

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rines called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Jean Dellert, District 3
Dennis Doiron, At-Large
Lewis Benner, At-Large
Phil Hart, District 4

Rebecca Colwell, At-Large
Michael Webster, District 1
Richard Rambo, District 2
Mayor Brian Rines
Jeffrey Kobrock, City Manager
Molly Gallant, Council Clerk

Motion by Councilor Doiron and seconded by Councilor Rambo to go into Executive Session under Title 1 MRSA section 405 (6) paragraph F, for the purpose of reviewing a confidential investigative report concerning complaints by a Gardiner resident.

Vote: 8 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 8:30 pm

Councilor Webster made a motion to accept the City Manager recommendations. Mayor Rines clarified by accepting the City Manager recommendation the Council needs to take no action. The Council took no action.

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.)

Cindy Sirois stated that she would like to meet with the City Manager after the Council meeting with questions regarding the investigative report that was discussed in Executive Session. She did not expect the Police Department to receive punishment as a result of her complaint against them, but a review and

realignment of Police services. Mayor Rines stated that the Council chose not to accept the recommendations of the City Manager and chose not to take action.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Consideration of Accepting March 2005 Warrants

#36	3/03/05	032657-032702	\$ 446467.37
#37	3/10/05	032703-032842	\$ 219726.34
#38	3/17/05	032843-032949	\$ 307800.49

5.2 Consideration of Councilor Dellert Signing April 2005 Warrants.

Motion by Councilor Rambo and seconded by Councilor Webster to Accept Consent Agenda items 5.1 & 5.2.

Vote: 8 in favor 0 – opposed Motion: passes

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Consideration of Kennebec County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Vincent Cersulo spoke to the Council regarding the Kennebec County Hazard Mitigation Plan. In 2000 the law required the states to have a Mitigation Plan in place, if the states chose not to have a plan in place they would not be eligible for federal monies. Mr. Cersulo asked that the City of Gardiner sign on for the plan.

Motion by Councilor Dellert and seconded by Councilor Doiron to Accept Draft Kennebec County Mitigation Plan.

Vote: 8 in favor 0 – opposed Motion: passes

6.2 Discussion of Wastewater Interlocal Agreement.

Chuck Applebee spoke to the Council regarding rewriting the Wastewater Interlocal Agreement, going over the items that was in last weeks packet the proposal is:

- April 2005 City Manager and Wastewater Superintendent work with the City Solicitor to develop a draft agreement
- May 2005 Review by the Wastewater Advisory Committee
- June 2005 City Manager and Wastewater Superintendent work with the City Solicitor to review and incorporate Wastewater Advisory Comments
- June 2005 Wastewater Advisory reviews and recommends approval to the Three Communities

- July 2005 The Gardiner City Council, the Town of Randolph and the Town of Farmingdale respectively approve the new agreement

There is an estimated cost for the city solicitor of between \$1500 - \$ 2000 that would be paid for by the Wastewater Budget account 6012-0285 Common Expense budgetline.

Motion by Councilor Colwell and seconded by Councilor Dellert to Authorize the Wastewater Advisory, the City Manager and the Wastewater Superintendent to enter into the process of updating the Three Town “Sewage Disposal Service Contract”

Vote: 8 in favor 0 – opposed Motion: passes

6.3 Consideration of FY 06 Goal Statement.

Manger Kobrock stated that the FY 06 Goal Statement was discussed previous and he made the changes that the Council suggested.

Motion by Councilor Doiron and seconded by Councilor Dellert to Accept Amended FY 06 Goal Statement.

Vote: 8 in favor 0 – opposed Motion: passes

7. CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Several weeks ago Manger Kobrock spoke to the Council about the district Fuel Depot partnership that expires this Spring.

Manager Kobrock reminded the Council of the Joint Workshop with the Water District Trustees on Monday, April 11, 2005 at 7:30 pm at the Pray Street School. The Council will be meeting next week on the 14th, and on the 28th in a workshop with the Boys and Girls Club with other agenda items also.

There will be information in the packet about Hazardous Waste Day on May 7th at the Augusta Armory.

At the last Council meeting bids on sewer manhole covers where discussed, this week the results from the bids for the sidewalks are back, they were considerably less at \$21,672 instead of the \$25,000 as quoted before. The City will be proceeding with the sidewalks also.

Lynn Olson the consultant for financial management that was recently hired has been proven to be an excellent selection; she is very experienced, smart with practical common sense.

Manager Kobrock reinforced Mayor Rines comments on the flood management, the City came through in fine shape, not minimizing the destruction, but Public Safety deserves a real hand, they were well prepared, with no big surprises except the death on Cobbossee Stream which no one could have prevented. They showed great leadership.

8. COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilor Webster reminded the Council that there is a Northwest Quadrant Public Hearing on Monday, April 11, 2005 at City Hall.

Councilor Dellert was very pleased with the way the City handled the flood situation.

Councilor Rambo stated that the Ordinance Review Committee recently had their first meeting. His suggestions for upcoming agenda items would be to discuss the church on Brunswick Avenue and signage, grandfathering non-conforming use. The Organizational Analysis Committee has been meeting, there may be some dynamic ideas coming before the Council by mid-May. Councilor Rambo stated that he would not be able to attend the April 28th workshop with the Boys and Girls Club, Councilor Doiron stated that he would not be able to either. Manger Kobrock stated that there will be a reschedule of the workshop.

Councilor Colwell stated that she would not be able to attend the Monday workshop with the Water District Trustees.

Councilor Benner stated that he was disappointed with the School Budget hoping that there would have been less spending so the taxpayers could have received tax relief.

Mayor Rines stated that he provided at the request of the Capital Weekly and Kennebec Journal a summary of the City Manager Contract.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rines adjourned the meeting at 9:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Gallant
Council Clerk

Council Minutes of April 7, 2005