

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
GARDINER CITY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014  
EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6 P.M.  
COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL – all council present

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - EXECUTIVE SESSION –Legal Advice 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E)  
Board of Appeals Decision**

Councilor Pat Hart made a motion to direct City Manager as discussed in executive session, second by Councilor Johnston. Vote passed 6-2.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - per MRSA, Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405 (6) (D) Union Contract** Motion to approve by Councilor Barron, second by Councilor Williams. Unanimous Vote

ADDENDUM

**Consideration of Appointing Interim 911 Addressing Officer**

Councilor Johnston made a motion to appoint Curt Lebel as Interim 911 Addressing Officer, second by Councilor Heath. Unanimous Vote

**Consideration of Appointing WWTP Superintendent**

Councilor Pat Hart made a motion to appoint Doug Clark as WWTP Superintendent, second by Councilor Phil Hart. Unanimous Vote

**PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS (Public comment for anything not on agenda)**

Veronique Vendette spoke about the Kennebec Local Food Coop & Café and asked the Council for support

**Public Hearing and Consideration of Boys & Girls Club 5K**

Motion to approve by Councilor Heath, second by Councilor Berry. Unanimous Vote

**Public Hearing and Consideration of Liquor License Renewal for The Depot**

Motion to approve by Councilor Barron, second by Councilor Williams. Unanimous Vote

**Public Hearing and Consideration of Second Reading of General Assistance Amendment**

Motion to approve by Councilor Heath, second by Councilor Johnston. Unanimous Vote

**Consideration of Minutes 11/20, 12/4**

Motion to Approve by Councilor Johnston, second by Councilor Barron. Approved

**OLD BUSINESS**

### **Consideration of Deputy Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Proposal**

Councilor Phil Hart thought Council should have been involved and asked if the Assessor be able to do the CEO work? Mayor Harnett Believes it was within the City Manager's right to make the proposal. City Manager Morelli did look at other scenarios, including CEO/Assessor, but there would be no savings to the ambulance fund. Councilor Johnston said there are similar components of public safety—CEO, Fire, Ambulance and Police. Councilor Williams is concerned with having one person doing two jobs without getting overwhelmed. City Manager Morelli explained the Police Chief would be involved to do budgeting, etc. Councilor Johnston would like a better understanding of what we need in this community and other communities. Chief Minkowsky stated last year we adopted a fee scale to try to bring fees into scale. Councilor Heath asked if anything would come out of the regionalization meeting. He has concerns with a part time CEO. Mayor Harnett asked Council what they need to see from the City Manger to make a decision: Councilor Phil Hart—information on sharing CEO and Assessor; Councilor Pat Hart—other proposals and a workshop; Councilor Johnston—sources or use of funds, Tif dollars, can we drop uncollectables? Are there any luxuries that we don't need; Councilor Heath needs more clarification on the Dep. Fire Chief/CEO position. George Trask, resident on Libby Hill Rd, agrees with Councilor Johnston. Do we need everything that we have in Public Safety? We should ask the public what level of services they want. Richard Sieberg, employee, said we should not let Northeast make the decision for us. The decision might be made before we are ready to make one.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Consideration of Wastewater Grant Application**

Councilor Pat Hart made a motion to pursue a grant for Thermal Effluent heat for the WWTP. Second by Councilor Heath. Unanimous Vote.

#### **Consideration of Resolution to Appoint Representatives to the Maine Service Center Coalition**

Motion to approve by Councilor Heath, second by Councilor Pat Hart. Unanimous Vote

### **CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

- The new screen and video equipment was purchased with a grant cash match.
- Revenue Sharing looks good right now

### **CITY COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councilor Heath attended a meeting at Gardiner Main Street and asked about the Comprehensive plan. Councilor Pat Hart gave an update about the comp plan process. There will be a public hearing to get input on the plan. Councilor Phil Hart asked if we have any bids on 4 Riverview and 18 Dennis St properties. Mayor Harnett said it has been tough on businesses on Water St this winter but there was a cash mob and over 40 people attended. We need to ride the good times and bad times. Thank you to Deb Files for organizing the cash mob

ADJOURN

Respectfully Submitted, D Berglund, City Clerk