

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2013
REGULAR SESSION 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL- All present

SWEARING IN OF COUNCILOR RICHARD HEATH

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, & RESOLUTIONS

1 Public Comment for anything not on the Agenda- No public comment

CONSENT AGENDA

2 Consideration of Fireworks Permit for River fest- Motion to approve made by Councilor Barron, second by Councilor Phil Hart, motion passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

3 Consideration of Sewer Abatements- Motion to accept made by Councilor Pat Hart, second by Councilor Phil Hart. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

4 Consideration of Natural Gas RFP Councilor Phil Hart: we are not telling residents they have to do this, rather it is an option. Councilor Pat Hart: Do we get a seat at the table? City Manager: yes. Councilor Johnston: will all four entities look at this together? City Manager: yes. Councilor Johnston: is it anticipated that one bid will be submitted or will each entity be different? City Manager: We will submit together, but if it's just on community it will be different prices. Motion made by Councilor Johnston to join the City of Augusta and Kennebec County, with the natural gas project. Second by Councilor Leake, motion passed by unanimous vote.

5 Consideration of Appointments for various committees- City Manager: We have no appointments as of yet.

6 Consideration of Amending Purchasing Policy-We would like to waive the RFP for this process regarding the Capen Road Bridge. We would like to go with Wright Pierce who has been given the proposal. The bidding climate is 8-10 weeks. Motion made by Councilor Johnston to accept proposal from Wright Pierce on the Capen Rd Bridge. Second by Councilor Pat Hart, motion passed by unanimous vote.

WORKSHOP

Domestic Livestock Ordinance presentation from Ordinance Review Committee Debbie Willis- Chair of the Ordinance Review committee- reviewed many different ordinances from across the country--under 100 pounds, only females only neutered males. Resident and member of ORC: John Burgess, We are looking at what is best for the city, not just Plaisted St. residents. Councilor Johnston: We should have a public hearing on the ordinance and make some changes. Motion made by Councilor Johnston to direct city staff to have planning consultant work with language on ordinance and so we can move forward, second by Councilor Barron. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE- Next week I will be testifying on the Governor's plan. We have an extra two weeks for the budget, 3rd week in April. Tonight we go before the Richmond regarding the ambulance proposal.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE- Councilor Pat Hart: Thanks to everyone for Helping at the Heart & Soul event. I will be sending out a timeline on the Comprehensive plan. Would like to make everyone aware of the volunteer recognition event at Johnson Hall. Councilor Johnston: Turned 60 this year and was speechless at the idea of getting the Brian Rines award. Can't think of a better place to live. Thank you. Councilor Barron: Pass, Councilor Phil Hart: Do we have an ordinance that city vehicles have the city seal or some kind of identifying marks? Councilor Heath: Glad to be here. Councilor Williams: Pass, Councilor Leake: Would like to know the difference in the cost between a town and a city having a volunteer fire department. Mayor Harnett: Heart & Soul had a great turn out. Thanks everyone for coming, the comprehensive plan meetings are March 14th and March 28th. The School Board budget picture is as frightening as ours, I will keep you updated.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:15

Respectfully submitted: Robin E. Plourde

