

**Regular Meeting Minutes
Gardiner City Council
Wednesday, December 17, 2014
Council Meeting 5:00 pm**

Council Workshop with Pam Plum, facilitator

Council goals fiscal year 2016

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

Executive Session #1:

- Motion by Robert Johnston to go into Executive Session Pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(C) &(E) to Discuss a settlement proposal with Bill Lovely
- Seconded by Scott Williams
- Unanimous vote
- Motion approved

Corresponding motion after coming out of executive session:

- No action taken

Pledge of Allegiance: Completed.

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 William Barron, Council Member Robert Johnston and Council Member Patricia Hart.

Petitions, Public Hearings:

Public Comment by Harvey Devane, Gardiner resident

- Brought to attention condition of Pleasant Street near his home
- Asphalt is coming up and creating issue with leaf removal, plowing and trash pickup

Consideration of Liquor License for Gardiner Elks Club:

- Motion by Robert Johnston to approve liquor license for Gardiner Elks Club.
- Seconded by Terry Berry
- Unanimous vote
- Motion approved

Consideration of Renewal of junkyard license for Brown's Junkyard:

Present to speak: Mr. Brown, junkyard owner, Barbara Skelton, Codes Enforcement Officer, Al Nelson, Fire Chief

- Motion by Terry Berry to approve junkyard license for Brown's Junkyard.
- Seconded by William Barron
- Unanimous vote
- Motion approved

New Business:

Update on Gardiner/Hallowell Water District Merger

Present to speak: Frank O'Hara, Planning Decisions, Inc.

Consideration of Planning and Economic Development Reorganization

Present for Comment: Amy Rees, resident of Gardiner, Steve Marston, resident of Gardiner, Patrick Wright, Gardiner Main Street

- Motion by Patricia Hart to accept proposal as presented by Scott Morelli, City Manager.
- Seconded by Scott Williams
- 6 in Favor of Motion (Terry Berry, Scott Williams, Richard Heath, Phil Hart, Thom Harnett and Patricia Hart) - 2 Opposed (William Barron and Robert Johnston)
- Motion approved

Consideration of Design Plans Pertaining to Front Office Reorganization

Present for Comment: Tony LaPlante, Gardiner Public Works Director

- Motion by Phil Hart to go forward with new layout.
- Seconded by William Barron
- Unanimous vote
- Motion approved

Consideration of Fiscal Year 2016 Library Fees for Partner Communities

Present for Comment: Anne Davis, Gardiner Library Director

- Motion by William Barron to approve 3% increase in library fees for partner communities, except Randolph and go forward with "kick the tires" two year plan for Chelsea, Farmingdale and Whitefield with stipulation that communities cannot have been partners in last five years and do not get seat on library Board of Directors until full partner
- Seconded by Richard Heath
- Unanimous vote
- Motion approved

Consideration of Extending Timeline for Construction of Apostolic Church, Brunswick

Avenue

Present for comment: William Henderson, Sharon Henderson

- Motion by Richard Heath to instruct City Manager, Scott Morelli to negotiate date for completion of Apostolic Church.
- Seconded by Terry Berry
- Unanimous vote
- Motion approved

Consideration of Wastewater Abatements

Present for comment: Douglas Clark, Gardiner Wastewater Superintendent

- Motion by Patricia Hart to approve Wastewater abatements.
- Seconded by Scott Williams
- Unanimous vote
- Motion approved

Consideration of January to June 2015 meeting schedule

- Motion by Patricia Hart to accept schedule.
- Seconded by Scott Williams
- Unanimous vote
- Motion approved

City Manager Update

City Council Update

Adjourn

- Motion by William Barron to adjourn
- Seconded by Phil Hart
- Unanimous vote
- Motion approved

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth S. Glaeser, Interim City Clerk