



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, June 1, 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 Frey, Councilor Greenleaf, Councilor Berry, Councilor Brown and Councilor Rines.

City Council Absent: None.

Also present: Acting City Manager Anne Davis, City Clerk Alisha Ballard, Fire Chief Rick Sieberg, Anne Cough, Ed Greiner, Thom Harnett, Ingrid Stanchfield, Martin Nass, Jeffrey Dyer and Family, Mark Allen, Edward Luberg, Raye Anne DeSoto, Philip DeSoto, Tracie James, Sonny Leathers, Shawn Bowie, Ryan Richards and Norine Leathers.

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

Anne Cough thanked the volunteers who helped laying the flags at the cemeteries on May 26, 2022 and Sunday May 29 Anne and Vicki laid flags at the Civil War Monument and the other war Monument in the common.

3) PROCLAMATIONS

a) Mayoral Proclamation honoring the 2022 Spirit of America recipient Raye Anne DeSoto

Mayor Hart read aloud the Proclamation.

Action: Councilor Cusick moved to adopt the mayoral proclamation honoring the 2022 Spirit of America recipient Raye Anne DeSoto.

Councilor Gilg seconded.

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

b) Mayoral Proclamation honoring community residents who rescued a family from a structural fire

Fire Chief Rick Sieberg explained the events.

Mayor Hart read aloud the Proclamation.

Action: Councilor Gilg moved to adopt this mayoral proclamation honoring these community residents.

Councilor Cusick seconded.

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

c) Mayoral Proclamation honoring the retirement of Anne Davis

Mayor Hart read aloud the Proclamation.

Action: Councilor Greenleaf moved to adopt this Mayoral Proclamation.

Councilor Brown seconded.

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

4) PETITIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

a) Public Hearing on the FY23 Budget

Mayor Hart opened the public hearing at 6:23 p.m. and asked for any comments from the public. Mayor Hart closed the public hearing at 6:23 p.m.

b) Public Hearing on Community Development Block Grant application - Public Service Grant Program

Mayor Hart opened the public hearing at 6:24 p.m. and asked for any comments from the public. Mayor Hart closed the public hearing at 6:24 p.m.

c) Public Hearing on a medical marijuana license renewal for Tru Blooms Wellness, LLC

Mayor Hart opened the public hearing at 6:24 p.m. and asked for any comments from the public. Mayor Hart closed the public hearing at 6:24 p.m.

d) Public Hearing on a recreational marijuana license for Sinsemilla South, LLC

Shawn Bowie and Ryan Richards spoke briefly.

Mayor Hart opened the public hearing at 6:25 p.m. and asked for any comments from the public. Mayor Hart closed the public hearing at 6:26 p.m.

e) Public Hearing on applications for a Victualer's License to sell food; a Liquor/Bottle Club License; an Entertainment License and an Outside Consumption Permit to the Smith Wiley Post 4 American Legion

Mayor Hart opened the public hearing at 6:26 p.m. and asked for any comments from the public. Mayor Hart closed the public hearing at 6:27 p.m.

e) Public Hearing on applications for a Victualer's License to sell food; a Liquor/Bottle Club License; an Entertainment License and an Outside Consumption Permit to the Bench

Mayor Hart opened the public hearing at 6:27 p.m. and asked for any comments from the public. Mayor Hart closed the public hearing at 6:27 p.m.

f) Public Hearing on an application for a Liquor/Bottle Club License to the Gardiner Sportsmen's Club

Mayor Hart opened the public hearing at 6:27 p.m. and asked for any comments from the public. Mayor Hart closed the public hearing at 6:28 p.m.

5) NEW BUSINESS

a) First Read of the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

Action: Councilor Berry moved to approve the first read of the FY23 General Fund, Enterprise Funds, and TIF Fund budgets and to hold a second reading on June 22, 2022.

Councilor Frey seconded.

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

b) Consideration of an approval of a medical marijuana license renewal for Tru Blooms Wellness, LLC.

Action: Councilor Cusick moved to approve the application from Eric McMaster, owner of Tru Blooms Wellness, LLC for a medical marijuana license renewal.

Councilor Gilg seconded.

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

c) Consideration of an approval of a recreational marijuana license for Sinsemilla South, LLC

Action: Councilor Brown moved to approval of a recreational marijuana license for Sinsemilla South, LLC located at 35 Bridge Street in Gardiner and owned by Sean Bowie and Ryan Richards.

Councilor Gilg seconded.

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

d) Consideration of an approval of an application for a Community Development Block Grant - Public Service Grant Program

Action: Councilor Frey moved to approval of an application for a Community Development Block Grant - Public Service Grant Program.

Councilor Greenleaf seconded.

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

e) Consideration of approving a local roads agreement with Maine Department of Transportation

Acting City Manager Anne Davis spoke briefly.

Action: Councilor Cusick moved to approve a local roads agreement with Maine Department of Transportation as presented.

Councilor Greenleaf seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any discussion.

Mayor Hart asked for an amendment to the motion to require a bond.

Action: Councilor Cusick agreed to amend the motion to read; Councilor Cusick moved to approve a local roads agreement with Maine Department of Transportation as presented with the stipulation that we require the contract to obtain the bond as listed 29A MRSA2388 to cover any cost or damage that may occur as the result of over limit loads.

Councilor Greenleaf seconded.

All those in favor. Unanimous.

f) Consideration of reimbursing a resident for a paving project

Acting City Manager Anne Davis spoke briefly.

Councilor Brown asked for clarification on why we wouldn't pay for the whole cost.

Acting City Manager Anne Davis stated this is the councils call.

Action: Councilor Berry moved to reimburse 50% of the cost incurred by Steve Casey to have a city alley way paved. The reimbursement may not exceed \$875.00.

Councilor Gilg seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any discussion.

Councilor Berry stated they did not pave the whole lot and asked if the City does own this lot.

Acting City Manager Davis stated the City does indeed own the lot.

All those in favor. Unanimous.

g) Consideration of approving applications for a Victualer's License to sell food; a Liquor/Bottle Club License; an Entertainment License and an Outside Consumption Permit to the Smith Wiley Post 4 American Legion

Action: Councilor Greenleaf moved to approve the applications for a Victualer's License to sell food; a Liquor/Bottle Club License; an Entertainment License and an Outside Consumption Permit to the Smith Wiley Post 4 American Legion.

Councilor Frey seconded.

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

h) Consideration of approving applications for a Victualer's License to sell food; a Liquor/Bottle Club License; an Entertainment License and an Outside Consumption Permit to the Bench

Action: Councilor Cusick moved to approve the applications for a Victualer's License to sell food; a Liquor/Bottle Club License; an Entertainment License and an Outside Consumption Permit to the Bench located at 418 Water Street and owned by Thomas Moody.

Councilor Greenleaf seconded.

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

i) Consideration of approving a Liquor/Bottle Club License to the Gardiner Sportsmen's Club

Action: Councilor Frey moved to approve a Liquor/Bottle Club License to the Gardiner Sportsmen's Club.

Councilor Greenleaf seconded.

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

j) Consideration of approving an Outdoor Dining Permit application for The Table Bar

Action: Councilor Frey moved to approve an Outdoor Dining Permit application for The Table Bar.

Councilor Gilg seconded.

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

6) CITY MANAGER REPORT

Acting City Manager Davis stated Libby Hill road is ready for chip seal of paving.

Acting City Manager Davis stated an employee was out street sweeping when he was hit from behind by a driver. The machine has some dents and the worker is doing good.

Acting City Manager Davis her party is this upcoming Friday at 12:30 at the Gardiner Library.

Mayor Hart stated Andrew Carlton is starting June 6, 2022.

Acting City Manager Davis stated City Clerk Alisha Ballard will swear Andrew Carlton in first thing. City Hall will open late, 10 a.m.

7) CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilor Rines thanked Anne Davis for her service here at the City of Gardiner.

Councilor Greenleaf thanked Anne for all she's done. He stated he received a call in regards to the fountain, they were under the impression the water fountain was being paid for by the City of Gardiner, Councilor Greenleaf did advise the caller this has all been private funds.

Councilor Brown thanked Anne for all she has done.

Mayor Hart took a moment to recognize Logan Johnston whom has passed away.

8) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Action: Councilor Cusick motioned to move into executive session, Pursuant to M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(a): Discussion or Consideration of Employment.

Councilor Gilg seconded.

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

The City Council moved into executive session at 6:49 p.m.

The City Council exited executive session at 6:57 p.m.

a) Pursuant to M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(a): Discussion or Consideration of Employment

Nothing to report

9) ADJOURN

Action: Councilor Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Councilor Greenleaf seconded.

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

The City Council adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Alisha Ballard

City Clerk