

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rines called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

**2. ROLL CALL**

Dennis Doiron, At-Large  
Lewis Benner, At-Large  
Phil Hart, District 4  
Rebecca Colwell, At-Large

Richard Rambo, District 2  
Mayor Brian Rines  
Jeffrey Kobrock, City Manager  
Molly Gallant, Council Clerk

Councilors Dellert & Webster absent

**Motion** by Councilor Rambo and seconded by Councilor Colwell to go into Executive Session at 6:36 PM

**Vote:** 6 in favor 0 – opposed Motion passes

**3. EXECUTIVE SESSION per MRSA, Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405 (6) (A)  
Personnel**

Out of Executive Session at 7:30 pm.

The Mayor was authorized to act based on the previous discussion with Council.

**4. EXECUTIVE SESSION per MRSA, Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405 (6) (D)  
Economic Development Negotiations**

Mayor Rines asked if there were any objections to taking an item out of order, there were none.

**8.4 Discussion of Route 201 Parking.**

This item was on the last Council Agenda and the Council wanted to discuss it further. Pat Gilbert, City Services Director and Chief Toman looked into the issue of no parking on Route 201. The recommendation at this time is not to enact an ordinance regulating parking on 201. The reasons for the decision:

- There has been only one complaint/request to have Route 201 posted as a no parking zone.

- The parking issue was a direct result of Anthony Automotive being out of compliance with the City code.
- It is believed that the office of the Code Enforcement will resolve the issue.
- There is no statistical data at this time to indicate that the City of Gardiner should enact a No Parking Ordinance on Route 201. Looking at the accidents over the past several years on 201, none have had any correlation between the accident and vehicles parked on the side of 201.
- Bruce Ibarguen, State Traffic Engineer looked at the situation per City of Gardiner request, he saw nothing that would cause him to make a recommendation in favor of no parking on 201.

There was considerable Council discussion with Ms. Sirois, she would like to see no commercial parking for industrial & commercial businesses. Manager Kobrock and Pat Gilbert will review the impact of that possibility.

## **5. PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, & PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

There were no public comments.

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **5.1 Appointment of Ordinance Review Committee.**

Mayor Rines stated that Peter Johnson will be the Chairman of the Committee, he comes to the committee with experience from sitting on other committees.

**Motion** by Councilor Rambo and seconded by Councilor Doiron to Accept Ordinance Review Committee Recommendations.

**Vote:** 6 in favor 0 – opposed Motion passes

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Consideration of Second Reading of Resolution 05-05, Northwest Quadrant Financing.**

This item will be postponed until another Council meeting.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.1 Consideration of Reaffirming Associated Grocers 2003 Tax Increment Financing Agreement.**

**Motion** by Councilor Colwell and seconded by Councilor Rambo to Accept Reaffirming Associated Grocers 2003 Tax Increment Financing Agreement

**Vote:** 5 in favor 0 – opposed 1 –abstain (Hart) Motion passes

**8.2 Consideration of Order 05-06, Authorizing Participation in MDOT Route 201 Project.**

Manager Kobrock and Pat Gilbert have already met with MDOT a couple of times to discuss sidewalks and manhole cover replacement which are part of these projects. Dale Doughty from Maine Department of Transportation was present to talk to the Council about the Route 201 & Route 126 projects. There was considerable Council discussion on the cost of manhole cover replacement. Pat Gilbert stated that he will research cost and report back to the Council with findings at a later date.

This will be discussed again on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**8.3 Discussion of MDOT Route 126 Project**

This project is out of this year's list. There will be a memorandum developed with the City before July 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a plan for full reconstruction including a new sidewalk in 2008.

**8.5 Consideration of Recommendation from Economic Development Committee – Loan Proposal from Northeast Radiant Technologies.**

**Motion** by Councilor Doiron and seconded by Councilor Colwell to Accept Recommendation from Economic Development Committee – Loan Proposal from Northeast Radiant Technologies

**Vote:** 6 in favor 0 – opposed Motion passes

Mayor Rines asked to take an item out of order.

**3. EXECUTIVE SESSION per MRSA, Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405 (6) (A) Personnel**

**Motion** by Councilor Rambo and seconded by Councilor Doiron to Accept Resolution 05-07, Be it Resolved that the Gardiner Council hereby Authorizes the Mayor to Enter into a Negotiated Contract with the City manager within the Guidelines Established by the Gardiner Council.

**Vote:** 6 in favor 0 – opposed Motion passes

**9. CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

Manager Kobrock will be on vacation February 22<sup>nd</sup> through March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chris Paszyc, Pat Gilbert, and Chuck Applebee will fill in the absence, Molly will have a schedule and be able to reach Manager Kobrock.

The Waterfront Task Force Report will be before the Council on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the committee worked long and hard on the report.

A report from the Joint Management Team for the City of Gardiner and the Water District has been completed, various WWTP staffing levels have been looked at, along with a part-time wastewater position and this year's budget will have a full time position in it. This item will be on the next agenda..

**10. COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Councilor Colwell stated that the Healthreach Hospice and the Kennebec Valley Hospice has recently merged, it is very exciting and there will be a celebration that Pine State will be hosting, the City Council is invited.

Councilor Benner asked about charging manhold expense to the sewer users. Councilor Benner also remarked that Chuck Applebee should be aware about the part-time position at the Wastewater Treatment Plant being made into a full-time position. Manager Kobrock stated that he was aware.

Councilor Hart stated that the potholes are already starting, there are some big ones on Libby Hill and Costello Road.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rines adjourned the meeting at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly M. Gallant  
Council Clerk