

- Mayor Harnett called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

- **ROLL CALL**

Thom Harnett, Mayor at large; Christine Landes, City Manager; Councilors: Terry Berry, District 1; Timothy Cusick, At large; Shawn Dolley, District 3; Mark Rines, District 4; Maryann White, At large; Jon Ault, At large; Patricia Hart, District 2

Also in attendance: Kelly Gooldrup, City Clerk; Tony Laplante, Public Works Director; Jim Toman, Police Chief; Denise Brown, City Finance Director; Barb Skelton, Gardiner CEO; Dorothy Washburne; Jack Fles; Barbara Jenner; Christopher Jenner; Patricia Tessier; Melinda Hahn; Sean Haskell; Kristy Gould; Rusty Greenleaf; Jerry Maschino; Jeannine Henry; Kevin Cowpauthwaite

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

None

1. ***Public Hearing and First Read of an Amendment to the Land Use Ordinance Subdivision Section 14***

Debby Willis, Planning Board Chairperson and Barb Skelton, Code Enforcement Officer explained the changes to the ordinance.

Mayor Harnett asked if the new language models the State suggested ordinance or is it tailored to the needs of the City.

CEO Skelton replied it is tailored to the City with some of the State integrated in the language.

Mayor Harnett asked if the changes will it make it more streamlined and easier for the applicant.

CEO Skelton replied that it should make it easier for the applicant, staff and the Planning Board as it makes it clearer as to what is required. There will be more questions up front but the process will be more user friendly.

Councilor Berry asked if a reader's digest for the applications can be created as they are difficult to follow.

CEO Skelton said she hands out paper every day with information and people just don't read it.

Mayor Harnett opened the public hearing at 6:10pm and asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak. Seeing none I will close the public hearing at 6:10pm and asked for a motion from the Council.

Councilor Hart moved to send the proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinance Subdivision Section 14 to a second read.

Councilor White seconded.

Mayor Harnett asked for any further discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor?
Unanimous.

2. *Public Hearing and First Read of an Amendment to the Land Use Ordinance Procedure Section 6*

Debby Willis explained that currently the Code Officer cannot approve de minimus changes and that it would have to go to the Planning Board. By adding de minimus changes to the ordinance, the Code Officer could approve the application after reviewing it.

Councilor Ault asked for examples of a de minimus change.

CEO Skelton replied the Code Officer could approve such permits as adding a generator, dumpster pad, fencing, a parking spot or landscape materials.

Councilor Ault asked what if the Code Officer denies the application, would it go to the Board of Appeals.

CEO Skelton replied that it would under all current guidelines including the abutters.

Mayor Harnett opened the public hearing at 6:17pm and asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak. Seeing none I will close the public hearing at 6:18pm and asked for a motion from the Council.

Councilor Berry moved to the proposed amendment to the Land Use Ordinance Procedure Section 6 to a second read.

Councilor Hart seconded.

Mayor Harnett asked for any further discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor?
Unanimous.

3. *Public Hearing and First Read of Amendments to the General Assistance Ordinance*

City Manager Landes says it is an annual request from the Department of Health & Human Services.

Councilor Hart asked how much of our allotment do we use in a year.

Robin Plourde said it depends on the individual's request. It is an as needed basis.

Denise Brown said the last few years, it has been fully expensed.

City Manager Landes says it is the only line by law that can be overdrawn.

Councilor Ault asked does overdraw comes from the General fund or a contingency?

City Manager Landes said you can take it from either.

Mayor Harnett opened the public hearing at 6:21pm and asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak. Seeing none I will close the public hearing at 6:21pm and asked for a motion from the Council.

Councilor Hart moved to send the Amendments to the General Assistance Ordinance to a second read.

Councilor Ault seconded.

Mayor Harnett asked for any further discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor?
Unanimous.

4. *Public Hearing and Renewal of Johnson Hall Performing Art Center's Liquor License*

City Manager Landes said Johnson Hall Performing Art Center is asking for a renewal of their liquor license.

Mayor Harnett opened the public hearing at 6:23pm and asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak. Seeing none I will close the public hearing at 6:23pm and asked for a motion from the Council.

Councilor Ault moved to approve liquor license Renewal of Johnson Hall Performing Art Center.

Councilor Cusick seconded.

Mayor Harnett asked for any further discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor?
Unanimous.

5. *Public Hearing and Renewal of Two Gramps Brewing Liquor License*

City Manager Landes this is another liquor license renewal.

Mayor Harnett opened the public hearing at 6:24pm and asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak. Seeing none I will close the public hearing at 6:24pm and asked for a motion from the Council.

Councilor Hart moved to approve the liquor license Renewal of Two Gramps Brewing.

Councilor Dolley seconded.

Mayor Harnett asked for any further discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor?
Unanimous.

6. *Approve Special Event Permit for 9th Annual Swine and Stein Oktoberfest/October 6, 2018*

City Manager Landes explained that in front of each Board Member there is a sheet that includes costs from the Police Department and has been signed off by all required Department Heads.

Councilor Berry asked if we can get reimbursed for cost.

Mayor Harnett replied that we do get reimbursed for this one.

City Manager Landes added that this is just an estimate.

Councilor Cusick moved to approve the Special Event Permit for 9th Annual Swine and Stein Oktoberfest scheduled for October 6, 2018 in Downtown Gardiner.

Councilor Ault seconded.

Mayor Harnett asked for any further discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor?
Unanimous.

7. *Discuss and Evaluate the Safety Concerns surrounding the tree near the corner of Maine Avenue and Water Street.*

City Manager Landes – explained the safety concerns surrounding this tree. In your packets you will find a picture and letters from Pete Coffin, engineer; Al Godfrey, engineer and Barb Skelton, Tree Warden with their recommendations.

Tony Laplante explained that part of the two bridges projects is redoing the Church Street and Water Street intersection. The street lights are still up because they will be using them during construction. The tree is obstructing the stop sign and has become a safety concern.

Councilor Berry moved that in the interest of pedestrian and vehicle safety we asked the City Manager to direct the Public Works Foreman to remove the tree from the corner of Main Ave and Water Street and plant another in an appropriate location in the Waterfront Park.

Councilor Cusick seconded.

Councilor Berry said he went and looked at it. First, as far as the street lights, we have had discussion previously about after the completion of Bridge Street Project, whether to keep the lights or not.

Tony Laplante said that is all part of the project.

Councilor Berry said I understood that we could keep the lights for around \$2,500 a year our maintenance and it was our decision.

Councilor Ault said that was my recollection as well.

Councilor Berry asked why you can't put a stop sign in front of the tree.

Tony Laplante said there are regulations as to where to put them.

Councilor Berry said maybe we can put two stop signs up, one in front of the tree and the current sign after the tree.

Tony Laplante said I think two stops signs will confuse people.

Councilor Hart said I wasn't at the meeting. Can we ask the City Manager to go back and research the previous meeting and see what actually approved? Was the Bridge Advisory Committee informed of this discussion? I feel like they should be able to weigh in on the discussion including the engineers. Can the stop bar be put back in as well? A couple of the street lights are out as well.

Councilor Ault said I think that removing the tree should be a last resort.

Councilor Cusick said I don't think trees and intersections go good together. Roadways and intersections are not a good place for trees. Roots will cause issues as it grows.

Mayor Harnett said I am in favor of the four way stop signs. I have concerns for public safety and the Cities financial interest in a potential lawsuit. Maybe we should postpone this discussion.

Councilor Berry said reference to the potential liability; we can put a stop sign in front of the tree tomorrow.

Tony Laplante replied there is a process.

Mayor Harnett said there are concerns with adding another stop sign.

Tony Laplante said I would have a discussion before putting up another stop sign. Sign pollution is an issue too. The more signs you put up, the more people start to ignore them.

Mayor Harnett I don't want to make an immediate decision.

Councilor Berry I will make a motion to withdraw and postpone until October 3.
Councilor Cusick seconded.

Councilor Ault asked if the lights be uncovered and be made red blinking lights.
Tony Laplante said DOT owns the lights and we can check. The issue of a blinking light is an issue for the residents near the blinking lights. Light pollution.
Councilor White I will not be at the October 3 meeting. I trust the council to make the right decision.

Mayor Harnett asked for any further discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor?
Unanimous.

8. *Discuss and Evaluate the possibility of spraying Japanese Knotweed around the City*

City Manager Landes said we are looking for advisement for how to spray the plant.
Tony Laplante said it has taken over everywhere. A citizen approached me first about this plant. You can't just dig it up, it grows right back. We did research; to control it and kill it, you have to spray it before it takes over the City. I got a quote for \$600 to do some spot treatment. Prosecutor is the product with a mixture of Garlon which is a woody plant herbicide.

Dorothy Washburne said I am against using herbicide on plants, but I think we should use everything we can to rid the city of this, even using an herbicide in certain locations for a period of time.

Councilor Berry asked if knotweed is the same as bamboo.

Dorothy Washburne replied yes it is.

CEO Skelton we have ordinances in place to prevent chemicals in the area of the shore line and we have to comply with shore land guidelines.

Tony Laplante we are not planning to spray right by the water's edge.

Dorothy Washburne said you should look into products that would be permitted. The rail trail has been sprayed recently.

Tony Laplante replied that may have been the railroad.

Harrison Ave resident said she was walking and it looked like a bomb hit the bamboo and there are pieces of bamboo sticking up. Lots of splinters are left and it is dangerous.

Tony Laplante said that may be the roadside mower.

Council Cusick moved to allow the spraying of appropriate chemicals or other means of plant elimination as the Public Works Foreman deems is necessary to eliminate the evasive Japanese Knotweed that is growing in and around the City.

Councilor Berry seconded.

Councilor Ault said I have a pesticide applicators license. I am not in favor of this method.
Dorothy Washburne said she doesn't support spraying near the stream or river either.

Councilor Dolley said I think we are looking for an environmental balance. It is destroying the native species and we are trying to destroy the evasive species.

Tony Laplante said some places are on banking where you can't drive machinery so spraying is a better option.

Councilor Hart said I remember this issue about 6 or 7 years ago. I don't think we banned chemicals. I remember the council being asked to allow spraying on the sidewalks and the council said no. That was for a specific purpose. I think it's a big problem and we need to balance it somehow. I am unsure of make a decision tonight as I don't feel like I have enough information on what we are approving.

Councilor Berry asked if there is a preferred time of year to spray.

Tony Laplante replied that September is a huge growing time other than gardens.

Councilor Cusick commented that at DOT we work with this plant and we spray every other year and do it environmentally safe.

Councilor Hart said I would like to add a specific to the motion like a timeframe and location.

Tony Laplante said the timeframe would be up to the council as well as the product.

Councilor Hart wants to make an amendment to the motion to allow spraying in the Cities gateway area of 126, 201, and 24, 2 yr cycle.

Councilor Cusick amended the motion to include the language in the Cities gateway area of 126, 201, and 24 for 2 years.

Councilor Berry seconded the amendment.

Councilor Ault commented that using integrative pest management is to be last case scenario. Mayor Harnett said I had concerns about pesticides and herbicides and I am comfortable with supporting this motion.

Tony Laplante added that in the six years I have been with the City, we have worked on eliminating this plant and if anything, we have gone backwards.

Dorothy Washburne asked the council to go look at.

Councilor White thanked Dorothy and Parks and Recreation Committee.

Mayor Harnett asked for any further discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor? Unanimous.

*Amended motion: Council Cusick moved to allow the spraying of appropriate chemicals or other means of plant elimination as the Public Works Foreman deems is necessary to eliminate the evasive Japanese Knotweed that is growing in the Cities Gateway of 126, 201 and 24 for two years.

9. *Update from Tony Laplante regarding Spring Street, Sidewalks, and Paving Projects*

Tony Laplante said the paving crew is moving in the first or second week of October.

Councilor Cusick asked how much of the sidewalks do you will be done before winter.

Tony Laplante replied Spring St, Washington Ave, and by the common at the entrance.

Councilor Cusick asked which roads are being paved.

Tony Laplante replied Central Street, Winter Street, Church Street, Spring Street, Washington Ave, Bartlett Street, Mullins Drive, and West Street.

Councilor Cusick asked if State Paving is doing the work.

Tony Laplante replied yes.

Councilor Hart asked about the work on Dean Street.

Tony Laplante said we are behind from a three week setback, but are going to try to get that done this year.

Councilor Hart asked about the sidewalks with weeds growing out over it.

Tony Laplante replied it will take a lot of manpower.

10. *Discussion of the City's Dog Control Provision with CEO Barb Skelton, ACO Heather Brown, and Police Chief Toman*

City Manager Landes explained that during the August Council meeting, the Councilors requested a review of the Cities current Dog Ordinance.

CEO Skelton, ACO Brown, Police Chief Toman and City Manager Landes met to discuss some options. You have two options in front of you, which include a six foot length on a leash.

Mayor Harnett asked if these would this apply to the dog park.

CEO Skelton said option one is a City wide control for every dog to under leash control.

Option two is only specific areas within the City another than a dog park.

Mayor Harnett asked in regards to option one, what is the status of the dog park?

Chief Toman said since the park doesn't exist, it would exclude the dog park. Option one is a strict leash law through the City. Enforcement would be first educated then fined.

Mayor Harnett asked if a dog can be off leash on your property or others property.

Chief Toman replied yes they could.

Councilor Hart asked if we could supply copies of the options for the audience.

Councilor Berry commented that he is for option one as it doesn't seem fair to be able to be off leash and running around in one area of the City and not at the Waterfront.

Councilor Cusick recommends option one as well. It would be easier to enforce if it is one law across the whole City.

Councilor Rines asked if I am down at the waterfront, I throw a ball in the water for my dog to chase, will option one apply?

Chief Toman replied that option one takes that ability away.

Mayor Harnett stated that he is leaning towards option one as well.

Councilor White commented that she is a dog lover and is leaning towards option one.

Chief Toman stated that if adopted by the Council, the new ordinance would be posted on social media, the City website, on walls, etc., letting people know that there is a new dog ordinance.

Councilor Ault commented that I am in favor of a leash law but need clarification on the two options. It sounds like option one will eventually become option two based on experience.

CEO Skelton replied that it would not.

Chief Toman says option two is a strict leash law in specific public places. The leash can be longer than six feet. Option two would need to be amended if a dog park goes in the City.

Councilor Hart replied that she is in favor of option one. The phrase “by permission” is confusing.

Chief Toman responded that if you take your dog to a neighbor and they give permission for your dog to run around their yard unleashed is “by permission”.

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Councilor Cusick moved propose option one as an amendment to the Cities dog control provisions and take it to a first and second read on October 3rd and October 17th respectively.

Councilor Berry seconded.

Barbara Jenner, a Harrison Ave resident, explained that she was attacked by two Rottweiler’s. The same dogs are off leash all the time. The owner does not have control by voice command. Nothing has really been done to stop this. I would like to see some fining. Councilor Hart asked if there will be fines associated with these new infractions.

CEO Skelton said yes.

Mayor Harnett commented that he was troubled when he heard a resident was viciously attacked and with the fact that the owner left the scene.

Mayor Harnett asked for any further discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor?
Unanimous.

11. Discussion with CEO Barb Skelton surrounding dangerous buildings

City Manager Landes said this was a request from the August meeting.

CEO Skelton explained that you have a picture taken on September 11 from my vehicle of 94 Northern Avenue. The Council order on February 1, 2017 was to remove the building and was not signed until February 22, 2017. The property owner’s attorney filed for and was granted a demolition permit on March 16, 2017. Unfortunately with our programs, we didn’t catch that it was printed on the permit that they had a year to do the work. The City attorney said to allow the owner that year to do the work. That expired March 16, 2018 and as you can see as of September 11, 2018, it is still partially standing. We are going to advise the owner that the City will be demolishing the building. Moving on to 21 Adams Street, the picture in front of you is not current. It is from September 2016 because nothing has been done on that property. If anything, it looks worse today. September 21, 2016 Council made the initial determination that was a dangerous building and the order was made May 3, 2017. We were trying to track down the appropriate owner. It appears that the property will be in the Cities hands by foreclosure on December 8, 2018. It will be demolished at that point. The other two properties listed, 20 Brunswick Avenue has not had a determination made yet. It had been brought as a complaint from a citizen several times. A demolition permit was issued for that property on July 27, 2016 and expired July 27, 2017. The property owner came in and met with City Staff and a new permit was obtained with a shorter window, so he had a month and a half to demolish the building and when he found out what the fines were going to be, the building was down and complete by November 30, 2017. 235 Water Street was the result of fire damage in July 2015. An initial determination was made on May 16, 2018 after many discussions with the property owner that owned it

during the fire. Currently that order is on hold due to a change in ownership. The new owner obtained a building permit on June 25, 2018 with the standard expiration of one year. He has one year to complete first floor renovation.

Councilor Hart asked what the plans are for what became the outside wall at 235 Water Street.

CEO Skelton responded that nothing has been done as of yet, but he was notified that it needs to be dealt with at some point. He has not yet been to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Councilor Cusick asked for clarification on Adams Street. We will take ownership December 8, 2018?

CEO Skelton responded that it is set to foreclose if no tax payment is made.

City Manager Landes – 94 Northern Avenue foreclosure was waived in 2015 but is now set to foreclose. 21 Adams Street is also set to foreclose in December. 20 Brunswick Avenue is current on taxes and 235 Water Street is also current on taxes.

Councilor White asked what happens with vehicles and stuff on the property.

CEO Skelton replied that nothing will be touched. We may have to seek legal assistance to have things moved to make way to the building, but we have no right to the personal belongings on the property.

Councilor Ault asked about 78 Central Street.

CEO Skelton responded that she hasn't looked at any other challenged properties because these were the only ones requested to discuss.

Councilor Ault – I do want to see this property on a future meeting.

12. TAP (Tax Acquired Properties) Surplus Discussion

City Manager Landes explained that you accepted a bid with a few meetings previously, on a property that has yet to close. It is now set to close after some issues with the bank and the money should be here on Friday. There will be a surplus of thirteen thousand dollars from this sale.

Denise brown says I would like to setup a special revenue account to help with the demolition of properties like the ones CEO Skelton discussed. Any future sales with revenue will come to you individually.

Councilor Hart moved to allow the Finance Director to create a surplus tax acquired property account in a special revenue account and to put the surplus from the sale of the Iron Mine Trailer Park into the new account.

Councilor Berry seconded.

Councilor Ault –would this account include all future sales from tax acquired properties?

Denise Brown responded that it will come to you on an individual case if there is a surplus.

Mayor Harnett asked for any further discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor?
Unanimous.

13. *Accept donated gift of ‘no wake zone’ buoys from Jerry Maschino and his daughter (value \$4,000).*

City Manager Landes said Mr. Maschino wants to donate ‘no wake zone’ buoys to the City. He is asking the City to insure them. There are five options available to discuss.

Mayor Harnett said it sounds like there is a liability of possible damage to ships/boats as well as to the buoys.

City Manager Landes responded that the insurance policy would be that whoever hit the buoy would have to prove negligence of the buoy.

Maschino said we would take care of putting them in and taking them out of the water.

Mayor Harnett stated that the insurance price has a range from six hundred and fifty to fifteen hundred dollars. Do we know which price it is going to be?

City Manager Landes replied that the six hundred and fifty would be if it is combined with the current policy on the City boat and the fifteen hundred is its own separate policy.

Mayor Harnett asked if fundraising would be enough and is it feasible.

Jack Fles is looking for a sign at the landing for a dollar donation.

City Manager Landes commented that there is a vandalism concern of the donation can and it would have to be collected daily.

Mayor Harnett asked if we could use some of the money from the docking fees.

Councilor Hart moved to accept the gift, extend our thanks to the Maschino family, ask the Parks and Recreation Committee to determine a funding method to reimburse the City for the yearly cost of the insurance which is estimated to be six hundred and fifty dollars. Councilor Ault seconded.

Councilor Berry asked if someone going flying up the river, past a no wake zone buoy, how will that get enforced.

Jerry Maschino replied that there is a Harbor Master across the river who is also a Deputy Sheriff. He told me that if I get him a picture with a date, he will go after them.

Councilor Dolley asked do we have insurance on the docks and would it make more sense to bundle the insurance with that.

Mayor Harnett asked for any further discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor? Unanimous.

[Jerry Maschino asked that a notice be sent to my daughter of this acceptance in writing.](#)

14. *(Re)Appointment of Board of Appeals Members/Appoint Chairman*

City Manager Landes explained that this is a continued effort to clean up the appointments to certain Boards and Committees. In front of you are five names of people who are looking to be on the Board of Appeals. Charles Betit has agreed to be the Board of Appeals Chairperson.

Councilor Berry moved to appoint Charles Betit, Kevin Sullivan, Susan Crawford, Louis Sigel and Edward Potter as members of the Board of Appeals

Councilor Cusick seconded.

Mayor Harnett asked for any further discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor?

Unanimous.

Mayor Harnett will appoint Charles J. Betit as the chairperson.

15. Approve and Sign City of Gardiner Ambulance Service Agreement

City Manager Landes explained that this is your annual approval of the contract we share with other Municipalities. Fees are listed in your packet.

Councilor Cusick moved to approve the contract with the City of Gardiner EMS Service.

Councilor Ault seconded.

Councilor Hart – asked for clarity. The table fee schedule looks like an increase to the City. City Manager Landes replied that it is a shortage that was budgeted that the City has to pay and then will be reimbursed through collection.

Councilor Hart asked for an email to clarify the amounts.

Mayor Harnett asked for any further discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor?

Unanimous.

16. Voting Credentials for MMA Annual Business Meeting

City Manager Landes said this is an annual request for the upcoming business meeting on October 3, 2018. I will be there and more than willing to be the voting representative and voting representative. Robin Plourde will also be there and willing to be an alternate.

Councilor Hart moved to appoint City Manager Christine Landes as voting delegate and Robin Plourde as a voting alternate at the Maine Municipal Annual Business Meeting being held at the Maine Municipal Convention on October 3, 2018.

Councilor White seconded.

Mayor Harnett asked for any further discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor?

Unanimous.

17. Discuss and Possible Approve Allowing the City Manager to Sign Off Premise Liquor License Applications

City Manager Landes wants to permission to sign off premise liquor licenses for certain special events such as the Swine & Stine and the Great Race.

Councilor Cusick moved to allow the City Manager to approve and sign off premise liquor license applications from licensed liquor establishments with the agreement that the caterers license is in good standing with the City and there are no other issues concerning alcohol.

Councilor Ault seconded.

Councilor Ault said I am definitely in support of this.

Mayor Harnett asked if Caterers like Lisa's are in Augusta but serve to Gardiner, how will you know if they are in good standing.

City Manager Landes replied that she would check with the other Municipality to make sure they are in good standing before approving and signing the application.

Mayor Harnett asked for any further discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor?
Unanimous.

18. *Approve Minutes of September 5, 2018*

Mayor Harnett said prior to tonight's meeting, I sent in revisions to Section five. You have those in front of you to review.

Councilor Hart moved to approve the minutes as amended.

Councilor Dolley seconded.

Mayor Harnett asked for any further discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor?

Unanimous with Councilor Ault abstaining as he was not at the meeting.

- ***CITY MANAGER REPORT***

City Manager Landes announced that the City of Gardiner has a new employee, Michael Foster, our new Planning & Development Administrative Assistant. Please stop by and introduce yourself to him if you haven't done so already. Nomination papers: Patricia Hart for Mayor at large, Jon Ault for Councilor at large, Tim Cusick for Councilor at large and Maryann White for Councilor at large. School Board papers were turned in for Jonathan Umland and Matthew Marshall. There was a late submission in which due to state law we had to politely decline. Please stay after for two minutes to sign some papers. I will be leaving tomorrow morning for a MMA Executive Committee retreat in South Portland and then Saturday morning flying to Baltimore for an ICMA Convention. I will be back in the office next Thursday around Noontime.

- ***CITY COUNCIL REPORT***

Councilor Hart is looking forward to hearing the Mayor at Rotary. Thank you Councilor Ault for changing your mind. Thank you to volunteers and donations. Everyone is invited to the Boys & Girls Club tomorrow morning at 7:30 for bacon and eggs.

Councilor Ault thanked the Board and part of the reason he changed his mind is the feedback. Can the late submission of the school run a write-in campaign?

City Manager Landes replied they can and have been notified.

Councilor Ault was sad to report that a local business owner is closing.

Councilor White reminded the Board that she will not be here next meeting. Two Gramps has Trivia night on Tuesday nights and encouraged everyone to attend. We had talked about setting up a goal setting workshop, thinks it is important and not to forget about it.

Mayor Harnett responded that we are setting that up soon.

Councilor Rines thanked the public for coming today and speaking, especially the volunteers. That's what makes Gardiner so special.

Councilor Dolley gave a reminder of his open house coming up.

Councilor Cusick thanked the Council for tonight and good luck to everyone running for office. Thanks to the Department Heads.

Councilor Berry thanked everyone. We worked hard on the last budget and I think we appropriated enough for an Economic Development Director. I would like to see that process started soon.

City Manager Landes said is on the next agenda.

Mayor Harnett stated that he too was sad about the closing. There have been hints that looks like something might be going in to the wine bar, so we will keep an eye on that. Swine & Stein is coming up very soon and we are looking for volunteers. Thank you all for a great meeting.

- ***ADJOURN***

Councilor Cusick made a motion to adjourn.

Councilor Berry seconded.

Mayor Harnett asked for any further discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor? Unanimous.
9:23pm

Upcoming Meetings Scheduled for Council:

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