



GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET



Meeting Date	09/19/2018	Department	City Clerk
Agenda Item	18. Approve Minutes of September 5, 2018		
Est. Cost	n/a		
Background Information	Minutes from the September 5, 2018 meeting are attached for your review.		
Requested Action	'I move to approve the September 5, 2018 meeting minutes as presented.'		
City Manager and/or Finance Review	The City Manager recommends the above action.		
Council Vote/ Action Taken			
Departmental Follow-Up			

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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018
6:00 PM**

- **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Harnett called the meeting to order at 6:41pm and requested roll call.
Councilors: Patricia Hart, Marc Rines, Shawn Dolley, Tim Cusick and Terry Berry.
Absent: Jon Ault and Maryann White. Also in attendance were Mayor, Thom Harnett;
City Manager, Christine Landes and City Clerk, Kelly Gooldrup.

Audience: Christine Wallace, Matthew Marshall, Daniel Roche, Chris Bouchard, Paula Gardner, Brian Gardner and Hal Norvell

- **PETITIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, PUBLIC COMMENT** (anything not on the Agenda)

Robin Plourde, City Staff, spoke about the Tax and Sewer discount program. The deadline for the Tax program is October 15. We sent out letters to everyone who was in the program last year. There are 66 total, 37 of them have been returned. The sewer had 68. The Tax Collector, Kathy and I ran a workshop, but only 1 person showed up. We advertised it by putting up a sign, put it on the tax and sewer bills and word of mouth. I just wish there were more ways to get the word out. Mayor Harnett thanked Robin and Kathy for what they did.

Mayor Harnett also recognized Matt Marshall for serving on the committee to develop those programs.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(C): Discussion or consideration of the condition, acquisition, or the use of real or personal property permanently attached to real property or interests therein or disposition of publicly held property or economic development only if premature disclosures of the information would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the body or agency. (Discussion regarding a possible Credit Enhancement Agreement.)**

Session began at 6:05 pm.to discuss a real-estate matter on a motion made by Councilor Cusick and seconded by Councilor Berry. Discussion ended at 6:23pm with a motion from Councilor Cusick and seconded by Councilor Berry.

2. **Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § (6)(F): Discussion of information contained in records made, maintained, or received by a body or agency when access by the general public to those records is prohibited by statute. (Discussion regarding sewer abatement requests.)**

6:24 pm entered executive session with a motion made by Councilor Cusick and seconded by Councilor Berry. After discussion, the session ended with a motion made by Councilor Cusick at 6:39 pm. Seconded by Councilor Berry.

3. **Discuss and Possibly Approve to offer a Credit Enhancement Agreement to a Libby Hill Business Park Business**

Councilor Berry made a motion to continue with City Staff negotiating with the applicant for the CEA and postpone the date to October 3.
Councilor Cusick seconded. Any discussion? Seeing none, I will call a vote. All those in favor? Unanimous.

4. **Discuss and Possibly Approve Sewer Abatement Requests**

Councilor Hart move that we provide the abatement that was requested for the sewer bill for applicant number one. Seconded by Councilor Rines. Any discussion? Seeing none, I will call a vote. All those in favor? Unanimous.

Councilor Cusick made a motion that we provide the requested abatement by applicant number two. Seconded by Councilor Hart. Any discussion? Seeing none, I will call a vote. All those in favor? Unanimous.

5. **Discuss, Evaluate, and Possibly Approve ‘List B & C’ of Sewer Abatement Requests.**

City Manager Landes explain that any amounts under one hundred and fifty dollars is allowed to be abated by City Staff, List B requires Council approval if it is over one hundred and fifty dollars and List C would be a special consideration, they did not turn in their water meter readings within the six month allow Ent.

Doug Clark explained the sewer billing terms and deadlines. He is going to approve the past due one more time. The Waste Water Committee is meeting on September 25 and will talk about the ordinance and have a lot of changes. The language will be on the bills, written crystal clear. All accounts will receive a registered letter with information.

Christine Wallace, resident and sewer user, asked if she was getting an abatement. Doug Clark told her to go out front to speak with Sherry in the front office for an application.

Seconded by Councilor Dolley. Mayor Harnett asked for any discussion? Seeing none, I will call a vote. All those in favor? Unanimous.

- **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

- Copy of MMA convention to sign up, please let me know.
- The Age Friendly Committee only has two people, we need more. Councilor Cusick volunteered. Mayor Harnett explained what the Committee is about. Matthew Marshall said he would like to volunteer as well.
- Also a reminder that the nomination papers are due by Monday.

- **CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

Councilor Berry – sorry I wasn't able to make the Employee Appreciation Lunch today.
Councilor Cusick – sorry I wasn't able to make the Employee Appreciation Lunch today.
Has not seen sidewalk construction and pavement started. City Manager Landes said it is on the September 19 agenda.

Councilor Dolley – I had a chance to walk in to Sweet Carolynn's. The interior looks great. It was awesome. Also on October 3 I will have my open house at Stone Church...and may not be at the Council Meeting that night.

Councilor Rines – Happy Birthday Tim. I was privileged to attend the Employee Appreciation Party at the Waterfront. Excellent wonderful time. It was great thank you.

Councilor Hart – It was a great event. Happy Birthday Tim. Thank you Councilor Dolley for the swag (mug). It has been a great summer, events 10 weekends in a row.

Mayor Harnett – I also attended the Employee B-BQ. It was great. Lots of food. Sweet Carolynn's had facetime tonight. Very crowded and warm. A nice addition to Downtown. Tuesdays is trivia night at two gramps. There are a lot of fun things going on downtown.

- **ADJOURN**

Councilor Cusick made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Dolley. All those in favor? Unanimous. 7:29 pm

Upcoming Meetings Scheduled for Council:

- September 19, 2018
- October 3, 2018
- October 17, 2018
- November 7, 2018
- November 28, 2018
- December 19, 2018