

GARDINER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, March 8, 2017
Gardiner City Hall

Mayor Thomas Harnett called the regular Council Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilors Terry Berry, Timothy Cusick, Phil Hart, Maryann White, Jon Ault & Patricia Hart. Also present were Interim City Manager Anne Davis and City Clerk Lisa Gilliam.

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

No public comment.

Councilor Shawn Dolley arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Consent Agenda:

Consideration of Selecting the Maine Municipal Association to Conduct the City Manager Search:

Motion by Councilor Patricia Hart to hire MMA to conduct the search for a new City Manager; motion seconded by Councilor Phil Hart. Motion carried by unanimous vote 8-0.

Discussion with David Barrett of MMA Regarding City Manager Search:

Interim City Manager Anne Davis introduced MMA Consultant David Barrett who reviewed the process of advertising, screening resumes, interviewing candidates, etc. that will take place during this process. Discussion followed. The Council discussed the wording of the classified ad for the City Manager position and what information they would like to have included. Discussion continued. Mayor Harnett said that the Council can forward comments to Interim Manager Davis for her to put together for Mr. Barrett's ad. Motion by Councilor Patricia Hart to authorize David Barrett to draft an advertisement for the City Manager position, to be reviewed by the Mayor and City Council prior to its release; motion seconded by Councilor Berry. Motion carried by unanimous vote 8-0.

Executive Session Per 1 MRS 405 6(C) to Consider Purchase and Sale and/or Option Agreements for Lots at Libby Hill Business Park:

Motion by Councilor Berry to enter into Executive Session; motion seconded by Councilor Patricia Hart. Motion carried by unanimous vote 8-0.

At 7:59 p.m. the City Council resumed public session.

Consideration of Accepting Purchase and Sale and/or Agreements for Lots at Libby Hill Business Park:

Councilor Patricia Hart moved to direct the Economic Development Coordinator and the Interim City Manager to proceed with a Purchase and Sale Agreement at Libby Hill Park as discussed; motion seconded by Councilor Berry. Motion carried by unanimous vote 7-0.

Executive Session Per 1 MRS 405 6(C) to Consider Option Agreements for lots at Libby Hill Business Park:

At 8:00 p.m. a motion was made by Councilor Berry and seconded by Councilor Timothy Cusick to go into Executive Session. Motion carried by unanimous vote 8-0.

At 8:11 p.m. the Council returned to public session.

Consideration of Option Agreements for Lots at Libby Hill Business Park:

Motion by Council Berry to instruct city staff to enter into negotiations for lot 9 as discussed in executive session; motion seconded by Councilor Cusick. Motion carried by unanimous vote 8-0.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT:

- There has been a request by students to tap maple trees on Johnson Street and Route 124. Public Works Director Tony LaPlante looked and verified the area they have requested. Discussion followed. Council and Mayor thought it was a great idea, but felt the liability with the trees being on city property was too great to allow it and requested the Manager discuss with City Attorney John Pottle.
- Upstream will return at an upcoming Council Meeting with other related organizations to further discuss alewives.
- There was a fire in a downtown building that was quickly under control due to the sprinklers that had been installed by the owner; had there been no sprinklers it could have been a very dire situation.
- The computer/camera desk in the Council Chambers will be updated and rearranged in the next few weeks.
- The Interim Manager said that any emails received from one councilor will be responded to and forward back to all of the City Councilors.

COUNCIL REPORT:

- Councilor Berry – Gave a brief update on the Marijuana Task Force and said that all meetings are going well so far.
- Councilor Cusick – Great job by fire department for the fire in the downtown. He attended the Gardiner Feud at Johnson Hall and everyone had a great time.
- Councilor Dolley – No report.
- Councilor Phil Hart – No report.
- Councilor White – Said she will not be in town for next week's Council Meeting.
- Councilor Ault – Welcomed Anne Davis as the Interim Manager. Fire Department did a great job on the fire downtown and noted that the owner had installed sprinklers to which he should be commended. Congratulations to Terry Berry on his recent investment in the downtown.
- Councilor Pat Hart – Announced that Brad Jackson had resigned from KRDA. The Bridge Committee sent a notice of public hearing and input for the public and asked Council to share.
- Mayor Harnett – Attended speed dating at Frosty's. He also said that Frosty's will be expanding to include a bagel bar. Saturday there will be a conference in Gardiner on Alewives.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Councilor Patricia Hart to adjourn; motion seconded by Councilor Berry. Motion carried by unanimous vote 8-0.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lisa Gilliam, City Clerk