

Gardiner City Council
Wednesday, September 5, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL- Mayor MacLean, Richard Nickless, Jean Dellert, Phil Hart, Bryan Blanchard, Chuck LeBlanc, Martha Mentall

3. PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, RESOLUTIONS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1 Consideration of Comments from the Public on Issues that Do Not Appear Elsewhere on the agenda.

Dorothy Washburne spoke briefly about a website dedicated to Edwin Arlington Robinson, the walking tour, a CD of the walking tour promoting Gardiner. September 22, @ 10am will be the next tour .In April the library hosted a reading from Robinson's biography. Ms. Washburne spoke about Robinson acknowledging that the "town" in his Tilbury Town Poems was Gardiner and requesting consideration of adding a tag sign to the gateway signs to say "Edwin Arlington Robinson's Tilbury Town". Mayor MacLean thanked Ms. Washburne for promoting cultural tourism and asking for time for Council to consider the issue.

Fire Chief Mike Kimball taking the floor to introduce the new fire fighter- Chris McLaughlin who is a fifth generation Gardiner citizen. Chris is a graduate of Gardiner High School and the University of Maine at Orono.

3.2 Public Hearings on Renewal of Liquor License for Side Pocket Billiards, LLC.

Mayor MacLean asked if any members of the public had any questions/comments. None

3.3 Public Hearings on Renewal of Liquor License for Janelle's Family Restaurant.

Mayor MacLean asked if any members of the public have any questions/comments.

None.

3.4 Public Hearings on Renewal of Liquor License for Gardiner House of Pizza.

Mayor MacLean asked if any members of the public have any questions/comments.

None.

3.5 Public Hearings on Renewal of Liquor License for Canton Village.

Mayor MacLean asked if any members of the public have any questions/comments.

None.

3.6 Public Hearings on Application for Liquor License for Green Shark Billiards, LLC (License to be effective October 1, 2007)

Mayor MacLean closed the public hearing and asking for a motion to proceed to a vote on items 4.3 through 4.6 (Renewal of liquor licenses).

Motion to accept by Council Nickless, Seconded by Council Hart.
Vote- Unanimous

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Consideration of Councilor Accepting July and August 2007 Warrants.

Motion to Accept by Council Dellert, Seconded by Council Hart.
Vote- Unanimous.

4.2 Consideration of Order 07-25 Authorizing Certain Victualer's License.

Motion by Council LeBlanc, Seconded by Council Dellert.
Vote- Unanimous.

5. Old Business

5.1 Second Reading of Ordinance Amendment Order 07-25 Title 25, Chapter 5, Section 2605, A(55) No Parking

Motion by Council Nickless, Seconded by Council Hart,
Vote- Unanimous

6. New Business

6.1 Consideration of Resolution 07-24 Recognizing Sergeant Stanley Guilmette.

Sergeant Guilmette was recognized by Police Chief James Toman for his years of dedicated service to the city of Gardiner and was presented with a framed certificate signed by members of the Council and the Mayor.

Short recess. Councilor Mentall not present for second half of meeting.

6.2 Consideration of Amending Date for Tax Bills

City Manager spoke about the bills going out a week late, in the past extra time was granted for due date. He recommends passing this item over so as not to change the process and endanger the validity of the tax bill. Councilor Blanchard questioned if we can split the difference in the grace period and not charge interest in the meantime. City Manager Kobrock stating that we may do the entire process differently in the future. Mayor MacLean asked for questions/comments.

Passing over without action.

6.3 Consideration of Awarding Bid for Digital Mapping Project

City Manager spoke about how important this project is to the revaluation process. Digital Mapping offers great potential for the future of the city. Jason Simcock spoke about his contact with other municipalities and what GIS will do. It provides a foundation to build on and what products are required. Curt Lebel spoke about the need for new mapping and the ways in which it will enable planning and assessing and any other department that has ties to land. It offers the ability to streamline work and accuracy. Assessing drew up an RFP. In June they got seven bids in response to the RFP and numerous other inquiries

including some from out of state.. The Committee devised a scoring system in which 70% would be based on experience and cost, 15% on availability and ability to meet the deadlines and 15% to the approach to scope. Each panel member had their own packet to score with the top 3% being called in for interview process. Kappa Mapping of Bangor stood out. Scored high, have staffing and capability to meet the deadline. They had the lowest cost bid by \$6000.00 which made the decision fairly easy. Panel feels comfortable with the decision and in light of the Council being on summer recess, have a contract that has been agreed upon thus far. Contract to include digital files, software company asked for building shape files to be included, traditional B/W tax maps, 3 arc view licenses and 36 hours of consulting. Upon approval of contract, they are ready to begin immediately.

Councilor Hart questioning ongoing costs associated with Arc View. Councilor LeBlanc asking about local company and how they scored. Councilor Nickless asking about annual costs and who will hold license. No further questions.

Motion to accept by Councilor Nickless, Seconded by Councilor LeBlanc.
Vote- unanimous.

7. City Manager Report

Jeff told everyone about the flyer for the open house for the food bank. October 4th at 2pm is the ribbon cutting for the Rail Trail completion. At the last meeting there was discussion about prioritizing the Goal Statement and a reminder to all that he hasn't received everyone's yet and the deadline is September 6. Councilor Hart emailed Jeff about the Beech Street property issue. Owners have met the first deadline. Next deadline is at year end.

Paving is almost complete, all that remains is approximately 2000 feet on the Marston Road.

Brown's Auto Salvage yard is due to be inspected this month. The license renews in December.

Anthony Automotive- legal proceedings completed, all fines and any other money due has been paid in full. Inspection done, property in compliance.

City Manager showed Council the website where the information is about the revaluation process. There is a color coded map so citizens can see what has been done and what is left. Also photos of the assessors who are visiting the homes.

Councilor Dellert asked if the assessors will be going to every house or just viewing some from the street. Curt responds they will be going to every house. If they have not been able to view a house they will call back and make an appointment later in the winter.

Jeff spoke about the MMA conference. Councilor Dellert has attended as their delegate in the past and he will generate the paperwork to delegate her this year as well. Suggested they meet September 26 as the Labor Secretary will be available then.

8. Council Discussion

Councilor Nickless stated he has had some complaints about grass coming up on sidewalk and a wall that needs to be replaced. He and Chuck will meet and discuss later. Mayor MacLean questioned if the Northwest Quadrant includes the Green Street issue as well.

Councilor LeBlanc commended the work that has been done by the Conservation Committee. Gateways and a new spot that has been cleared by Bailey's look good. Councilor Hart said the signage needs to be low maintenance. He has also been out talking with people about the reval process and feels it was advertised well and presented to the public very well. He has had some concerns from elderly people who are home alone about letting assessors in while they are alone. Councilor Dellert said she has had same conversations with public.

Councilor Blanchard talked about an announcement in the KJ from Gardiner Savings regarding a new program they are starting that would rebate the interest back to those investing in community development.

Mayor MacLean participated in the school consolidation meeting and feels the board did a good job in their efforts to look locally for a partner. Process is ongoing and he will continue to participate and keep council posted. Mayor MacLean feels the ribbon cutting for Rail Trail is a good opportunity to connect the two communities and would like to tie in a charitable event as well. He gave kudos to the Conservation Committee- City looks better as a result of their efforts. He also commented that the Rotary cleaned up the area by New Mills, and a thank you to Public Works for removing the debris. The Mayor has been out and about in the community and says the mood feels good. Says the new frame shop is a nice addition to the downtown area.

9. Executive Session

10. Adjournment