



**COUNCIL MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
GARDINER CITY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, June 14, 2023**

**Mayor Hart opened the meeting at 6pm.**

1. **ROLL CALL:** City Council Present: Mayor Hart, Councilor Cusick, Councilor Berry, Councilor Frey, Councilor West, Councilor Brown, Councilor Grant, and Councilor Greenleaf.

Also Present - Andrew Carlton- City Manager, Denise Brown- Finance Manager, John Cameron, Jessica Lowell, Todd Pilsbury, Rick Sieburg, Doug Clark, Zach Lovely, Melissa Lindley, Dawn Thistle, Kris McNeill, Zach Wanberg.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Zach Wanberg- Church St. Asks why the sidewalks are not painted as they are badly faded and pose a hazard. John Cameron answered with the work will be starting soon, as they finally have been able to get the paint. Mr. Wanberg asks if it would be possible to get some color added to the walks. Mayor Hart suggests that he work with City Manager Carlton on this. No other correspondence at this time.

3. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a) Public hearing regarding the second read of the FY24 City of Gardiner Budget- Mayor Hart opened the public hearing at 6:05. Seeing no correspondence, she closed the public hearing at 6:06pm.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Hart added an item to the agenda.

\*Consider adding Ken Holmes to the Water District Trustees Committee.

**Action- Council Berry moves to appoint KH to three-year term to water district.**

**Councilor Cusick seconded the motion. No further discussion. Unanimously approved.**

- a. Second Read and Possible Approval and Resolution of FY24 Budget Appropriations and Direct the Tax Levy of City Services to the City Manager

**Action- Councilor Cusick moved to approve the second and final read of the FY24 General Fund Budget and to authorize the City Manager to enter into any and all contracts necessary to implement this budget pursuant to the City's purchasing policy. Councilor Frey seconded. No further discussion. Unanimously approved.**

- b. Consider Approval and Resolution to Establish FY24 Appropriations for the Enterprise Accounts and TIF Funds

**Action- Councilor Greenleaf moves to approve the FY24 Ambulance, WasteWater, and TIF Budgets and to authorize the City Manager to enter into any and all**

**contracts necessary to implement these budgets pursuant to the City's purchasing policy. Seconded by Councilor Brown. No further discussion. Unanimously approved.**

- c. Consideration of FY24 Tax Due Dates, Setting the Interest Rate, and Authorizing the Tax Club Program

**Action- Councilor West moves to approve the tax due dates of September 15, 2023 and March 15, 2024 with an 8% interest rate on delinquent accounts, and allow residents to participate in the Property Tax Club Payment Plan for FY24, and to also authorize the acceptance of prepayments for taxes not yet committed, with 0% interest accrued. Seconded by Councilor Greenleaf – No further discussion. Unanimously approved.**

- d. Consideration of Carryforward Requests

**Action- Councilor Greenleaf moves to approve the City Manager's list of recommended carry-forward items from FY23 to FY24. Seconded by Councilor Frey. No further discussion. Unanimously approved.**

#### ***FY24 BUDGET PASSED***

- e. Consider the Formation of a Negotiations Committee

Mayor Hart nominates Councilor Frey and Councilor Cusick to serve on the Negotiations Committee.

**Action –Councilor West moved to approve the nomination of Councilor Cusick and Councilor Frey to a Negotiations Committee. Seconded by Councilor Brown. No further discussion. Unanimously approved.**

- f. Discussion regarding the purchase of a new combination sweeper and vac truck  
John Cameron Public Works Director explains that the current sweeper is 15+ years old and getting more difficult to repair. The sweeper that the City is considering is dual purpose and also would help with cleaning out storm drains. There was discussion and this will come back to City Council at a later date.

- g. Consider approving a Victualers license for the Gardiner Lions Club.

**Action- Councilor Cusick moves to approve a Victualers license for the Gardiner Lions Club. Seconded by Councilor West. No further discussion. Unanimously approved.**

- h. Approval of the Council Minutes from June 7, 2023.

**Action- Councilor Frey moved to approved the Council Meeting minutes from June 7, 2023 as presented. Seconded by Councilor Greenleaf. All in favor.**

- i. **Department Head Reports-** Mayor Hart and City Councilors thank Department Heads for their hard work on the monthly reports.



5. **CITY MANAGER REPORT-** City Manager Carlton told Council that the engineering firm that was hired to assess Harrison Ave. Weston and Sampson produced a report quickly and presented an estimate for the work that needs to be done. The City will work together with MEMA and FEMA and hope to have information on the work getting done sometime after July. He is waiting for bids for the Church St project, and also more information on the facility study.
6. **CITY COUNCIL REPORT-**
  - Councilor West- no report at this time.
  - Councilor Cusick- no report at this time.
  - Councilor Berry- no report at this time.
  - Councilor Frey- no report at this time.
  - Councilor Greenleaf-Asks when the Victualers license for Gardiner Rotary will be heard.
  - Councilor Brown reminds everyone that this Saturday is the picnic in the park at 5pm
  - Councilor Grant- There is a Rail Use Advisory Council, a recreational advisory council, will be meeting on June 22, 2023. She will forward a draft to the council for comment.
  - Mayor Hart- There will be a ribbon cutting for the Kids Consignment, a Main St. Mix at the Table Bar tonight. She thanks City staff for the GAHS graduation celebration and Gardiner's Gardner's for all their work to keep the City beautiful.
7. **ADJOURN-** Councilor Greenleaf moved to adjourn at 6:35pm. Councilor Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

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