

**Regular Meeting Minutes
Gardiner City Council
Wednesday, January 7th, 2015
Council Meeting 6:00pm**

Inauguration of Mayor Thomas Harnett, Councilor Maureen Blanchard, Councilor Jonathan Ault, and Councilor Scott Williams

Call to Order: Mayor Thom Harnett calls the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mayor Thomas Harnett, Council Member Terry Berry, Council Member Scott Williams, Council Member Richard Heath, Council Member Phil Hart, Council Member Maureen Blanchard, Council Member Jonathan Ault and Council Member Patricia Hart

Pledge of Allegiance: Completed.

Executive Session #1:

- Motion by Phil Hart to go into Executive Session Pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (C) & (E) – Discussion with Legal Counsel Regarding Alex Parkers Revolving Loan Fund Status (6:35pm)
- Seconded by Terry Berry
- Unanimous vote
- Motion approved

Corresponding motion after coming out of executive session:

- Motion by Terry Berry to authorize City Manager to accept title to personal property from Alex Parker's Steakhouse as partial payment toward revolving loan
- Seconded by Scott Williams
- Unanimous vote
- Motion approved

Executive Session #2:

- Motion by Richard Heath to go into Executive Session Pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (C) & (E) – Discussion with Legal Counsel Regarding TW Dick Properties (7:08pm)
- Seconded by Scott Williams
- Unanimous vote
- Motion approved

Corresponding motion after coming out of executive session:

- No action taken except to direct City Manager to continue working with counsel with

regard to this property

Petitions, Public Hearings:

None

New Business:

Consideration of Appointment of City Clerk & Registrar of Voters:

Present for comment and introduction: Lisa Gilliam, Denise Brown, Gardiner Finance Director

- Appointment of Lisa Gilliam as City Clerk by Mayor Thomas Harnett
- Unanimous vote of Approval

Presentation of Fiscal Year 2014 Audit:

Present to speak: Denise Brown, Gardiner Finance Director, Jeremy “Hank” Farrah and Josh Kochis from Runyon Kersteen Ouellette

Update on Cobbossee Sewer interceptor Project and Consideration of Slope Stabilization Plan in Regard to slump of Harrison Avenue

Present to speak: John Edgerton, Vice President of Wright Pierce, Douglas Clark, Gardiner Wastewater Superintendent, Bill Peterlein, Summit Geo Services, Gary St. Laurent, contractor, Karen Tucker ,resident of Gardiner living on Harrison Avenue, Jeff Preble, Wright Pierce, Tony LaPlante, Public Works Superintendent

Background-

Engineers from Wright Pierce joined Wastewater Superintendent Doug Clark for an update on the Cobbossee Sewer Interceptor Project. The update included a discussion of the proposed stabilization plan due to a slump on the steep slope along Harrison Avenue and the next steps once the bank is stabilized. Attached please find proposed plan.

Discussion ensued as to specifics of plan, other possible options for completion of sewer project, funding options and possible liability.

- Motion by Maureen Blanchard to approve proposal submitted by St. Laurent on December 23, 2014 with agreement Doug Clark will examine funding options
- Seconded by Richard Heath
- 7 – in favor (Terry Berry, Scott Williams, Richard Heath, Thomas Harnett, Jonathan Ault, Maureen Blanchard and Patricia Hart) 1 – opposed (Phil Hart)
- Motion Approved

Consideration of Street Light Reactivation Request

Background-

Councilor Williams received a request from a resident to turn on street light that was shut off as part of the 1998 City Council's order to reduce electricity costs. The light is at the corner of Beech and Neal Streets. The Council has approved two similar requests. The estimated electricity cost is \$315 annually.

Present For Comment: Tony LaPlante, Director of Public Works

- Motion by Scott Williams to turn on light on Neal Street
- Seconded by Richard Heath

Discussion of list of lights turned off by CMP. Are these lights burned out or turned off?

- Scott Williams withdraws motion and will revisit issue at later date when it is determined if the light is "out" or turned off.

Consideration of Order to Create an Economic Development Committee

Background –

In 2012 the City Council disbanded the Economic Development Committee and outsourced the review of revolving loan fund applications to the Gardiner Board of Trade. As part of the reorganization of the Planning and Economic Development Department that Council approved in December, the Economic Development Committee will be reconstituted.

Once this order is approved, the City will begin aggressively recruiting members – including members of the previous iteration of this committee - with the thought that there will be several individuals ready to be appointed by Council on January 21st.

- Motion by Richard Heath to approve creation of Economic Development Committee.
- Seconded by Phil Hart
- Unanimous vote
- Motion approved

City Manager Update

City Council Update

Adjourn

- No formal motion of adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth S. Glaeser, Interim City Clerk