

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

GARDINER CITY COUNCIL

December 7, 2011

Executive Session 5:30 p.m.

Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION - per MRSA, Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405 (6) (F) Real Estate- Executive session opened on a motion made by Councilor Liberatore, Second by Councilor Leake at 5:56 pm. Motion made by Councilor Johnston to waive foreclosure of 2010 taxes on map 12 lot 023 and map 27 lot 14-block 6, Second by Councilor Hart. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION - per MRSA, Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405 (6) (A) Labor Negotiations- Executive Session opened by Councilor Holmes, Second by Councilor Thompson at 5:30. Motion made by Councilor Holmes to give direction to the City Manager, Second by Councilor Johnston. Motion passed by a unanimous vote. Concluded at 5:45.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION - per MRSA, Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405 (6) (A) Labor Negotiations-Executive session opened by Councilor Thompson at 6:12 Second by Councilor Leake. Executive session concluded at 6:50 with no action at this time.

4. ROLL CALL—All Present plus Councilors-elect Pat Hart and Thom Harnett.

5. 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.) Kim Tripp would like 2 items put on the agenda...1. Industrial Hemp. 2. End Corporate person hood.

5.1. Public Hearing for Wastewater Rates

Chuck Applebee WW Director and Jim Lord from Dirigo Engineering. Public comment:

Brandon Turner, Bartlett St. rates could go from \$530 to \$1000. He and his family will be much more conservative. Along with the property tax increase he is concerned about being billed and people conserving will rates increase even more.

Colin Carter, Lincoln Ave. If we have 45% left for operation are we missing an opportunity to capitalize? John Mcmillan Johnson St South Gardiner. Will there be time for written comment after the Council meeting? He would like more time to review the web site. John White, Lincoln Ave. said 97.4% is too much for an increase. He would favor incremental increase in sewer rates.

Harvey Devane, School St. asked if the WW staff benefits included in the WW budget? Chuck Applebee...no the benefits are paid through the general fund. Peter Giampatruzzi, Capen Rd., owns the building that houses Dunkin Donuts, Curves and the Kennebec Savings Bank. His estimation is that the businesses have been getting breaks for years and they will have to absorb the costs. Dave Preble, South Gardiner, asked if benefits included in other Town totals that you compared rates to. Chuck Applebee...not sure how other communities pay out their benefits.

Harvey Devine asked if the WW Committee look at anything other than 1200 cf? Councilor Johnston...Isn't 1200 cf the standard for the Water District. John Mcmillan said the comparison of Residents and Commercial rates are fair.

5.2. Public Hearing for Brown's Junkyard Permit Renewal

5.3. Public Hearing for Proposed Fireworks Ordinance - Steve Marson from Central Maine Pyrotechnics has reviewed ordinance on line. Banning use and sales would be a missed opportunity for Gardiner.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Consideration of October and November Warrants Councilor Holmes says that the November Warrants have not been signed so Council should just approve October. Motion made by Councilor Johnston to approve October Warrants, Second by Councilor Holmes. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

6.2 Consideration of Brown's Junkyard Permit Renewal - Motion to grant license made by Councilor Johnston, Second by Councilor Thompson. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Consideration of Banking Services Award

Motion made by Councilor Thompson to Award banking to Bank of Maine effective January 1, 2012 with no cost, no monthly fees, Second by Councilor Liberatore. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7.2 Consideration of Wastewater Rates- tabled.

7.3 Consideration of Technology Support Award---API was recommended for the contract. Motion made by Councilor Johnston to accept tech services and back up plan. Second by Councilor Thompson. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7.4 First Reading of Proposed Fireworks Ordinance City Manager, Scott Morelli the ordinance is based on feed back from the Council. Motion made by Councilor Holmes to approve, Second by Councilor Hart. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7.5 Consideration of Sign Permit Waiver for Sara Sara's – Motion made by Councilor Johnston to waive permit, Second by Councilor Holmes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7.6 Consideration of SKCDC Bus Agreement Tabled.

7.7 Consideration of Disposal of City-owned Property

Map 16 lot 29 for bid of \$10k submitted by Maine Drilling and Blasting. Motion made by Councilor Johnston to accept bid. Second by Councilor Thompson. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Map 34 lot 73 = bid of \$2k submitted by Area Leasing . Motion made by Councilor Thompson to accept bid, Second by Councilor Hart. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. MANAGER REPORT Scott confirmed the availability of Councilors for the January 11th inauguration.

9. CITY COUNCIL UPDATES- Councilor Johnston was Honored to Speak at Mayor Rines Funeral. Councilor Holmes stated Mayor Rines was a good friend.

ADJOURNMENT – 10:30

Respectfully Submitted: Robin E. Plourde