



**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**GARDINER CITY COUNCIL**  
**WEDNESDAY, March 2, 2022**  
**6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hart at 6:00 p.m.

**1) ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

City Council Present: Mayor Hart, Councilor Cusick, Councilor Gilg, Councilor Rees, and Councilor Frey, Councilor Greenleaf, Councilor Brown and Councilor Rines.

City Council Absent: Council Berry

Also present: Acting City Manager James Toman, City Clerk Alisha Ballard, Ed DuGay, Jenifer Edwards, Eric Duffin, Code Enforcement Officer Kris McNeill, Public Work Director Jerry Douglas, Kyle Rosenberg and Jessica Lowell.

Mayor Hart asked for a moment of silence.

**2) PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jennifer Edwards asked to speak in regards to speaking issues on Neal Street.

Police Chef spoke briefly.

**3) PETITIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

- a) Public Hearing to consider approval for a license renewal for a Medical Marijuana Retail Store – 4Twenty

Mayor Hart opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. and asked for any comments from the public.

Ed Dugay spoke briefly.

Mayor Hart closed the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

- b) Public Hearing to consider approval for a license renewal for a Medical Marijuana Retail Store – Sugar Bud Farms

Mayor Hart opened the public hearing at 6:09 p.m. and asked for any comments from the public. Mayor Hart closed the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

#### **4) NEW BUSINESS**

##### **a) Discussion of possible solutions to the infestation of brown-tailed moths**

Public Works Director Jerry Douglass spoke briefly.

Kyle Rosenberg spoke briefly about brown-tailed moths and different options.

Council Brown asked Kyle to talk more about the products that he uses.

Kyle described the products.

Councilor Cusick asked when this should be done.

Kyle stated pruning is already taking place.

Councilor Cusick asked if they were concentrating on any areas more than others.

Public Works Director Douglass stated they are focusing on higher foot traffic.

Councilor Greenleaf asked if they would treat downtown.

Kyle stated brown-tailed moths are attracted to light.

Councilor Frey asked about cost.

Kyle stated it is easier when they provide him with the location and plants.

Councilor Frey asked what the cost was for the bigger tree last year.

Kyle stated the larger tree was \$400.

Councilor Gilg asked if residents could get this service.

Kyle states their business could try to take first come first serve.

Public Works Director Douglass asked how many are in each nest.

Kyle said – 52-100 in each nest.

Councilor Rines asked if there was a bird or animal that would eat them.

Kyle stated there is not a natural predator that will eat them.

Public Works Director Douglass stated if we could gather some volunteers to come in to clip trees at the waterfront it would be helpful.

**b) Consideration of approving a Major Event application from GAMA (Gardiner Area Ministers Association) to hold an Easter Sunrise Worship**

**Action:** Councilor Cusick moved to approve the application for a Major Event from GAMA to hold an Easter Sunrise worship.

Councilor Rines seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any discussion. None. All those in favor. Unanimous.

**c) Consideration of approving a license renewal for a Medical Marijuana Retail Store – 4Twenty**

**Action:** Councilor Cusick moved to approve a license renewal application from Edward Dugay for the Medical Marijuana Retail Store, 4Twenty, LLC located at 243 Water Street, Gardiner until 2/28/2023.

Councilor Gilg seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any discussion. None. All those in favor. Unanimous.

**d) Consideration of approving a license renewal for a Medical Marijuana Retail Store – Sugar Bud Farms**

**Action:** Councilor Greenleaf moved to approve a license renewal application from Michael Blanche for the Medical Marijuana Retail Store, Sugar Bud Farms, located at 414 Water Street, Gardiner until 2/28/2023.

Councilor Cusick seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any discussion. None. All those in favor. Unanimous.

**e) Discussion of Goals identified in Council Goal Setting Workshop**

Mayor Hart spoke briefly about the goal setting workshop.

Councilors and Mayor Hart discussed goals and if they should be changed or stay as presented.

**5) CITY MANAGER REPORT**

No Report

**6) CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

Councilor Cusick thanked Chief Toman and Public Works Director Douglass for their help with the ice buildup.

Councilor Frey asked how much money we have to spend on the brown-tailed moth eradication and if they need to delegate more money.

Mayor Hart stated this can be added to the 3/16/2022 agenda.

Councilor Greenleaf thanked Councilor Frey for his comment on brown-tail moth.

Councilor Greenleaf talked about the road conditions.

Councilor Greenleaf asked about the paving on Brunswick Hill.

Councilor Brown stated there were 25 people in the Library to talk about a possible event.

Mayor Hart stated February 22<sup>nd</sup> there was a meeting to discuss the work to be done at Johnson hall.

Mayor Hart stated Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> Gardiner Main Street is holding an event to gather everyone to discuss what they should focus on moving forward.

Mayor Hart thanked public works for the snow removal.

Mayor Hart reminded councilors they have an executive session March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**7) ADJOURN**

**Action:** Councilor Greenleaf motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Councilor Rines seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any discussion. Seeing none, a roll call was conducted. Unanimous.

The City Council adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alisha Ballard".

Alisha Ballard

City Clerk