

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
July 11, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:03pm

2. ROLL CALL All present

3. PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, & PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1 Consideration of Comments from the Public on Issues that Do Not Appear Elsewhere on the Agenda (Please limit comments to five minutes.)

Cindy Sirois has applied for motion in the district court. She read a letter requesting an investigation of the police department.

3.2 Public Hearing on the appropriate uses for the Gardiner Common opens at 7:17p.m and Closed 8:10p.m

Councilor Blanchard feels it's immature to discuss within a week—ie, we need to speak with police for traffic reasons. Councilor Nickless would like to see part of the planning service to see what else we could do for another place for activity with in the city. Councilor Leblanc would like to to look at the playground quickly because people are getting hurt. Councilor Dellart asked how much can the city afford in fixing the playground. Councilor Mentall wants to fix up the school playground instead of building a new one. Granite bench is very attractive that came from the legion and the city should look into getting them, low maintenance.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Consideration of Councilor Nickless signing June Warrants and Accepting the **June Warrants**.

Motion made by Councilor Rambo, Seconded by Councilor Mentall
Vote Unanimous

4.2 Consideration of Council Minutes from [3/07/07](#), [03/21/07](#), [04/04/07](#), and [05/02/07](#)

Motion to Accept by Councilor Mentall, seconded by Councilor Dellert
Vote: Unanimous

4.3 Consideration of Order [07-16](#) Victualers Licenses for McDonalds and Gardiner PTA

Motion to Accept by Councilor Rambo, Seconded by Councilor Nickless
Vote Unanimous

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Discussion of City Banking and Investment Practices

Pat Coty stated that the staff at TD banknorth had been more than helpful. Our funds are much more secure than previously. We have 18 trust funds that used to be individual. TD banknorth allowed us to combine all trustfunds so the interest is incurred by the bottom line or total. Provides a daily courier service. E-cash manager is a website that allows us to access our accounts online. In the past year has allowed the city income from 5,000 to 20,000.

Councilor Blanchard is concerned about only getting 3% isn't that kind of low?

Pat Coty said no, compared to what we were getting.

5.2 Consideration of Proposal to Assure Compliance with New Audit Requirements

Lynn Olsen explained that we have a one-person shop. We need to become a multi person staff by hiring a Finance Director. Pat is cutting checks and balancing checkbooks. The piece that is missing is the ability to have an individual communicating with the senior management. We need someone to be tracking and accounting and someone doing day to day things. Councilor Hart: Why don't we reconstruct the department? Jeff Kobrock said it isn't as though the department is broken. Councilor Hart: is there an opportunity to hire a full time staff person to share between the school system? Jeff Kobrock We have suggested this before and they have had no interest. Councilor Leblanc: Not only are we looking to increase our finances as well as have some audotrty over site, we need to separate the side that have access to assets and the side that does the record keeping. Councilor Nickless: Can we really find a person for this job? Lynn Olsen: If you look an individual as a CPA there is a lot of traveling so individuals that do have family's attract to a role like this.

Motion to Accept by Councilor Rambo, seconded by Councilor Mentall
Vote: Unanimous

5.3 Consideration of [FY08 Goal Statement](#)

Goal 14 did not reflect to the current reality so it was rewritten
Motion to Accept by Councilor Hart, Seconded by Councilor Dellert
Discussion by Councilor Hart: This is a piece a art work
Vote:Unanimous

5.4 Consideration of Order [07 - 15](#) Setting Tax Due Dates

Motion to Accept by Councilor Dellert, Seconded by Councilor Mentall
Vote: Unanimous

5.5 Consideration of Order [07 - 17](#) Settlement of Taxes Receivable

Motion to Accept by Councilor Leblanc, seconded by Councilor Rambo
Vote: Unanimous

5.6 Consideration of Manager's Appointment of Tax Collector

Motion to appoint Kim Dalton as Tax Collector by Councilor Nickless,
Seconded by Councilor Leblanc
Vote: Unanimous

6. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Jeff Kobrock read a Letter from a 6th grader about running stop signs will be addressed by Toman.

Reconstruction of the road MDOT. The project dropped out of the MDOT budget and redouble our efforts to get it back into the budget and we need to lobby. Mayor MacLean asked, Did we fall off the bottom? Yes we fell off the bottom. Mayor MacLean asked if our state rep find out about that, Jeff Kobrock: no and it didn't match up with the priorities

We will be applying for a grant for economic development \$10,000 grant. We appointed the sidewalk committee this evening. Our paving priorities developed before the sidewalks. So we have postponed paving with sidewalks on them. We need prioritization of the goal statement from the council. Sidewalk on fountain st. 19,000 for 450ft of sidewalk and it ends in the street.

Chuck Applebee stated that in the bid the retaining walls were not accounted for it was just the sidewalks.

Councilor Nickless: Consensus is that the neighbors didn't want the sidewalks and it looks like there wouldn't be enough room for traffic. Councilor Rambo asked if there was a discussion about making the street one way? Chuck Applebee said there was discussion but there was an even split on the design. Councilor Rambo agreed it makes sense to turn it over to the sidewalk committee assuming there will be a staff person with this committee working with them. Would we get granite curbs instead of the sidewalks. No we are just telling the contractor no. Councilor Nickless asked if we still need a curb? Chuck Applebee said yes.

There has been a concern of the width of the street on the North west quadrant.

Pope street is already a no parking street so we will implement

7. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilor Blanchard said the presentation by Lynn Olsen was very nice and the hearing went very well. Councilor Dellert thought the meeting was well run. Councilor Leblanc has noticed the increase in police and wondering the when we get the new divices. What follow up with the rail car that has moved and moved again. Chief Kimball: Nate Folten has arranged to scrap it.

8. ADJOURNMENT 10:00 p.m.