**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**GARDINER CITY COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY, October 11, 2023**

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

City Employees: Hailee Lovely- Deputy City Clerk, Denise Brown- Finance Director, Kris McNeill- Code Enforcement Officer.

Others Present: Bryan Dutton, Carrie Dutton, Debby Willis, BJ Parkin, Chris Mclaughlin, Mike McGee, Jessica Lowell.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There are no comments.
2. **PETITIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
   1. Public Hearing regarding a change to the Land Use Ordinance in section 7.6.3 to allow Parking Lots in (PR) Professional Residential

**Mayor Hart opened the public hearing at 6:02. There being no comment she closed the public hearing at 6:03.**

1. **NEW BUSINESS:**
   1. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes from September 20, 2023

**Action: Councilor Berry moved to approve the City Council minutes from September 20, 2023. Councilor Cusick seconded the motion. No further discussion. Unanimously approved.**

* 1. Second read regarding a change to the Land Use Ordinance in section 7.6.3 to allow Parking Lots in (PR)Professional Residential

**Action: Councilor Cusick moved to approve the second read regarding a change to the Land Use Ordinance. Councilor Greenleaf seconded the motion. *Mayor Hart stated that she supports this.* No further discussion.Unanimously approved.**

* 1. Consent to the Establishment of a City Parks Committee

*No changes***. Action: Councilor Grant moved to approve the consent to the Establishment of a City Parks Committee. Councilor brown seconded the motion. No further discussion. Unanimously approved.**

* 1. Request by Gardiner Youth Baseball to do Field Maintenance at Quimby Field

*Councilor Greenleaf wants to thank Gardiner Youth Baseball for stepping up for the City and for all the youth teams. Maintenance will be performed on the big Quimby field. Going to eliminate the grass and turn the infield into gravel. It will be a multipurpose field for any age group. They would like to get started right away.*

**Action: Councilor Grant moved to approve the Field Maintenance at Quimby Field. Councilor Greenleaf seconded the motion. No further discussion. Unanimously approved.**

* 1. Request to send LD2003 Compliance to Ordinance Review Committee

*Kris McNeill- This is a recently enacted law, intended to increase the housing rate in the state. Our ordinance is 99% all set. Would like to send LD2003 to the Ordinance Review Committee to review any room for improvement. This gives the committee time to change the ordinances if needed.*

**Action: Councilor Cusick moved to approve sending the LD2003 Compliance to Ordinance Review Committee. Councilor Greenleaf seconded the motion. No further discussion. Unanimously approved.**

* 1. Approval of a Large Event for Gardiner Main Street: Trick or Treat on October 27, 2023

**Action: Councilor Brown moved to approve the large event for Gardiner Main Street; Trick or Treat on October 27, 2023. Councilor Greenleaf seconded the motion. No further discussion. Unanimously approved.**

* 1. Approval of an event at McKay Park: Sing and Shop

**Action: Councilor Cusick moved to approve the event at McKay Park; Sing and Shop. Councilor brown seconded the motion. No further discussion. Unanimously approved.**

* 1. Consent to a Mayoral Proclamation for the Boys and Girls Club Athletic Fields

**Action: Councilor Grant moved to approve the Mayoral Proclamation for the Boys and Girls Club. Councilor Greenleaf seconded the motion. No further discussion. Unanimously approved.**

* 1. Consent to a change in the meeting schedule: Postpone the October 18, 2023 meeting and move it to October 25, 2023.

**Action: Councilor Cusick moved to approve the change in the meeting schedule. Councilor Berry seconded the motion. No further discussion. Unanimously approved.**

1. **CITY MANAGER REPORT:**

City Manager update by Denise Brown: *The paving of Church Street will be done by Mainely Paving and are hoping to get it done Monday.*

1. **CITY COUNCIL REPORT:**

**Mayor Hart-** *Despite the rain, Swine and Stein turnout was amazing and sold out. The community looks forward to it. The city staff were amazing. Police and fire, I appreciate them every day. Trick or treat on October 27, 2023. Trunk or Treat on October 21, 2023, through the high school. Thank you all*.

**Councilor Cusick-** *It is great to see paving in town and citizens happy. Shoutout to Public Works for the job on Church St. Also, a shoutout to the Fire Dept and Police Dept for all the tragedies they have dealt with and handled so well. Thank you for serving the community and the City.*

**Councilor Berry-** *Nothing to report.*

**Councilor Greenleaf-** *Thank you to the Quimby field volunteers for doing the work not only for the city but for all the youth sports planning to use the field.*

**Councilor Brown-** *Thank you to Public Works for the great efforts at Swine and Stine. The water has been out in our neighborhood. Who can I call after hours for emergencies in this case? Call the Water District number and it should direct you to the afterhours, on call number.*

**Councilor Grant**- *Sending large amounts of gratitude to Public Works for all the hard work.*

1. **ADJOURN:**

Action: Councilor Greenleaf moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Brown seconded the motion. No further discussion. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:28.

*2023 MEETING DATES*

*10/25/23*

*11/1/23*

*11/15/23*

*12/6/23*

*12/20/23*