

Mayor Hart called the meeting to order at 6:00pm to go directly into executive session.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6) (E) Discussion with City Solicitor in Regards to Economic Development

Councilor Rees moved to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (E) discussion with City Solicitor in regards to Economic Development.

Councilor White seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor. Unanimous 6:01pm.

Councilor Berry moved to exit out of executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (E) discussion with City Solicitor in regards to Economic Development.

Councilor Rines seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor. Unanimous 6:51pm.

Discussion only. No action taken.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (F) Discussion with Various Property Owners Regarding Tax Acquired Properties

Councilor White moved to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (F) discussion with various property owners regarding tax acquired properties.

Councilor Cusick seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor. Unanimous 6:53pm.

Councilor Cusick moved to exit out of executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (F) discussion with various property owners regarding tax acquired properties.

Councilor White seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor. Unanimous 7:37pm.

Property #1

Councilor Berry moved to work with TAP owner #1 as directed to staff.

Councilor Rees seconded.

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

Property #2

Councilor Cusick moved to work with TAP owner #2 as directed to staff.

Councilor White seconded.

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

Property #3

Councilor Rees moved to work with TAP owner #3 as directed to staff.

Councilor Cusick seconded.

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

Mayor Hart called the regular session meeting to order at 7:40pm.

1. ROLL CALL

Patricia Hart, Mayor at large; Councilors: Terry Berry, District 1; Shawn Dolley, District 3; Maryann White, At large; Tim Cusick, At large; Amy Rees, District 2; Marc Rines, District 4

Absent: Jon Ault, At large;

Also in attendance: City Manager, Christine Landes; City Clerk, Kelly Gooldrup; Economic Development Director, Tracey Desjardins; Public Works Director, Tony LaPlante, Code Enforcement Officer; Kris McNeill, Waste Water Director; Douglas Clark, George Trask, Mary Ann Johnson, John Callinan, Rick McCormick, Debby Willis, David Hutchins, Penn Estabrook

Mayor Hart asked for a moment of silence for Winslow Fire Fighter, Scott Higgins, who past unexpectedly on Monday.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT (anything not on the Agenda)

Mayor Hart asked for any comment from the public.

George Trask expressed his concerns about the posting and procedure of city surplus items. City Manager Landes will follow up with Mr. Trask.

CEO Kris McNeill gave an update on the West Street house that burned. The owner hasn't decided yet how he will dispose of the building. One option is to bury it as DEP allows that option.

George Trask expressed concerns about burying the debris.

CEO Kris McNeill will contact DEP for further information.

George Trask also expressed concerns about 674 Brunswick Avenue.

CEO Kris McNeill will follow up.

Mayor Hart asked for any further comment from the public. Hearing none, we will move on to the next item on the agenda.

3. PETITIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

a) Public Hearing for a New Liquor License for Jokers and Rogues, LLC.

John Callinan, is the primary owner. This business will be located at 339 Water Street. It will be a nano-brewery and tasting room.

Owners, John Callinan and Rick McCormick gave a brief overview of the new brewery and tasting room.

Mayor Hart opened the public hearing at 8:00pm and asked for any comments from the public. Hearing none. Mayor Hart closed the public hearing at 8:00pm.

4. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Approval of a New Liquor License for Jokers and Rogues, LLC

Councilor Rees moved to approve the new liquor license application for Jokers and Rogues, LLC
Councilor Cusick seconded.

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

2. Consider Approval of an Entertainment and Victualers Permit for Jokers and Rogues, LLC

John Callinan is the primary shareholder. This application would include a Victualers license to sell food, and an Entertainment/Special Amusement License.

Councilor Cusick moved to approve the Victualers and entertainment permits for Jokers and Rogues, LLC.

Councilor Rines seconded.

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

3. Consider Approval of a Major Special Event – 2020 Trek Across Maine

This event will be held June 21, 2020 with cyclists crusading across Maine to raise money to fight lung cancer and lung disease. The Police Chief is recommending a closure of Main Avenue from Bailey's Auto to the Gardiner/Randolph Bridge. This will be at a cost of approximately \$200. It is the City Manager's recommendation, as the American Lung Association is a non-profit 501c3, to waiver the PD cost.

Councilor Dolley moved to approve the Major Special Event- Trek Across Maine 2020- American Lung Association, on June 21, 2020, and to waive the Police Department estimated cost.

Councilor Rines seconded.

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

4. Consider and Appoint New Members to Boards and Committees

Robert Abbey has requested to be appointed to the Sidewalk Committee.

Councilor Rees moved to advise and consent to the Mayor the appointment of Robert Abbey to the Sidewalk Committee.

Councilor Cusick seconded.

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

5. Consider Approval for ORC to review multiple topics

Code Enforcement Officer, Kris McNeill has listed seven relevant topics (in order of importance). He is asking the City Council to consider allowing the Ordinance Review Committee to address.

They are:

- *solar farms
- *food trucks
- *tiny homes
- *breweries/tasting rooms
- *multifamily units in the shoreland zone
- *the Residential Historic District
- *the Dresden Street Hospital site

Code Enforcement Officer, Kris McNeill gave a brief summary of why each topic should be approved for review.

Councilor Cusick moved to send the suggested list of topics to the Ordinance Review Committee for their review.

Councilor White seconded.

After discussion between the Council, Debby Willis and CEO McNeill; Council decided to amend the original motion.

Councilor Cusick withdrew the motion.

Councilor White withdrew the second.

Councilor Cusick moved to send the following topics to the Ordinance Review Committee for their review: solar farms, food trucks, breweries/tasting rooms, multifamily units in the shoreland zone and the Residential Historic District.

Councilor White seconded.

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

Penn Estabrook expressed concerns about what the Dresden Street Hospital Site may be used for in the future.

David Hutchins and Mary Ann Johnson wants the neighborhood and abutters including School Street to be notified if any changes or variances proposals occur regarding the Dresden Street Hospital Site.

6. Consider and Approve Placing 38 Partridge Drive (Tax Acquired Property) Back Out to Bid

The City is the current owner of 38 Partridge Drive. Previously this property was placed out to bid and there was no interest. Most recently, we have had some interest in the property. The tax collector is requesting that the City Council consider placing this property back out to bid.

Councilor Cusick moved to allow 38 Partridge Drive to be placed back out to bid with a minimum bid of \$4,500.

Councilor Rees seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor. Unanimous with Councilor Berry abstained.

Councilor Rees made a motion place the property located at 38 Partridge Drive back out to bid with the caveat of a minimum home of \$150,000 assessed value being placed on the property within two years.

Councilor Cusick seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor. Unanimous with Councilor Berry abstained.

7. Support Maine 200 Bicentennial Celebration for Summer 2020 in Gardiner

The State of Maine will be celebrating its 200th anniversary in 2020 and communities are being asked to host events in honor of this special date. The City of Gardiner boasts a rich history in shipbuilding, manufacturing, ice, paper and transportation, and with this in mind it would be a great opportunity to highlight the city and its culture. The Maine Bicentennial Commission has a grant opportunity with maximum grant awards being up to \$10,000 with a 1 to 1 cash or in-kind match. The next application deadline is: February 1, 2020. The Economic Development Director, Tracey Desjardins is seeking permission to submit a Community Grant through the Maine Bicentennial Commission to host at Gardiner Maine 200 Celebration in the fall of 2020.

Tracey Desjardins gave a detailed summary on the proposed ideas.

Councilor Cusick moved to authorize the City Manager to submit a one-time Community Grant through the Maine Bicentennial Commission for a Gardiner Maine 200 Celebration.

Councilor White seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor. Unanimous with Mayor Hart abstained.

8. Accept minutes of October 30, 2019

Councilor Cusick moved to approve the minutes of October 30, 2019 as presented.

Councilor Dolley seconded.

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

• CITY MANAGER REPORT

- Current list of Boards and Committee vacancies that will be posted soon
- Invite for the upcoming Holiday party

• CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilor Cusick

- Asked Tony LaPlante about the paving the parking lot behind the Arcade.
Tony responded they had some delays and are working on it.
- Asked Tony LaPlante about sidewalk paving.
Tony responded most are done and the rest are being worked on weather pending.

Councilor White

- Congrats to all Councilor re-elects, I will miss you Shawn Dolley and welcome Colin Frey

Councilor Berry

- All set

Councilor Rees

- Thanks to District #2 for re-electing me for another two years.

Councilor Dolley

- All set

Councilor Rines

- All set

Mayor Hart

- Congrats to Councilor re-elects and new comer Colin Frey
- Thank you to the City Clerk and the team who set-up and run the Election
- 2 ribbon cuttings: Able Body Functional Fitness and Nurture Me
- Parking Study just ended and there will be a meeting Thursday night to discuss it further
- Boys & Girls Club had a big announcement of the proposal
- Attended the Bridge opening after the last meeting. Thanks to everyone who worked on it.

• **ADJOURN**

Councilor Cusick moved to adjourn.

Councilor Dolley seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor. Unanimous 9:04pm.

(Minutes approved during the January 08, 2020 Council Meeting)