

**GARDINER CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, June 6, 2018**  
**Gardiner City Hall**

Mayor Thom Harnett called the regular Council Meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Mayor Thomas Harnett; Councilors Terry Berry, Tim Cusick, Shawn Dolley, Maryann White, Jon Ault, Patricia Hart and Marc Rines. Also present were Interim City Manager Anne Davis and City Clerk Lisa Gilliam.

**PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS (Public comment for anything not on agenda):**

Mayor Thom Harnett opened the meeting up for public comment; seeing none, Mayor Harnett closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

**Consent Agenda:**

**Executive Session per 1 M.R.S. §405 (6)(A): a discussion regarding the hiring of a City Manager:**

At 6pm

Motion by Councilor Cusick

per 1 M.R.S. §405 (6)(A): I move that we go into Executive Session to discuss the search for a City Manager; motion seconded by Councilor White. Motion carried 6-0, Councilor Ault was not present for the vote, but was present for the discussion.

**Consideration of Bid Review for 728 River Avenue:**

Interim City Manager Davis introduced John Donohue who made a bid for the property located at 728 River Avenue. Mr. Donaho spoke to the Council about the condition of the property.

Motion by Councilor Hart to approve the bid and allow Mr. Donohue to proceed once he gives ity staff an engineer's evaluation of rehabilitating the building: "After an engineer's study is presented to CEO Barbara Skelton outlining the plans to rehabilitate the property and to approve the bid of \$3500 from John Donohue tor the property; motion seconded by Councilor Rines.

**Update on Cobbossee Trail projects:**

This is a discussion item regarding the 2 Cobbossee Trail projects. Tony LaPlante and Patrick Wright will update City Councilors on where the city stands on both design and the updated cost projections. Mr. Wright reviewed the funding situation for the project. Brian Kent who resides in Gardiner spoke on this project and the history of the trail. Committee members Karen Tucker & Tom Reeves each spoke about the Cobbossee Trail and thanked the City for their support. No motion was made on this item.

**Main Avenue and Bridge Street bridges betterment costs:**

There are betterments (items identified as non-essential to construction but a visual improvement to the projects) that the BAC has identified but will have an additional cost to the City. These costs include upgrades of lighting to ornamental poles on Main Avenue and Bridge Street bridges, as well as an observation platform added to the staircase next to A-1 diner.

Public Works Director Tony LaPlante will be available to answer questions.

Motion by Councilor Berry

to authorize the expenditure of up to \$40,000 to finance the betterments proposal identified by the Bridge Advisory Committee; motion seconded by Councilor Cusick. Motion carried by unanimous vote 8-0.

**Vote to Accept the Proposed Bid Process for Iron Mine Hill MHP:**

Request council approval of the bid process, caveats and bid amount for tax acquired property located at Iron Mine Hill MHP Map 027 Lot 014.

We are asking for a bid \$82,300. The costs are as follows:

\$63,042.63 is owed for outstanding sewer charges

\$1,755.77 for real estate tax

\$17,501.60 for legal costs; staff time for fixing some infrastructure items in the park (water/sewer/electricity) and staff time (winter plowing, CEO issues).

Manager Davis briefed the Council on this item and said this would be to approve the bid packet. Discussion followed. It was noted to correct the month that is referenced in the packet.

Motion by Councilor Hart to accept the bid package for the Iron Mine Trailer Park as presented with a change to the date which should be July 2, 2018 and the Council date of July 18, 2018; motion seconded by Councilor Berry. Motion carried by unanimous vote 8-0.

**Consideration of a Liquor License - Two Gramps Brewing:**

Attached you will find a liquor license request from Two Gramps Brewing, which is located at 266 Water Street in Gardiner. Two Gramps Brewing currently has an approved liquor license to serve beer; this license request is to allow sales of wine, cider and beers made by other vendors.

Attached you will also find the correspondence from the required department heads.

Joe Gould spoke on the growth of his business and thanked the Council for their support.

Motion by Councilor Ault to approve the liquor license request for Two Gramps Brewing, which will allow for the additional sale of wines, ciders and beers made by other vendors; motion seconded by Councilor White. Motion carried by unanimous vote 8-0.

**Consideration of Special Event Permit - Celebration of Life for Ray Bisson:**

Attached you will find a Special Event Permit from Suzanne Bisson who would like to have a Celebration of Life for her husband Ray Bisson who passed away unexpectedly last week. The event is scheduled for June 10th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Gardiner Waterfront. Although it will not exceed 4 hours there may be in excess of up to or just over 100 people in attendance. I was told that someone helping to organize this event had already spoken with the Police Department about this gathering and informed them of how many people might be in attendance.

Motion by Councilor Cusick to approve the Special Event Permit for a Celebration of Life for Ray Bisson, which is scheduled for June 10th from 10am to 1pm at the Gardiner Waterfront; motion seconded by Councilor Ault. Motion carried by unanimous vote 8-0.

**Public Hearing and First Read of FY19 General Fund, TIF Funds, and Enterprise Funds Budgets:**

At your last meeting Council approved sending an amended version of the Interim City Manager's recommended budget to a first reading. Attached is the revised budget. Also attached are the appropriate orders. The public will have further opportunity to comment on the budgets presented.

Public hearing was opened and closed with no public comment.

Motion by Councilor Hart to approve the first read of the FY19 General Fund, TIF Funds, and Enterprise Funds budgets and to hold a second reading on June 20, 2018; motion seconded by Councilor Berry. Discussion followed. Councilor Hart stated her appreciation for the hard work that went into this budget and also thanked the School Board who also worked hard on their budget. Motion carried by unanimous vote 8-0.

**Liquor License Renewal - Smith-Wiley Post 4 American Legion:**

Attached you will find a Liquor License renewal and a request for an Outdoor Consumption License from the Smith-Wiley Post 4 American Legion, which is located at 46 Griffin Street in Gardiner. There are no changes requested for this renewal and attached you will also find approvals from the required department heads.

Motion by Councilor Cusick to approve a Liquor License renewal and an Outdoor Consumption License for the Smith-Wiley Post 4 American Legion, which is located at 46 Griffin Street in Gardiner; motion seconded by Councilor Dolley. Motion carried by unanimous vote 8-0.

**Consideration of Liquor License Renewal for Canton Village:**

Attached you will find a liquor license renewal for Canton Village which is located at 428 Water Street in Gardiner. There are no requested changes for this renewal. Attached you will also find approvals from the required Department Heads.

Motion by Councilor Cusick to approve a liquor license renewal for Canton Village, which is located at 428 Water Street in Gardiner; motion seconded by Hart. Motion carried by unanimous vote 8-0.

**Consideration of Special Event Permit - Gardiner Farmer's Market:**

Attached you will find a Special Event Permit for the Gardiner Farmer's Market. This permit was not received until May 23, 2018 and they had planned to open for the season on May 30th at the Gardiner Common; their season runs from May 30th to October 31st.

Even though this is a minor event, this permit is still presented to the Council for approval because of it being a summer long occurrence on City property. Where the City Council was not scheduled to meet again until June 6th and with this technically being a minor event, the City Department Heads used the "Delegation of Authority" rule and the license was issued with their approvals. Interim City Manager Anne Davis then requested to have the Council do an official approval of the license "after the fact" at their June 6th meeting.

The event organizer, Mike Perisho, has provided a copy of his insurance waiver.

Attached you will find approvals from the required Department Heads. Please note that Public Works Director Tony LaPlante has requested that on rain days they will need to set up on School Street.

Motion by Councilor Ault to approve a Special Event Permit for the Gardiner Farmer's Market from May 30th to October 31st at the Gardiner Common, with the requirement that set up be on School Street during rainy days; motion seconded by Councilor Berry. Motion carried by unanimous vote 8-0.

**Quarterly Sewer Abatements Requests:**

Request that are over \$150 must be approved by the Council. Wastewater Director Doug Clark was present and reviewed the list of abatements.

Motion by Councilor Hart to approve the sewer abatements from 'List B' as presented; motion seconded by Councilor Cusick. Motion carried by unanimous vote 8-0.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- Dot Morang has retired and was very pleased with the party. Kelly Gooldrup has been hired and the City is very pleased to have her with us.
- School Resource Officer David Tims is retiring and will be missed; the City is grateful for his service. Applications are being accepted to fill his position as a resources officer.
- Al Nelson and Dustin Berry
- The Town of Richmond has signed on with the City of Gardiner as their regional services provider.
- Litchfield and Farmingdale will be voting on Library and Rescue services. Chelsea will also be voting on Rescue Services.

**CITY COUNCIL UPDATE:**

- Councilor Hart – Flags up, City looks great, parades and all kinds of activities going on in Gardiner. Wonderful party for Dot and send off for Patrick Wright. School Budget Meeting last night. Thanks to City employees for all they do.
- Councilor Ault – Farmer's Market has opened. Yard Sale to benefit The Wall That Heals, 242 Brunswick Avenue is where donations can be dropped off. There is also a bottle drive to help raise money for this as well. Voting is on Tuesday from 8am to 8pm.
- Councilor White – Encouraged all to attend the yard sale.
- Councilor Rines – No report.
- Councilor Dolley – Vote on Tuesday.
- Councilor Cusick – Attended the School Budget Meeting and was happy to see a well presented budget.
- Councilor Berry – No report.
- Mayor Harnett – Dot's retirement and Patrick's send off were both wonderful events. Thanks to Tony for his care of the . Gerard's is buying the vacant lot on Water Street. There are more new business that opened this past week, which is wonderful. Summer Concerts are coming soon as well as the Riverfest, the Great Race... lots of great events all summer long in Gardiner.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion to adjourn Ault, 2<sup>nd</sup> Berry.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Gilliam, City Clerk