

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, March 10, 2010
City Council Chambers

6:30 p.m. Mayor MacLean welcomed new City Manager, Scott Morelli.

Call to Order 7:02 p.m.

Motion to Accept Addendum Agenda by Councilor Johnston, second by Councilor Trask. Unanimous Vote.

Mayor MacLean read **Resolution 10-13**, expressing appreciation to Ms. Anne Davis for her service as interim City Manager for our City.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, & PUBLIC HEARINGS - No public Comment

CONSENT AGENDA –

Consideration of Accepting February Warrants

Consideration of Minutes 12/16, 1/13, 1/19, 1/27, 2/3

Consideration of 10-10, Mayoral Appointment of Brent Hall and Jodi Parker to Economic Development Committee

Consideration of Victualer License for Sweet Love/Baxter Tea owned by Lisa Liberatore.

Motion to accept Consent Agenda by Councilor Thompson, second by Councilor Trask. Vote, 7 in favor, Councilor Liberatore did not vote.

Consideration of 10-9, Naming of Plaisted Cemetery - Lincoln Luken discussed naming the cemetery located off Highland Avenue after Robert Plaisted. He praised City Staff for helping with the memorial project to honor veterans and explained that he was trying to raise approx \$3000 for the project. Mr. Luken has raised \$600 towards the Project.

Councilor Thompson made a motion to name the Cemetery located off Highland Ave and West Street The Plaisted Cemetery. Second by Councilor Johnson. Unanimous Vote.

Consideration of 10-11, Appropriation of Cemetery Trust Fund

Councilor Trask made a motion to appropriate \$1841.83 from cemetery trust funds for the project. Second by Councilor Leake. Unanimous Vote.

Consideration of Resolution 10-12, Amending Order 09-66 Crematorium Committee. This amendment fills the timeline for the committee to follow during moratorium. Motion to Accept Resolution 10-12 by Councilor Thompson, second by Councilor Johnson. Unanimous Vote.

Discussion of FY11 Budget – Finance Director Sandy Runyon presented budget worksheets to get an indication of how Council would like to proceed this year. Council had discussion and felt it was important to meet with SAD11 Board Members as soon as possible before getting into the City’s budget. Mayor MacLean asked Scott Morelli to present Council with a recommended approach to a budget schedule.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Scott Morelli thanked everyone for their help during his transition, and mentioned he was taking the next few weeks to meet with as many people as possible.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilor Liberatore mentioned that Gardiner Main Street’s Executive Director will be starting in the next month and that GMS will be hosting an open house of all real estate available in downtown as well as having bankers available too. Councilor Holmes was happy we survived the ice jam on the river. Councilor Hart welcomed Scott to the City. Councilor Trask asked to have a hiring freeze put on the next agenda. Councilor Leake would like to revisit Tax Liens and Foreclosure status. Mayor MacLean stated the next meeting would be March 24. He asked to review Craig Freshley’s final report and goal statement. At the first meeting in April, we will do a first reading on the Land Use Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

**Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre Berglund
City Clerk**