

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, September 1, 2010
City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL - All Councilors Present

Motion to Accept Addendum Agenda by Councilor Johnston, second by Councilor Trask. Vote: Unanimous

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, & PUBLIC HEARINGS

Consideration of Comments from the Public on Issues that Do Not Appear Elsewhere on the Agenda (Please limit comments to five minutes.)

Chris West, Gardiner Main Street, updated the Council about the Barks in the Park and presented a petition in support of a dog park on the Waterfront.

Public Hearing on Dangerous Building (postponed to 9/15)

Gardiner Main Street requested Council approval of Swine and Stein event to begin planning event.

Motion to approve Swine and Stein event by Councilor Liberatore, second by Councilor Trask. Vote: Unanimous. Councilor Liberatore would like a packet be put together to attract businesses, including required permits.

Motion to Accept Consent Agenda by Councilor Johnston, second by Councilor Thompson. Vote: Unanimous

Consideration of Minutes 5/19, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16

Consideration of 10-59, Business Licenses

Second Reading and Final Reading of Order 10-44, Adopting amendments to the Land Use Ordinance concerning Crematorium.

Mayor MacDonald requested some clarifications of the Order 10-44, specifically the Land Use Table. Mayor MacLean clarified that Order 10-44 should show the abbreviation of Planning Board as "P", not "PB" and that it does not allow a Crematorium in the HDR zone only.

Motion to move Order 10-44 by Councilor Hart, Second by Councilor Thompson. Vote: 5 – 3, Councilor Holmes, Councilor Hart, Councilor Thompson and Councilor Trask and Mayor MacLean in favor; Councilor Johnston, Councilor Liberatore and Councilor Leake in the negative.

Councilor Trask presented pictures of "No Dogs Allowed" signs in the Oak Grove Association. He feels these were put up out of spite against the City.

Johnson Hall Mini Park Addition Update

Judy Lloyd, John Shaw and Dennis Doiron explained that in order for Johnson Hall to do renovations and an elevator, they will need to purchase 16 feet of the mini park adjacent to the building. They would like an agreement from the City to purchase when the renovations start.

Councilor Thompson made a motion to authorize the City Manager to negotiate talks with Johnson Hall for the purchase of the land for \$1. Second by Councilor Leak. Vote: Unanimous

Presentation of Debt

Finance Director Denise Brown gave a presentation of the City's long and short term debt. Council would like to see how our debt compares to other communities.

Consideration of Goals for Council and City Manager

Scott Morelli asked the Council to discuss Council goals. Mayor MacLean thought a review of Scott as City Manager should happen sometime in the fall. Council asked Scott to distribute goal notes from the Craig Freshley workshop for future meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Scott informed the Council that we have started the West Street Oder Study project which includes residents from West Street. We have also set up task forces to look at Storm Water issues. The owner of the dangerous building property on Gary Street has offered to tear down the building by the end of October and avoid public hearing. Council would like to proceed with public hearing on the dangerous building. Scott also told Council he would like to contact Time Warner about the franchise agreement.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilor Leak was concerned about the condition of Harrison Ave during the project. He also complimented the Gardiner Ambulance for their services. Councilor Thompson inquired about paving of Heselton St and said he was not happy about comments made earlier in the meeting during the crematorium issue. Councilor Hart is concerned about our Legal fees during the crematorium issues. Councilor Holmes would like an update of the Waterfront. Councilor Johnston expressed his concern about how Councilor Trask treated our citizens during the crematorium issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre Berglund