

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2013
REGULAR SESSION 7:00 p.m.**

ROLL CALL 7:02 p.m. Council introduced themselves. All present, except Councilor Heath and Councilor Williams

Pledge of Allegiance

PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS - no public comment

Consideration of Minutes 7/10, 7/24, 8/21, 9/4, 9/18, 10/9

Motion to Approve by Councilor Johnson, second by Councilor Barron. Unanimous Vote

Consideration of Interim Code Officer

Councilor Johnston made a motion to appoint Richard Dolby as the Interim CEO, second by Councilor Barron. Unanimous Vote

Presentation of Finance Report by Denise Brown, Finance Director

There was some unexpected revenue—lot sale, logging project, and surplus sale but nothing unusual to report. We are now paying GMS and Boys & Girls club once instead of quarterly. The ambulance was paying down debt and WW had a surplus. General Fund put back \$75K into fund balance. We paid over \$500K using Credit Cards and have earned \$5K to put towards employee recognitions.

Consideration of 2014 Library Fees

Anne Davis spoke on behalf of the Board of Trustees recommendations of 3% increase to towns. Motion to approve the recommendations by Councilor Johnston, second by Pat Hart. Unanimous Vote

Presentation on First Park by Brad Jackson, Director

First Park is the only regional authority in Maine, and we need to grow the region which will then help other parks—i.e., Libby Hill. We don't have the same resources as Bangor, LA, Brunswick. We do have the ability to network and get in front of decision makers. Reaching out to IT firms and environmental science firms. The difference between First Park and Libby Hill is they have different visions. We need to protect towns in First Park but need to develop the region and create jobs. Not focusing entirely on First Park, not every lead is for First Park, but will fit in the region. Nate asked if there has been discussion to harvest the lots. Yes there is a proposal. Scott Morelli asked when the towns may start seeing a payout or if they would be willing to consider not using the \$70K in sinking fund? What would the effect have? There is a process for towns to speak and get engaged.

Boys & Girls Club – Ingrid Stanchfield came in to thank the City Council for supporting them over the last 10 years and share a special article in the KJ.

Consideration of Amending Special Event Ordinance

The Bicycle Coalition of Maine would like to bring an event to Gardiner but would like to be allowed to camp on the waterfront. This is very exciting. Councilor Johnston is concerned about the language and how it will be written

Consideration of Non-Corporate Resolution for GPL

This resolution is needed to approve to authorize us to accept a stock gift.

Motion to approve the resolution by Councilor Leake, second by Councilor Barron. Unanimous Vote

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

- Chuck Applebee will be leaving at the end of the month
- We are having a study done about CEO office hours needed
- Upcoming meeting set for January 8—Inauguration and training. January 22 will be budget discussion and a regional summit about sharing services
- Thank you to City Clerk, Deirdre Berglund, and Patrick Wright for helping to defraud a scam with Langford Lending

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Pat Hart reminded everyone about the Comp Plan meeting and Heart & Soul summit and thanked the staff for lighting up the City. Councilor Johnston thought the tree lighting was magical, and hopes we can do the cleanup on sidewalks as we have in the past. Councilor Phil Hart sent an email to Anne about the cleaning out his city email. The next day he received one from a citizen complained about property taxes. Mayor Harnett really enjoyed the tree lighting, dancing by Ampersand and the festivities in Gardiner.

ADJOURN 9:15 p.m.