

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
GARDINER CITY COUNCIL  
October 12, 2011  
Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL- all Councilors Present

2. PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, & PUBLIC HEARINGS

Consideration of Comments from the Public on Issues that

Do Not Appear Elsewhere on the Agenda (Please limit comments to five minutes.) Resident Doug Papa commented that the Public Computers in the Library are very slow and un-reliable. City should invest in new computers.

2.1 Public Hearing on General Assistance Ordinance---GA Director recommends that the City update it's information in accordance with MMA.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Consideration of September Warrants- Motion made by Councilor Johnston to approve, Second by Councilor Hart. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3.2 Consideration of Road Opening Permit-Motion made by Councilor Thompson to Allow, Second by Councilor Hart. Motion passes by a unanimous vote.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Second Reading of 11-71, General Bond Obligation (tabled from 9/28/11) Motion made by Councilor Johnston to Approve , Second by Councilor Leake. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Presentation of the Spirit of America Award- Presented to Steve Marson from Central Maine Pyrotechnics.

5.2 Consideration of Wastewater Abatement for Loads of Fun

Loads of Fun Request Chuck Applebee Memo Al Aronson – Owner, would like an abatement dating back to 2009. After much discussion the Council has asked that the City Staff negotiate with Loads of Fun. City Manager will check with Legal to see if the City is able to negotiate. Mayor MacLean stats that City Staff has done very well is assisting Loads of Fun in this matter and does not see this as over billing, the City and Loads of Fun came to a final billing in 2009 the Mayor will not accept you blaming City Staff. We can ask City Staff to come up with middle ground that is legal. Councilor Johnston made a motion to Direct City Staff to come up with an agreement with Loads of Fun and ask the City Manager to seek Legal advice with out changing the ordinance on time frame allowed for abatements, Second by Councilor Leake. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

5.3 Consideration of West Street Selection of Preferred Alternative Addressing Sewer Odors- Aubrey Straus from Tata and Howard to do quick over view of choices on West St. Odor Problem fix. 3 Different Alternatives were presented to Council, members of public and West St.

Residents. Motion made by Councilor Thompson to accept Alternative 1. Second by Councilor Liberatore. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5.4 Consideration of First Reading of General Assistance Ordinance Motion made by Councilor Holmes to Approve, Second by Councilor Williams. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

## 6. MANAGER REPORT

Libby Hill Lot Pricing (8 and 9) Pine State Trading had an option on a lot at Libby Hill Business park but now they don't need it so the lot is back on the market. City Manager will be making a presentation at the MMA Conference regarding the Pellet Boiler. The pay back time was estimated at 18-20 years now it is less than 10 years due to the price of oil.

7 CITY COUNCIL UPDATES ---Councilor Liberatore --pass. Councilor Johnston....1. Only interested in KVgas if they will go to the Libby Hill Business Park and A.G. park. City Manager says that he has a list for KVgas. 2. Why are we always digging up in front of 100 School St. Chuck Applebee , Director of PW will get back to Council with more info on School St. Councilor Holmes: City Staff did a great job with the Swine and Stein. What is going on with the Paving?

Chuck Applebee , Director of PW says that he is waiting for approval to dig up the railroad tracks on Summer St. Miscellaneous Streets paving will begin in the spring. Councilor Hart: Agrees with Gas line and is glad we have a list and that we should negotiate with them. Also Councilor Hart would like to know if it's necessary that Council approve all ordinances. City Manager says that the City Clerk is looking into this more info to follow. Councilor Thompson: Apologizes for not being in lately. Councilor Williams: Has had numerous complaints regarding Highland Ave. Could we bump up the paving schedule? Chuck Applebee/ WW/PW Director. Highland Ave. is a State Aid Road so residents should call MDOT with complaints. State has Highland Ave. Scheduled for repair in 2- 3 years. Councilor Leake: Pass

Mayor Maclean: Councilor Holmes will stand in for the Mayor at the Bell Tower Ribbon Cutting.

ADJOURNMENT 11:30

Respectfully Submitted : Robin E. Plourde