

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
GARDINER CITY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013  
EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:30 p.m.  
REGULAR SESSION 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL- All Present

EXECUTIVE SESSION: EXECUTIVE SESSION – per MRSA, Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405 (6) (A) Personnel, City Manager Evaluation Council entered into executive session at 6:30 on a motion made by Councilor Barron, second by Councilor Heath. Closed executive session at 6:50 with no formal action.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, & RESOLUTIONS

1. Public Comment for anything not on the Agenda- No public comment
2. Public Hearing and Consideration of Liquor License Renewal for [Pasta'z Restaurant](#)- Motion made by Councilor Johnston to approve renewal , second by Councilor Williams. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Consideration of Minutes [2/20](#), [3/6](#), [3/20](#)- Corrections needed on 3/20, Mark Eyerman's name misspelled and roll call Councilor Heath marked Tardy – Mayor Harnett would like it to read just that he arrived at 9:30 and omit the word Tardy. Motion made by Councilor Heath to approve with changes, second by Councilor Johnston. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Consideration of Appointing Wastewater Board Chair- Motion made by Councilor Pat Hart to appoint Bob Harvey-Webster , second by Councilor Barron. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
5. Consideration of Reappointment of Fire Chief (Retire in Place) Motion to approve made by Councilor Johnston, second by Councilor Pat Hart. Motion passed by a 6-1 vote with Councilor Phil Hart voting against.
6. Consideration of Waiving Bid Requirement for City Copiers- Motion made by Councilor Phil Hart to approve, second by Councilor Leake. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
7. Consideration of Selling City Copiers- Motion made by Councilor Johnston to approve sales, second by Councilor Leake. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
8. Consideration of Use of Fund Balance for Replacing Municipal Software System- City Manager, Scott Morelli- We have had the current software since 2006. We would like to have one company. We would like to switch sooner than later, possibly by June 1<sup>st</sup>. I.T. Director- Anne Davis-the software we have, Unifund, was good but it sold itself out to 2 different companies. Finance Director – Denise Brown, total cost would be \$72k but depending on who we choose we could save up to 100k over the long term. Councilor Phi Hart- Won't this take a lot out of our fund balance? Denise- No the 72K is less than 1% of fund balance. Councilor Heath – Are other municipalities using this? City Manager Morelli: yes – 3. Motion made by Councilor Barron to approve purchase of new software system, second by Councilor Williams. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
9. Presentation of FY14 Budget – Councilor Phil Hart- Great job on the budget, very simple. Could we look at the cost of raises for employees? Councilor Barron: should we let the organizations speak, the non profits first?

**Faith Christian Church Food Pantry-** Betty Morelli Sent a letter to the Councilors. The food pantry opened 2 years ago. Our clients are increasing; we are opened 52 weeks a year. We have food, clothing, and furniture. We do offer cooking classes so people can stretch their dollars. Some people we serve are proud to come to the town office. Please reconsider and help us. Councilor Phil Hart: Where do you get funding now? Ms. Morel ; the church, individuals and other groups. I shop very wisely. Mayor Harnett: thank you for all you do and thank you for all the work you do. **Friends of the Cobbossee water shed-** John Blouin; we would like \$500.00 for boat inspection. **Kennebec Land Trust-** Brian Kent; request of \$250.00. **Mt. Hope Cemetery-** Scott Westerlund; the city has donated since 1971, but we have gone 3 years with out Gardiners help. If 5k is to much, anything will help. We fix the stones ourselves but we do try to get in touch with the families first.. Councilor Johnston: are the plots for sale? Yes we have 1 acre that we could develop, which equals to 272 potential plots. **Oak Grove Cemetery:** Rusty Williams: we had to renew our mowing contract and it went up 3%. We have ½ acre ready for lot sales and 3 possible acres to develop. **Spectrum Generations:** Jamie: 1k requested. **American Red Cross:** Jennifer Gaylord- we get no state or federal funding. We go where ever when ever anyone calls us for help. Link Luken: **McMaster Square-** would like the city to donate money for monument repairs at MacMaster Sq. Eric LaCroix: Riverside Memorial: It would cost \$9500.00 to restore. Mr. Luken wants to improve the park so people can visit. City Manager Morelli: Mr. Luken has been working with Chuck Applebee and Tony LaPlante on this project.

**Boys & Girls Club:** Ingrid Stanchfield: Thank you for your support. **Johnson Hall:** Phyllis Gardiner would like to introduce the new Director of Johnson Hall: Michael Miolon. We at Johnson Hall appreciate the funding and we are hoping to draw more people in. Jim Wood: **KV Cap** thanks for all your support. Councilor Phil hart: Do they go to South Gardiner? Jim: No. They make many stops in Gardiner and the route schedule can be found on the web site. Councilor Johnston: Thanks to Scott for any collaborative efforts put into using Gardiner as a service center. Councilor Phil Hart: I assume we will discuss who has requested money. Mayor Harnett: Yes when we cover the budget.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE: Sewer Jet Camera has been received.  
Wastewater Self Financing – the city will save 48k in interest.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE- Councilors Leake, Williams, Barron and Health all set. Councilor Phil Hart: Scott when you break down the numbers could you do it by year? Councilor Johnston: What is the next step on the Gas line RFP? Is Augusta on their own? City Manager, Scott Morelli: the next is to meet and have further discussion. Will report back at the May 1<sup>st</sup> council meeting. Councilor Pat Hart: Heart and Soul great 1<sup>st</sup> meeting 2 weeks ago. The next meeting will be next week at the Boys & Girls Club. Mayor Harnett: Gardiner lost Bill McDonald – I would like to let the Police and Fire Chiefs know that their presence was very meaningful to the family and they applaud you.

Adjournment :10pm

Respectfully Submitted: Robin E. Plourde