

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

GARDINER CITY COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2013

ROLL CALL- Councilor Phil Hart, tardy, arriving at 7:45. All other Councilors Present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: EXECUTIVE SESSION – per MRSA, Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405 (6) (C) *Real Estate* Councilors entered executive session on a motion made by Councilor Barron at 6:30, second by Councilor Heath. Motion made by councilor Johnston to table until May 15th meeting, second by Councilor Williams. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: EXECUTIVE SESSION – per MRSA, Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405 (6) (C) *Real Estate* - Council entered into executive session at 7:00 on a motion made by Councilor Johnston and second by Councilor Williams. Motion made by Councilor Johnston direction city staff to work with owner on purchasing back property at 81 Old Brunswick Rd. Second by Councilor Barron, motion passed by unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: EXECUTIVE SESSION – per MRSA, Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405 (6) (A) Personnel, City Manager Evaluation

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, & RESOLUTIONS

1. Public Comment for anything not on the Agenda- Phyllis Gardiner, Johnson Hall: introduces Michael Micon to Councilors, Mayor, City Manager and Public. Jim Keenan- Smith –Wiley Post 4- extending an invitation for the Memorial Day Parade. Anyone can participate, Scouts, Baseball Teams, and Church Groups. We will be having a cookout afterwards for participants. Thank you to the City Staff, always very helpful. If anyone has any ideas for doing anything different we welcome them. Councilor Johnston, great to see the flags up. Thank you.

2. Public Hearing and Consideration of Liquor License Renewal for [Smith Wiley Post 4](#)- Motion made by Councilor Johnston to approve, second by Councilor Pat Hart. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. Public Hearing and Consideration of [River fest LLC Special Event Permit](#)- Motion made by Councilor Pat Hart to approve, second by Councilor Barron. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. Public Hearing and Consideration of [GMS Special Event Permit](#) – Motion made by Councilor Pat Hart to approve, second by Councilor Heath . Motion passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Consideration of Appointments to Various Committees- Motion made by Councilor Pat Hart to approve, second by Councilor Johnston. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. Consideration of License Agreement for Use of City Property by The Depot- Councilor Johnston- I'm confused on the right of way for the fire department. Chief Minkowsky: the dumpsters need to be 10 feet from the wall and this space works. Motion made by Councilor Leake to approve, second by Councilor Williams. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. Consideration of Auctioning of city-owned property- Tax Collector – Kathy Cutler: 5 properties that will go to auction on May 29th at noon. All Back taxes, staff time, legal counsel and clean up costs are included. Councilor Phil Hart will not support. Kathy Cutler: The house is not worth anything. Councilor Johnston: We should raise the price and get more than just what is owed. Mayor Harnett: This is very hard to deal with; if we take in more it should go to the owner. Councilor Heath: is the house livable? Councilor Phil Hart: No it needs a lot of maintenance, may need to be gutted. We are taxing people out of this town. Taxes in Gardiner are way to high. Councilor Pat Hart to Councilor Phil Hart: Are you asking us to reconsider? Councilor Phil Hart: I would like to give them a tax break or set the reserve really high. Councilor Pat Hart: We could increase the reserve and have the bids come back to council for approval. Councilor Pat Hart: Regarding the Fire station in S. Gardiner, we need to be clear on what kind of zoning the building is in and make bidders aware. Councilor Johnston: My only concern is the Fire Station- what's the dollar amount we are looking for? Scott Morelli: 30k is not the magic number we are looking for. Councilor Johnston: We should put a number out there so we make enough. Councilor Phil Hart: Do we really need this building? Don't we have room at waster water for storage? Councilor Pat Hart: the Fire Station is in HRD. Mayor Harnett: We are all set on Costello, Sherburne, and Libby Hill so there is no need for that to come back to council. Motion made by Councilor Johnston to take Fire Station off the auction list and have city staff figure out the best use for it or sell it. And take the 1st 3 properties at reserve price and bring back to council, second my Councilor Phil Hart. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Discussion of Foreclosure property on Riverview Drive: Tax Collector, Kathy Cutler: We started foreclosure in December; it's been a 5 year issue. After June 1st it won't be insured. Mayor Harnett: we should up the reserve and have it come back to council for approval. Motion made by Councilor Phil Hart to sell at the existing \$25825.00 but bring back to Council for approval, second by Councilor Pat Hart. Motion passed with a vote of 6-1 with Councilor Leake opposed.

8. Discussion of Natural Gas- tabled to future meeting.

9. Discussion of FY14 Budget – Councilor Johnston: Great job on break downs. The next time we talk about the budget I would like to go over some of the policy issues. Councilor Heath: We could identify things up front for review.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE- I have given you a list of dates for future meetings, does that work for everyone.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE- Councilors – Leake, Williams, Heath, Barron and Phil Hart – all set. Councilor Johnston- 1. Are we missing an opportunity for a fee regarding the eel fisherman? 2. On steamboat lane there was some clearing done, did we do that? The waterfront looks great. Councilor Pat Hart- Heart /Soul tomorrow at LER @ 6pm. I received a call from a member of the Housing Committee; they are off to a great start. Mayor Harnett: Heart/Soul meeting is critical for Council to attend. Friday night is the Art Walk. There are a lot of good things happening in Gardiner.

Adjournment: 10:05

Respectfully Submitted: Robin E. Plourde