increase in his assessment. Councillor Ashley said after the person met with Mr. Green, he was satisfied. Mr. Green said he wished everyone was like that person, adding it is sometimes not easy to help people understand. Councillor Ashley said properties do not sell for the assessed value. Mr. Green said it is going to be a job every year, adding it may get tougher in the future. Councillor Skamperle said the last City Assessor went around the City every six years re-assessing properties and asked if the policy is the same now. Mr. Green said yes, but added the State now wants cities to do re-evaluations and neighborhood checks more frequently. Mr. Green said the current Assessment Clerk will be retiring in October and will be missed. Councilor Skamperle asked if taxpayers should expect an increase every year. Mr. Green said it will depend on the tax rate set by Council.

Councillor Hosmer asked why the assessed value for the Center for Sight increased in 2011 and then decreased in 2012. Mr. Green explained the property was sold for less than the assessed value, adding an adjustment was necessary to better reflect the actual value of the property. Mr. Green added he does not know why the value was increased in 2011 because he was not the City Assessor at that time. Councillor Hosmer asked why the assessed value of a property sold at auction does not decrease. Mr. Green explained an auction is not a sale based on the true value and is an excluded sale, not meeting the criteria for re-evaluation.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

1. Joe Franche and Anthony Sweeney addressed Council on the Oddfellow's Social Club water situation. Mr. France and Mr. Sweeney both expressed their dissatisfaction with the way their water issue is being handled by the City.

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Mr. Franche asked Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo why he told Greg Harland, of the DPW, to hold off on addressing this issue. Mr. Cosmo said he asked Mr. Harland to hold off until DPW Director Kit Smith returned to work. Mr. Sweeney said they were initially told there would be no charge for labor, but Mayor Nelson said the City must charge labor to everyone. Mr. Sweeney said the City and the Oddfellow's Club need to work together to resolve this water issue. Mr. Sweeney added the club gives back to the Ogdensburg Community, pays water and sewer rates, taxes and also pays a portion of their bingo proceeds to the City. Councillor Morley asked if Mr. Smith was available, and Mr. Cosmo said he was at a superintendent's meeting in Ithaca. Councillor Skamperle asked for the loop estimate. Councillor Ashley said Council requested this information and should have received it. Mr. Cosmo said it is being prepared. Mr. Cosmo explained that adding the loop is an extensive project and it takes time to gather all the figures for the estimate. Councillor Morley said the Club cannot drill a well because it is located within City limits. Mr. Franche said something needs to be done about the water, adding he is frustrated because nothing gets done until they come to a Council meeting. Councillor Morley said Council needs to see the estimate for the cost of the loop and added he believes it is the only solution. Councillor Skamperle said he would like to see the loop done, but added he needs to know the cost first. Mayor Nelson said Council needs to receive the estimate first and added the Club needs to install a new water line either way.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nelson moved that the claims as enumerated in General Fund Warrant #11-2012 in the amount of \$911,678.74 and Library Fund Warrant #11-2012 in the amount of \$44,853.15 and Capital Fund Warrant #11-2012 in the amount of \$0.00 and Community Development Fund Warrant #11-2012 in the amount of \$4,822.00 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #11-2012 in the amount of \$84.36 and HOME Fund Warrant #11-2012 in the amount of \$0.00 and AHC Funds Warrant #11-2012 in the amount of

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\$0.00, RESTORE Program Warrant #11-2012 in the amount of \$0.00 and NSP Funds Warrant #11-2012 in the amount of \$0.00 and NY Main St. Program Warrant #11-2012 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

Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said he wanted everyone to know the Consent Agenda must be sent as a second email from the update because it is not available when the update is sent. Councillor Skamperle thanked Mr. Cosmo for providing the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Mayor Nelson moved a resolution to approve the refunding of 2002 Serial Bonds, to call for a public hearing with regard to the sale of City-owned property, and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL INTRODUCING ORDINANCE
AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE
AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. ___ entitled "An Ordinance to Offer for Sale at Public Auction City-Owned Property " be and it hereby is introduced before the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg, New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council shall hold a public hearing in the matter of the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance to be held at the Council Chambers in the City of Ogdensburg, New York, on the 25th day of June, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk give notice of such public hearing by publication in the official newspaper at least seven (7) days before the hearing date of a notice setting forth the time and place and describing the proposed ordinance in summary form.

Councillor Morley asked how people can view the properties listed for sale. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo advised that people can contact his office or the Planning Office. Mr. Cosmo added we are currently looking for a vendor to handle the auction. Mayor Nelson suggested a press release and a property listing for the auction be placed on the City website.

Councillor Ashley asked how the minimum bid price is determined. Mr. Cosmo said he discussed the properties with department heads and looked at the location, size and whether the lot is buildable, etc.

Mr. Cosmo said he had been contacted by an adjacent property owner of 115 Lake Street, who asked that this parcel be added to the list of properties to be sold. Mr. Cosmo said he recommends adding this parcel to this list. Mr. Cosmo described 115 Lake Street as the lot to the immediate left of the Boneshakers Bar. Councillor Morley asked what the minimum bid will be, and Mr. Cosmo said \$500.00. There was a consensus of Council to add 115 Lake Street to the list of properties being offered for sale.

Councillor Cilley questioned why the lot at the corner of State and Lafayette Streets isn't on the list. Mr. Cosmo said we are going to request proposals to develop that lot.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

2. Mayor Nelson moved a resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with DTE Energy Company for a 36 month lock in for rates for the supply of electricity, and Councillor Hosmer seconded to wit:

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RESOLUTION TO CHOOSE AN ELECTRIC SUPPLY VENDOR

WHEREAS, Energy Procurement (De-regulation) is available in New York State to allow consumers to choose the vendor who supplies their electricity or Energy Supply Companies (ESCOs), and

WHEREAS, the City has received a proposal from Troy & Banks to identify the best energy supplier and provider for the City of Ogdensburg, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to enter into a contract with DTE Energy Company to supply electricity to the City of Ogdensburg.

Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo explained that Troy & Banks have recommended the City enter into a 36 month lock-in rate with DTE Energy Company for our electricity supply at a rate of .05080. Councillor Skamperle asked what the savings would be. Mr. Cosmo said it would take about a month to determine the savings since the rate fluctuates and added the City pays a lower rate than .05080 now. Councillor Hosmer asked if this was the lowest bid received, and Mr. Cosmo said yes. Mr. Cosmo said if we do not lock in the rate, the City will pay the regular rate from National Grid. Councillor Hosmer asked what Mr. Cosmo recommends. Mr. Cosmo said he likes to know what rate he is paying for budgeting purposes. Mayor Nelson asked if the price includes everything. Mr. Cosmo said he believes so, adding he will know more in the morning if the resolution is approved. Mr. Cosmo said the City has the option of waiting until the fall and doing the evaluation again. Mayor Nelson said he does not believe the 36 month lock-in is a good idea. Councillor Hosmer said he would like to see the rates in the fall. Mr. Cosmo said the lowest term the companies will do is 12 months, noting that rate is .48260. Mr. Cosmo said the City's options are to pick one of the three bids available or wait until later to switch. Councillor Morley said the City should lock into the 36 month term because if rates go up, the City will realize the savings in the end. Councillor Hosmer asked who advised that the City rates are going to go up.

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Mr. Cosmo said Troy & Banks. Councillor Skamperle asked if Troy & Banks receives any money from the contract. Mayor Nelson said Troy & Banks will receive a percentage off the contract rate. Councillor Hosmer said the City hired the consultant for a reason. Mayor Nelson said he prefers the 12 month option. Mayor Nelson asked if there is a minimum usage amount required. Mr. Cosmo said he believes there is no limit but confirmed he would review the contract before signing. Councillor Cilley asked if the figures compiled through the evaluation take into consideration the savings at the Lockwood Arena. Mr. Cosmo said Troy & Banks reviewed a year's worth of bills. Mayor Nelson said the methane digester will greatly reduce usage, adding the heat load changes the usage also. Councillor Morley said the City may be signing on at the worst time possible. Councillor Hosmer asked if we could lock in for one year and re-evaluate in the spring. Councillor Ashley asked for Mr. Cosmo's opinion. Mr. Cosmo said he likes consistency and would like to lock-in a price, adding he could make the argument either way. Councillor Hosmer suggested re-evaluating in a year. Mayor Nelson said he will not support a 3 year lock-in rate, but would support a one year lock-in rate.

The vote was:

AYES: Councillors Hosmer and Morley

NAYS: Mayor Nelson, Councillors Ashley,
Cilley and Skamperle

DEFEATED, 4 TO 2

Mayor Nelson asked if anyone wanted to introduce a resolution with a shorter contract term. Councillor Skamperle moved the same resolution with a 24 month term with DTE Energy Company, and Councillor Ashley seconded the motion.

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WHEREAS, Energy Procurement (De-regulation) is available in New York State to allow consumers to choose the vendor who supplies their electricity or Energy Supply Companies (ESCOs), and

WHEREAS, the City has received a proposal from Troy & Banks to identify the best energy supplier and provider for the City of Ogdensburg, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to enter into a contract with DTE Energy Company to supply electricity to the City of Ogdensburg.

The vote was:

AYES: Councillors Ashley and Skamperle

NAYS: Mayor Nelson, Councillors Cilley,
Hosmer and Morley

DEFEATED, 4 TO 2

Mayor Nelson said the amount of usage is a concern. Councillor Skamperle said he wants any contract the City signs for electricity supply to have no minimum usage requirements. Councillor Hosmer suggested going for the shortest contract and re-evaluating in a year. Councillor Morley moved the same resolution with a 12 month term with Suez Energy, and Councillor Hosmer seconded the motion to wit:

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to enter into a contract with Suez Energy to supply electricity to the City of Ogdensburg.

Councillor Skamperle asked if Suez Energy is an American company. Mr. Cosmo said he did not know. Councillor Morley asked if the City is currently paying less than the proposed rate. Mr. Cosmo said yes, but noted the rates will go up in July and August. Councillor Cilley asked Mr. Cosmo if he will confirm that there are no volume restrictions. Mr. Cosmo said yes. Councillor Morley said the City should switch if the National Grid rates go up. Mr. Cosmo said the City could just continue doing what it is doing.

The vote was:

AYES: Mayor Nelson, Councillors Cilley and Hosmer

NAYS: Councillors Ashley, Morley and Skamperle

DEFEATED, 3 TO 3

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councillor Ashley said he has been bothered by something that happened at the last Council meeting. Councillor Ashley said a motion was raised and passed by Council which authorized Mr. O'Neil to complete the City's grant application paperwork. Councillor Ashley said he is not happy because the contract says Mr. O'Neil will also administer the grant. Councillor Ashley said in November Council agreed to revamp the City's Housing Program and keep a closer eye on it. Councillor Ashley said Council decided to fix the problem but has done nothing except rubberstamp the current program.

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Councillor Hosmer said he asked for a work session on March 12th and Council has never had one. Mayor Nelson said all members of Council were not available to meet and added he would never support bringing the program back in-house. Councillor Ashley stated that the amount paid to Mr. O'Neil would pay for an in-house program. Councillor Morley said Mr. O'Neil was paid \$260,000 over two years. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said the majority of those funds were spent to make the housing programs compliant and added \$260,000 is not the normal amount spend for administering the Housing Program. Councillor Hosmer asked if Council could obtain an audit of what has been spent on the City's Housing Program. Mr. Cosmo said an audit would involve pulling every invoice and that's not something that can happen overnight. Mr. Cosmo reminded Council that people were let go after the election. Mr. Cosmo said the City is operating in a holding pattern right now and does not have the staff to do an audit. Mayor Nelson said the State audited the City last fall. Councillor Ashley said he has received complaints from homeowners who were charged \$500 for new doors, but \$100 doors were installed. Mayor Nelson said it was the consensus of Council that Mr. O'Neil would apply for the grants and administer them, if we were successful. Mr. Cosmo asked who would administer the grants if we do not let Mr. O'Neil do it. Councillor Morley stated there is only one person in the Planning Office, and Councillor Ashley said we could hire another person to help. Mr. Cosmo advised that there is a July 16th deadline for the grant application to be submitted. Mayor Nelson said that Mr. O'Neil should apply for the grant and the City could seek a new administrator for next year. Mayor Nelson said the City closed their in-house program because we did not have the funds to administer it. Mayor Nelson explained assessments are down this year which will result in loss of tax income. Mayor Nelson said he cannot commit to looking at salaries for an in-house housing program, but added looking at other companies to administer the program is a good idea. Councillor Morley said he has no confidence in C.W. Augustine, Inc. and added he would rather lose the grant for a year than have Mr. O'Neil administer it. Councillor Morley said Mr. O'Neil hasn't been successful in grant writing and suggested the City get another company on board to do the job. Councillor Skamperle said if we don't have a housing program the funds will have to be paid back.

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Councillor Skamperle asked if those funds are spent funds or money currently being held. Interim City Planner Andrea Smith said the money that would be required to be paid back is program income, which will continue to come in. Ms. Smith said there will be paperwork that will need to be completed as the money comes in so it can be reimbursed back to the grant program. Councillor Skamperle asked if C.W. Augustine, Inc. can be relieved with a 30 day notice. Mrs. Smith said yes in accordance with the contract. Councillor Skamperle asked if Mr. O'Neil applies for the grant, can the City relieve him with a 30 day notice without him administering the grant. Mrs. Smith said that would be a legal question for the City Attorney. Councillor Skamperle asked if all funds that came in from grants administered by C.W. Augustine, Inc. would have to be returned if the City switches to a new administrator. Mrs. Smith said she could not speak to the contract language and added the City has specific contracts with C.W. Augustine, Inc. Councillor Ashley asked if the person writing a grant receives a portion of that grant, and Mrs. Smith said it depends on the contract. Mrs. Smith said 20% of the grant money is typically used for administration, with a portion being reserved for the City. Mrs. Smith said if the program is administered in-house, the City would keep the whole 20%. Councillor Ashley asked if someone can write a grant application and a different entity administer it. Mrs. Smith said yes. Councillor Skamperle said Council should take a slow, cautious approach to the handling of the City Housing Program. Mr. Cosmo said there are different expenses other than administration fees. Mrs. Smith said the City will have some fees even if the program is cancelled because someone will have to do the paperwork. Councillor Hosmer asked if there is a contract for the administration of the full City Housing Program. Mrs. Smith said there are several individual contracts specific to each grant. Mr. Cosmo said Mayor Nelson made a motion at the last meeting, and it was seconded by Councillor Cilley. Mr. Cosmo said the roll was called and it passed 6 to 1. Councillor Ashley said he planned to make a motion that C.W. Augustine, Inc. not administer the grant. Mr. Cosmo said he is not an expert on writing requests for proposals (RFP) and said it should be a task for the new City Manager. Mayor Nelson said people do not like Jim O'Neil and reminded

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Council that the short term solution discussed at the last meeting was for Mr. O'Neil to apply for the grant and administer it only if the City received it. Mayor Nelson said Council should look at creating a RFP in the fall and reminded Council that people were critical of our past in-house program also. Councillor Ashley again said he planned to make a motion that C.W. Augustine, Inc. not administer the grant if the City receives it.

City Attorney Andrew Silver said he needs to look at the contracts to determine the City's actual contractual obligations to Mr. O'Neil. Mr. Silver said there is a procedure to follow if Council wishes to reconsider the prior motion. Mr. Silver said someone from the prevailing side of the motion must make a motion to reconsider and that motion to reconsider must be seconded and passed. Mr. Silver said someone would then need to make a new motion specific to the changes requested. Mr. Silver recommended that he be allowed to review the contracts with C.W. Augustine, Inc. before Council takes action, to first make sure Council is aware of the legal perspective. Councillor Hosmer asked if Mr. Silver could have the contracts reviewed in time for the next meeting, and Mr. Silver said yes. Mr. Silver said it was appropriate to make the motion to reconsider at the same meeting as the new motion. Councillor Ashley asked if it can be done at the next meeting, and Mr. Silver said yes. Mr. Silver said he would have all of the information available for discussion. Councillor Morley asked Mr. Silver why he was present at the meeting. Mr. Silver responded that he has tried to attend all meetings since the issue with the previous City Manager. Mr. Silver said he received an email from City Clerk Kathleen Bouchard advising that there may be questions at tonight's meeting regarding a re-vote of a resolution. Councillor Morley said it is not City Attorney's usual practice to appear. Mr. Silver said to save money; he usually comes in late to the meeting and attends Executive Session. Councillor Ashley said he was glad the City Attorney was present at the meeting. Interim City Planner Andrea Smith said she is by no means an expert on contracts and recommended the City Attorney review all contracts with C.W. Augustine, Inc.

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2. Councillor Skamperle asked for an update on the mowing and clean-up of Crescent Hill. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said the County does not own the piece of equipment required but he received a quote from a company willing to complete the work in one week. Mr. Cosmo said the quote was for about \$8,000. Mr. Cosmo added that using our own equipment and men would cost us about the same amount. Mr. Cosmo said the quote included the area from the pump house to the stairway. Councillor Morley asked who gave the bid. Mr. Cosmo said he has not received the bid in writing. Mr. Cosmo said the portion of Lake Street, from the Spring Street Bridge towards Route 37, would cost about \$1,200 if done by the same company at the same time. Councillor Hosmer asked why we are only doing the property to the stairwell. Mr. Cosmo said the other side of the stairway didn't look as bad and he wanted to see what it looks like after completion, before committing to the other side. Councillor Skamperle asked if it will be a specific cut down. Mr. Cosmo said yes and added the work will be supervised by City staff. Mayor Nelson asked if Mr. Cosmo could get the specific contract details for the next meeting. Councillors Skamperle and Morley also requested this information be provided for the next meeting.

Councillor Skamperle asked if the connection to the Maple City Trail at the end of Spruce Street is owned by the City. Councillor Morley said it is not City property. Councillor Skamperle said there is a lot of overgrowth hanging over the trail and asked if it can be addressed if it is City-owned property. Mr. Cosmo said he will look into it.

3. Councillor Hosmer questioned how he can watch the Council meetings if he cannot view them at the televised times on Time Warner Cable. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said Council members can sign out the DVD from the City Manager's office.

4. Councillor Hosmer questioned the City's policy on vandalism and suggested Council adopt a policy that gives offenders three days to clean up the damage or face prosecution. Mayor Nelson said there are vandalism laws already on the books.

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Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said there will be no forgiveness in the future for acts of vandalism. Councillor Ashley said it is important to send the message that if you damage City property, you will be punished.

5. Councillor Morley asked for an update on the Oddfellow's Social Club water situation. Mayor Nelson said Council is waiting on a quote for the loop. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said the club needs to replace their lateral pipe either way and added if that doesn't fix their problem, we can go from there. Councillor Morley asked what the City will do if replacing their lateral pipe does not fix the problem. Mayor Nelson said the City cannot commit to anything until we know the cost of the loop. Mr. Cosmo said they need to replace the lateral pipe first and added the City doesn't typically do these types of jobs. Mayor Nelson said we need the loop price first. Councillor Morley said the engineer's report says replacing the lateral pipe will not fix the problem. Mayor Nelson disagreed and said if they replace the lateral pipe and it fixes the problem, they are all set. Councillor Skamperle said if they replace the lateral pipe and it doesn't fix their problem, the City will have to fix the problem.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Councillor Hosmer asked for an update on the replacement of a City fire truck. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said purchasing a new fire truck will be a 2013 project and added it is a \$160,000 to \$200,000 expense that needs more evaluating. Councillor Morley asked if we can apply for a grant to make the purchase. Mr. Cosmo said we have applied for a grant in the past few years and received nothing. Councillor Hosmer asked if the City puts money away for the replacement of vehicles. Mr. Cosmo said no. Mayor Nelson said the City will be looking at used trucks. Councillor Morley said the truck parked in front of City Hall this evening was too small. Mayor Nelson said the Fire Chief will need to do more research. Mr. Cosmo said the purchase is too big of an item and more research is needed. Mr. Cosmo said he expects the research to be done throughout the summer and this item to be discussed for the 2013 budget. Councillor Cilley said the current truck is 30+ years old and should have been replaced 10 years ago.

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Councillor Cilley said it is in bad shape and should be taken off the line so no one's safety is put at risk. Mr. Cosmo said the truck is not being used. Councillor Hosmer asked if the fire department has the equipment they need to do the job, and Mr. Cosmo said yes.

2. Councillor Ashley asked for a map of the City-owned property near the Fort. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said he would get a map to Councillor Ashley. Mayor Nelson said a resolution was passed to transfer the City-owned property in that area to the Fort. Councillor Morley asked if the dirt road to the lighthouse is a City street. Mr. Cosmo said he will review that area when he looks at all City-owned property near the Fort.

3. Mayor Nelson said a memorial stone honoring the Daughters of the American Revolution was placed at Groulx Park and urged everyone to take a look at it. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said the group worked with the Department of Public Works to place the stone.

4. Councillor Ashley asked if next year's budget can include hiring someone to help Interim City Planner Andrea Smith. Councillor Hosmer said he doesn't believe Mrs. Smith has enough help. Mayor Nelson said it can be reviewed at budget time.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said the Lockwood Arena zamboni needs to be replaced. Mr. Cosmo said he wanted to keep the issue on the front burner because we will soon be in the winter season. Mr. Cosmo said if the City plans to have ice at the arena this year, this issue needs to be discussed. Mr. Cosmo recommended purchasing a used zamboni since a new one is out of our price range. Councillor Morley asked the age of the current zamboni. Mr. Cosmo said it is a 1980 machine. Councillor Ashley asked if the current machine came from the school. Mr. Cosmo said he believed the current machine came from New Jersey. Councillor Morley asked how many zamboni machines the City has owned, and Mr. Cosmo said a few.

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Councillor Ashley asked how many hours are put on the zamboni during a year. Recreation Director Matthew Curatolo said he does not have that information with him, but he can get it for Council. Councillor Morley asked how long the City has owned the current machine, and Mr. Curatolo said since 2000. Mayor Nelson said the current machine has been rebuilt. Councillor Morley said he believes the current machine is only about 7-8 years old. Mr. Cosmo said he has talked with Public Works Director Kit Smith about funds in his budget for a vehicle that may have to be used to purchase a used zamboni. Mr. Cosmo said he recommends the City look at used options. There was a consensus of Council for Mr. Curatolo to get prices for a used zamboni.

2. Councillor Hosmer asked for an update on the IPADs. Mr. Cosmo said we are in the process of receiving them and will need to find someone to do the training. Mr. Cosmo said the IPADs were ordered at the price discussed at the last Council meeting.

3. Councillor Hosmer asked for an update on the City Manager search. Interim City Manager Philip Cosmo said there have been no responses yet. Councillor Hosmer asked if everything is fully advertised. Mr. Cosmo said it is going into every publication the Bonadio Group suggested. Councillor Hosmer asked that Council be kept updated so they are not blindsided.

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