

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, November 28, 2007
City Council Room
7 p.m.**

1. Call to order

7:15 Mayor McLean calls to order

2. Roll Call

All Councilors in attendance

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION per MRSA, Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405 (6) (A) □ Labor Negotiations

4. Petitions, Communications, Resolutions & Public Hearings

Mayor McLean asked members of the public if anyone would like to speak. He welcomed the Mayor Katz of Augusta. He mentioned that he and Mayor Katz had a small wager between the Cony & Gardiner Football teams. Mayor McLean lost the bet and had to put on a Cony Rams football jersey. No one from the public spoke.

5. Addendum Agenda

There was a motion to accept the addendum agenda. Councilor Nickless made the motion, and Councilor Rambo seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote to accept the addendum agenda.

5.1 Consideration of Accepting Warrants

Councilor Nickless made a motion to accept the October 2007 Warrants. Councilor Dellert seconded the motion. Mayor McLean asked if any of the Councilors would like to discuss the warrants. Councilor Hart asked about processing invoices. There was a unanimous vote.

5.2 Consideration of Councilor Hart signing Warrants

Councilor LeBlanc made a motion to accept Councilor Hart signing the warrants. Councilor Nickless seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote.

5.3 Consideration of Council Minutes 6/06, 6/13, 6/20, 7/11, 7/18, 9/5

Councilor Nickless made a motion to accept the Council minutes. Councilor Mentall seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote.

5.4 Consideration of Order 7/30, McDonald's Victulers License

Councilor Nickless made a motion to accept renewal of a Victulers License for McDonald's. Councilor Dellert seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote.

6. New Business

6.1 Resolution 7-28 Recognizing City Employee

Mayor McLean recognized Mick Porier for saving a life.

6.2 Resolution 7-29 Recognizing City Employee

Mayor McLean recognized Marcell Deforge for saving a life.

7. City Managers Report

Jeff Kobrock mentioned the holiday luncheon, which will be held December 21st at noon. He also said Christmas is on Tuesday and City Hall will be closed on Monday unless there is any objection. No objections were made.

Jeff Kobrock also mentioned the Channel 13 has been at City Hall covering a story regarding the Gardiner Rescue Team. He said that this was referred to the county EMS board. He stated that the City immediately asked for an investigation.

8. Council Discussion

Council Hart said that the next time that Council meets, he would like an update on Anthony Auto and Brown's Junkyard. Jeff Kobrock said Brown's Junkyard will be on an agenda quickly. He also mentioned that the Beech Street property is fully in compliance. He doesn't expect any problems. He will add to the packet regarding inspections. The City Manager had nothing to say about Anthony Auto. There was a short discussion between Jeff Kobrock and Councilor Hart regarding compliance. Councilor LeBlanc mentioned that he has heard from residents with concern regarding traffic flow. He has heard complaints of speeding on Highland Avenue and large truck braking. He said that the city needs to look at ways of remedying this problem. Councilor LeBlanc also mentioned an article in today's KJ regarding a comprehensive plan. He also mentioned that the caboose is finally gone. Councilor Nickless stated that he agrees with Councilor LeBlanc regarding speeding on Highland Avenue. Councilor Nickless also thanked Public Works. He said that they have been very responsive to residents complaints. He mentioned he has had some nice comments regarding the NW Quad. Councilor Rambo asked if the next Council meetings will be held December 5th and 12th at 7:pm. He also mentioned Brown's Auto again. He was contacted by local citizen regarding the waterfront. The concern was that people have dropped off the committee and we need to try and reinvigorate it. Mayor McLean said that once the bundled projects are decided, this may help revive the waterfront committee.

Mayor McLean thanked the Council for the November schedule. He mentioned he had a business trip and was out of state from the 7th to the 20th, therefore there will be two meetings in December. The Mayor also reminded everyone that inauguration is January 2nd. The City will be recognizing Councilor Dellert for her years of service on the Council. He mentioned that the Council should do something to recognize the football

team for their championship. If Councilor agrees, they will come up with an appropriate recognition.

Mayor McLean also stated that he has noticed since Keith Edwards departure, the City of Gardiner press coverage is poor. He said that it seems like the focus is Augusta. He also said that the reporter covering the Gardiner area is Michelle Cooper and he hasn't seen her. He will contact the KJ.

9. Executive Session – Personell Matter Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A)

10. Recess to Joint Workshop City Council/Water District Trustee – Discussion of Joint Administration

11. Adjournment 10:30 pm.

**Submitted by
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