



# Ogden City

## Special Ogden City Council Meeting

February 14, 2012 – 5:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers – Third Floor

Municipal Building, 2549 Washington Blvd.

1. Roll Call.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Moment of Silence.
4. Recognition:
  - a. **Congressional Gold Medal Day.** Joint Proclamation declaring February 18, 2012 as “Congressional Gold Medal Day” in Ogden City for the Veterans of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service. (*Approve joint proclamation – voice vote*)
5. Public Comments: This is an opportunity to address the Council regarding your concerns or ideas. Please limit your comments to three minutes. In this form of government, all City personnel are the responsibility of the Administration, not of the Council. Please discuss any concerns you may have regarding staff with the Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer, or Department Directors.
6. Comments:
  - a. Administration
  - b. Council Staff
  - c. Council Members
7. Adjournment.

**REMINDER: A COUNCIL WORK SESSION WILL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING. THE PURPOSE OF THE WORK SESSION IS TO DISCUSS THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT, AND COUNCIL BUSINESS.**

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### CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

The undersigned, duly appointed City Recorder, does hereby certify that the above notice and agenda was posted in three public places within the Ogden City Limits on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012. These public places being: 1) City Recorder's Office on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building; 2) 2nd floor foyer of the Municipal Building; and 3) the Weber County Library. A copy was also provided to the Standard-Examiner and posted on the Ogden City Website on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

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CINDI MANSELL, MMC/CRM  
OGDEN CITY RECORDER



# City Council Meeting COUNCIL STAFF REVIEW

## JOINT PROCLAMATION DECLARING FEBRUARY 18, 2012 AS “CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL DAY” IN OGDEN CITY

### COUNCIL STAFF REVIEW

**ACTION:**                    **Adopt joint proclamation**

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***Request***

This joint proclamation declares February 18, 2012 as “Congressional Gold Medal Day” in Ogden City.

This is being presented in honor of the veterans of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat team and the Military Intelligence Service, who were recently awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor in the United States.

Casey Kunimura, World War II Veteran and Ogden area resident, will be present to accept this joint proclamation.

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# Joint Proclamation

## Ogden City Council and Mayor

### PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 18, 2012 AS “CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL DAY” IN OGDEN CITY FOR THE VETERANS OF THE 100<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY BATTALION, 442<sup>ND</sup> REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM AND THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

- WHEREAS,** At the inception of World War II, 120,000 people of Japanese Ancestry were forcibly removed from the West Coast and incarcerated in one of the United States’ infamous concentration camps. The Nisei, even though second generation American born citizens, were classified as enemy aliens and prevented from actively serving in the United States military; and
- WHEREAS,** In 1942, the legendary Mike M. Masaoka, a Utah Nisei and Executive Director of the National Japanese American Citizens League, and others, petitioned to have the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team activated. During World War II, 13,000 Nisei soldiers from Hawaii and mainland United States, including Ogden area residents, entered combat in Europe. Many of these soldiers were from the concentration camps which they and their families were incarcerated, and whose families remained incarcerated as they entered combat in Europe; and
- WHEREAS,** After 10 days of bitter combat to liberate the towns of Bruyeres, Belmont and Biffontaine, the 442<sup>nd</sup> was ordered to effect the rescue of the Texas First Battalion who were trapped in the French Vosges forest occupied by elite SS German soldiers. After 16 days of battle in one of the toughest battles of the war and suffering 800 casualties, the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> rescued the 211 Texans in October 1944. About 3,000 riflemen accomplished what 40,000 men could not do in six months, by climbing unrelentingly for 12 hours up a 3,000 foot vertical cliff at night, and in 32 minutes breached the Impregnable Fortress, the Gothic Line, in Italy; and
- WHEREAS,** Fighting in seven major campaigns in Italy and France – the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> or “Go for Broke Regiment” suffered extreme casualties, including over 600 killed in action. Because of countless heroic efforts, the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> became one of the most decorated units in United States military history, with over 18,000 individual and unit decorations including the Good Conduct Medal; and
- WHEREAS,** The Nisei Military Intelligence Service (MIS) consisting of over 6,000 Japanese Americans, including those from Utah, served in all campaigns in the Pacific Theater of War. The Nisei MIS conducted highly classified operations and produced tactical intelligence information vital to the United States military’s successes, serving as interpreters, translators, interrogators, and communication interceptors in the entire Pacific War; and
- WHEREAS,** Major General Charles A. Willoughby, Chief, Military Intelligence under General Douglas MacArthur, credited the MIS with shortening the Pacific War by two years and saving a million American lives; and
- WHEREAS,** On August 4, 2010, the United States Senate unanimously approved awarding the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian award in the United States, collectively to veterans of the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup>/MIS. On September 23, 2010, the United States House of Representatives gave their unanimous consent to this action, and on October 5, 2010, this bill was signed by President Barack Obama; and
- WHEREAS,** The Congressional Gold Medal was officially presented to the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup>/MIS on November 2, 2011, including Utah Nisei veterans. On November 11, 2011, Veterans Day, Governor Gary Herbert honored these individuals in a ceremony at the Utah State Capitol.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ogden City Council and Mayor Michael P. Caldwell hereby proclaim Saturday, the 18th of February, 2012 as “Congressional Gold Medal Day” in Ogden City for the Veterans of the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup>/MIS. We extol our sincere appreciation for all the heroic efforts of these service members and their families to help ensure the many freedoms which we enjoy.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2012.

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Neil K. Garner, Council Chair

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Michael P. Caldwell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cindi Mansell, City Recorder