

GARDINER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, June13, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor MacLean suggested that the Councilors introduce themselves to have a personal aspect on the meetings. All Councilors 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

No Public Comment

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Consideration of Accepting the April Warrants

Motion to Accept by Councilor Nickless, Seconded by Councilor Dellert

Vote: Unanimous

4.2 Consideration of Councilor Blanchard signing April Warrants

Motion to Accept by Dellert, Seconded by Councilor Leblanc

Vote: Unanimous

4.3 Certification of MSAD 11 School Board Member Election Results

City Clerk, Deirdre Berglund, presented the results of the Election

Motion to Accept by Councilor Mentall, Seconded by Councilor Leblanc

Vote: Unanimous

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Consideration of First Reading of Resolution 07-07, Establishing Appropriations and Directing the Levy of Taxes of City Services

Motion to Accept Order 07-07 from Councilor Nickless, Seconded by Councilor Dellert

Discussion: Councilor Hart has concern for overtime will not decrease as projected and does not want to create two full time positions and Councilor Leblanc suggested a one year position for detective.

Vote Unanimous

5.2 Consideration of Order 07-08, Establishing Appropriations for the Enterprise

Accounts

Motion to Accept Order 07-08 from Councilor Leblanc and Seconded by Councilor Nickless

Discussion: Councilor Hart asked if you feel real comfortable given that data conversion and software implementation data is accurate? Jeff Kobrock: We have checked and double checked and we have done our homework. Councilor Hart asked if you feel that there is money to cover, if there is an error in the budget? Jeff Kobrock answered yes we have a \$90,000 contingency account

Vote Unanimous

5.3 Consideration of Order 07-09, Adjusting Appropriations in FY08 Budget

Motion to Accept Order 07-09 by Councilor Rambo, Seconded by Councilor Dellert

Vote Unanimous

5.4 Consideration of Order 07-10 Authorizing Lease Purchases

Motion to Accept Order 07-10 by Councilor Nickless, Seconded by Councilor Dellert

Vote Unanimous

5.5 Consideration of Resolution 07-12 Regarding Provision of Wastewater Service to Maine Turnpike Authority's Service Plaza

Motion to Accept Resolution 07-12 by Councilor Rambo, Seconded by Councilor Leblanc

Discussion: Councilor Nickless asked if there are any costs the city might incur for staff expenses Kobrock explained that the turnpike authority has reimbursed the city in the past. Councilor Hart asked if we really can tell someone that they can't hook into this line. Mayor MacLean stated that because this is considered private, we do have a choice to deny someone access. Jonathan LaBonte from Turnpike authority reiterates what Mayor has already said about the line being private. Councilor Nickless asked if you can run a private line off from a city line.

Vote Unanimous

5.6 Consideration of Amendment to City Code Title 17, Chapter 1, Section 1702 "Notice to Remove"

Motion to Accept made by Councilor Rambo, seconded by Councilor Nickless

Vote Unanimous

6. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Jeff Kobrock explained that the Town of Chelsea has approached us to provide ambulance service. The Manager gave an update on joint billing for water and sewer, progress is slow, but steady.

Peter Wlodlyo has a legal action (civil rights) against the City and that jury trial in July has been postponed.

Chuck and Jeff are working on a sidewalk committee to oversee the Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project. Councilor Leblanc asked how would we publicize the project. Mayor MacLean suggested that Jeff can make it a point to keep in touch with Keith. Jeff suggested that maybe we can have a ribbon cutting ceremony.

7. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilor Hart thinks the budget process has gone well and appreciates the fact that the Mayor lets him express his opinion and thanks Jeff for everything that he's done.

Councilor Dellert had nothing to say, but has a concern and will address later with Chuck Applebee about a complaint

Councilor Blanchard wanted to follow up on a conversation with the School Board, Ted Potter's letter to the editor about how the City and the member municipalities keeping their relationships and Bryan mentions starting a community college here in Gardiner

Councilor Leblanc thanks Jeff for all the hard work and thanks the veteran councilors for helping the newbie's get through the budget

Councilor Mentall: Nothing. Councilor Nickless was impressed with the outcome of the budget process.

Councilor Rambo had a conversation with someone and had come to the realization that he had been on the Council for four years and this budget process is the smoothest it's ever gone. Is the well on Brunswick road is it dead? Jeff said we made an offer and it wasn't taken so I don't think we will hear anymore of this. Sidewalk committee might want to bring in a sidewalk engineer. Jeff asked if people have an interest in the Sidewalk committee. Councilor Leblanc asked if we figured out if the pylon at the waterfront snapped or was it damaged? Jeff was pretty sure it snapped.

Mayor MacLean: He had spent some time at the sprucing up of downtown Gardiner and has heard great things about Public Works. He saw Jason Simcock and Dave Cichowski helping out. Public Works was out grading the waterfront and fixing bricks in the sidewalks and it also looks great. Some members of the school board were blindsided and were at odds with the meeting they had had with us before. The Mayor had taken a call from Ted Potter and was surprised to see his name in the paper about the situation. We are aware of the problem but we are not looking to micro manage their affairs. He left Paul Knowles a message to arranging a meeting to have a chat to see if there is any interest to try and improve the school performance in the future. He wants the Council to make an effort to be seen downtown with in a portion of the day on Saturday the 23rd.

Councilor Nickless mentioned a Citizen Committee would be right for Ted Potter's concerns. Councilor Blanchard said we need to have a proactive school system

10. ADJOURNMENT 8:55 p.m.