

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
GARDINER CITY COUNCIL**

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

City Council Chambers

6 p.m. Executive Session

7 p.m. Business Meeting

[ADDENDUM AGENDA](#)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL** 6 p.m.

All Councilors present

3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A)**

6:53 pm. Recess from EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:02 pm Regular Meeting

4. **PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, & PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

Darci and Al Sertz, Loads of Fun, spoke about the problems they have with the way sewer bills are calculated. They have done research in other communities for their rates and met with Chuck Applebee, but the calculations are confusing. Randolph's sewer rate is ½ of our rates, as are Skowhegen, Waterville, and Augusta. They asked Council to look at figures and try to come up with a fair formula. They have asked a firm from out of state to come and help review the rates. Jeff Kobrock said that the new sewer rates were adopted after a lengthy review process. The reason rates may seem different is Randolph subsidizes rates through taxes. We can do an analysis of regional sewer rates. Councilor Trask asked about base rates. Jeff said the base rates go by capacity—such as, churches and restaurants. Councilor Nickless asked about any breaks we may be able to give. Jeff explained there is a 5 year incentive given for business to come to town.

**Motion to table items 4.2 – 9 including Addendum Agenda** until the next meeting made by Councilor Trask, seconded by Councilor Rambo. Vote – unanimous.

**Motion to go back into Executive Session** by Councilor Trask, seconded by Councilor Rambo. Vote – Unanimous

**Meeting adjourned**

Time Unknown

Respectfully submitted,  
Deirdre Berglund