

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012
EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:30 p.m.
REGULAR SESSION 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - per MRSA, Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405 (6) (D) Union Contract Negotiations/Health Insurance Plan Switch Opened at 6:32 . Motion made Councilor Johnston to provide city staff with guidance, second by Councilor Holmes. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Concluded at 6:58

ROLL CALL- All present.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, & RESOLUTIONS

1. Public Comment for anything not on the Agenda- no public comment
2. Public Hearing and Consideration of second reading of General Assistance Ordinance Amendment- Motion of approval made by Councilor Johnston, second by Councilor Harnett. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Consideration of minutes 9/12, 10/17- Motion made by Councilor Johnston to accept minutes, second by Councilor Harnett. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Consideration of Sewer Abatement Requests Chuck Applebee, Director of WW. Sewer clerk will process at old rate of \$1.91. Applicants will receive letter stating that they will need to provide readings on a quarterly basis in the future or they will not receive their abatement.
5. Consideration of 2013 Library Fee Requests for Partner Communities- Library Director Anne Davis, Motion to approve made by Councilor Pat Hart, Second by Councilor Williams. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
6. Presentation of Finance Report- Director of Finance, Denise Brown.
7. Consideration of Capital Asset/Capital Improvement Program Policy-Motion to adopt CIP as amended by the City Manager, second by Councilor Pat Hart. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
8. Consideration of Ordinance Amendments – Committee Membership- Motion to accept made by Councilor Holmes, second by Councilor Johnston. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
9. Consideration of Issuing RFPs to Contractors for Building Spec Houses on City-Owned Lots on Partridge Drive- City Manager, get contractors for speck house then sell them and take a certain percentage? Councilor Harnett: make sure we have control of what type of house, neighbors don't want mobile homes. Councilor Johnston: Ask contractor for creative ideas, possibly for the elderly, one floor units and no manufactured housing. Councilor Pat Hart: Nervous about this, we need to go slow and ask a lot of questions. Regarding housing, the vacancy rate is high, we have more supply than demand. City Manager, Scott Morelli will draft an RFP for a future council meeting.
10. Consideration of Waiving Staff Overtime Costs Associated with Tree Lighting- Motion to waive fees made by Councilor Pat Hart, second by Councilor Harnett. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE- 2 Weeks left in the year. At the next meeting we will have people here from natural gas companies. January 2nd will be the inauguration but no meeting. We have had first round interviews for the PW Director and will hold second round interviews tomorrow night.

CITY COUNCIL UDATE- Councilor Pat Hart, 1. Ordinance review committee has done a great job, well thought out. 2. Have a go at Gardiner was great. Patrick Wright did a great job, a lot of interactive events and lots of people. 3. Rotary is having their annual Christmas tree sale this weekend. Councilor Johnston: Pass, Councilor Holmes: Pass, Councilor Phil Hart: Pass, Councilor Harnett: Great job done by Patrick Wright for the Have a go at Gardiner event, a lot of people in town, and the merchants had a good day. Councilor Williams: Pass, Councilor Leake: Patrick Wright did a great job, brochure of all events was a great idea and the tree lighting was awesome. Mayor Maclean: Sorry I missed so much this month, thanks to Councilor Harnett for stepping in for me.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:30 respectfully submitted: Robin E. Plourde