

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2013
REGULAR SESSION 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL- All Councilors present except Councilor Williams absent

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, & RESOLUTIONS

1. Public Comment for anything not on the Agenda- John Pratt resident of Readfield. Would like to move here and start a business here. The February 6 council meeting did not give enough information, would like council to consider updating land use ordinance. 1. People looking at venues do not have enough options for people in the area. Route 201 is hard to recruit people. 2. When people come in town they are more likely to use services from Gardiner. The average wedding cost \$23k. Venues hold 50 weddings annually. Gardiner sees less than 5%. Would like to build a house and a barn to hold events. Councilor Leake: how much land do you have? Mr. Pratt: 60 acres. Councilor Johnston: Thanks for coming in. Use caution as you try to do something, immerse yourself in our process. Come here – get your vines in the ground and start your process.
2. Public Hearing and Consideration of Liquor License Renewal for The Depot- Motion made by Councilor Johnston to approve, second by Councilor Phil Hart, motion passed by unanimous vote.
3. Public Hearing and Consideration of Liquor License Application for Alex Parker's- Previously approved Liquor Lic. Expired. Motion made by Councilor Leake to approve, second by Councilor Barron,

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4. Consideration of Minutes 12/5, 12/9, 1/2, 1/16- motion made by Councilor Johnston to approve, second by Councilor Pat Hart, motion passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Discussion on Opposing Corporations Being Considered “People”
6. Consideration of Request from Gardiner Main Street to Repurpose FY13 Budget Funds (Grant Application) Motion made by Councilor Pat Hart to reallocate the funds for banners to signs, second by Councilor Johnston. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
7. Update from Gardiner Main Street on Pop-In Program- Patrick Wright. Most were glad they were here and it helped the businesses already here. We were able to retain one business, Pooches secondhand shop is staying. Councilor Leake: The program got great press coverage, thank you for getting the word out. Mayor Harnett: Great Job. What would you do different next year? Patrick Wright: Start earlier.
8. Consideration of Resolution Opposing Governor’s Proposed Budget- Motion made by Councilor Phil Hart to table for discussion and then consider approval., second by Councilor Johnston, motion passed by unanimous vote. Councilor Phil Hart would like this put on the Cities Web page.
- 9 Consideration of Natural Gas RFP- Council directs city manager to collect more information and bring back to council.
10. Consideration of Appointments for various committees- Housing Committee – Judy Dorsey and Ron Condon. Motion to appoint made by Councilor Pat Hart, second by Councilor Leake. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

11. Consideration of Amending Purchasing Policy- Tabled.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE- There will be a workshop on mini goats at the next council meeting. We are currently working on the Employee handbook. *We are Gardiner* event will be held from 11-2 on Saturday.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE- Councilor Phil Hart: One request, there are some street signs missing thru out the city, could we get them replaced? Councilor Barron: Thanks to Johnson Hall for a chance to meet the new director. Councilor Johnston: Could we check on the progress on Brown's Exit 27, the 30 day window is closed. What is going on with St. Joseph's rectory? ½ blocks between Camden National and Corner Boot store is in-passable. In places there seems to be pure salt on the streets, it's rough on cars and vegetation. Is the mechanism on the truck working? City Manager : The sand/salt truck is not working right and will be fixed. Regarding Brown's Exit 27 – they have made enough process so the CEO has extended them for one year. Councilor Pat Hart: Public Works did a great job with so much snow. The Heart and Soul event is Saturday from 11-2 at Gardiner High School, thanks for everyone who signed up to help. Gardiner Main St. did a great job on spending the 11k from the grant. Glenna Nowell has passed and we should do something in remembrance. Maybe something at the waterfront. Mayor Harnett: Johnson Hall was open to the public on Tuesday night for the public to meet candidates for the new director.

Adjournment: 9pm

Respectfully Submitted: Robin E. Plourde