

Mayor Hart called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Patricia Hart, Mayor at large; Councilors: Terry Berry, District 1; Marc Rines, District 4; Shawn Dolley, District 3; Jon Ault, At large; Maryann White, At large; Tim Cusick, At large

Also in attendance: City Manager, Christine Landes; City Clerk, Kelly Gooldrup; Al Nelson, Anne Davis, Tony LaPlante, Doug Clark, Barb Skelton, Amy Rees, Debby Willis, Neil Anderson, Michael Giberson, Shenna Bellows, Abbey Mayer, Helen Stevens

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT (anything not on the Agenda)**

Mayor Hart asked for any comment from the public. Hearing none, we will move on to the next item on the agenda.

Council agreed to move the resolution Honoring A1 Diner Owners Mike Giberson and Neil Anderson above Petitions/Public Hearings.

**Resolution Honoring A1 Diner and Owners Mike Giberson and Neil Anderson**

Mayor Hart presented the resolution to Mike Giberson and Neil Anderson and read the resolution out loud explained.

Maine State Senator, Shenna Bellows, representing on behalf of Representative Thom Harnett, presented Mike Giberson and Neil Anderson with a recognition from the Maine Legislature and read it out loud.

**3. PETITIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**a) Public Hearing and First read of Proposed Amendments to Chapter 9/Snow Removal in Title 13 Health and Safety/New Section 1403 Snow or Ice Threatening Use of Public Streets or Sidewalks**

Debby Willis explained the proposed amendment. Property owners will have a duty to remove any ice or snow accumulation that poses a threat to the public and they will have twenty-four hours to do so. If they fail to remove it within 24 hours, the CEO may place a barrier around the threatening area and send notice to the property owner. City Manager may delay the process if deemed necessary. If any property owner does this three times within 18 months, there are further penalties that may be enforced. If the City does have to remove the ice or snow, there is a penalty fee of \$250.00 plus the cost of removing the ice or snow. A lien could also be placed on the property.

CEO Skelton added that she works closely with the Public Works Department, Buildings & Grounds and the Police Department in these types of situations.

Mayor Hart asked how it would work for Landlords that are out of state, out of Town or just cannot reach.

CEO Skelton responded that we would just proceed to take care of it and notify the property owner in writing by certified mail.

Councilor Dolley asked if there would have to be a complaint or would there just be inspections done to determine if there are sidewalks not cleared.

CEO Skelton responded that she gets frequent updates from Buildings & Grounds that there are icicles hanging off buildings, so I do not think I would have to do proactive inspections. There are people out there looking.

Councilor Cusick asked if this is just what's hanging off the buildings.

CEO Skelton responded yes. We have had two buildings in the past that we have had issues with every winter.

Councilor Cusick asked if it will be the property owners responsibility to know the stuff off the building and then clean the sidewalk.

CEO Skelton responded yes and to keep the public safe in the process as it can be dangerous.

Mayor Hart opened the public hearing at 6:16pm and asked for any comments from the public. Hearing none. Mayor Hart closed the public hearing at 6:16pm.

**b) Public Hearing and First Read of Proposed Amendments to the Sewer Ordinance**

Doug Clark, Wastewater Director presented the proposed changes. Over the past six months to a year, myself with input from the Sewer Billing Clerk, Code Enforcement Officer and the Public Works Director have been working on the ordinance where areas need to be clarified and tightened up. Through the Wastewater Advisory Committee, we have come up with the proposed changes. There are four changes proposed that have been recommended by the Wastewater Advisory Committee. On page 44, there is an exemption from our mandatory sewer system. If there is new construction or someone's system has failed and the property is within 100 feet of the City sewer lines, they would have appeal to the Wastewater Advisory Committee and then we would bring it to the City Council for final approval.

CEO Skelton explained that we had a property last year that had a failed system and because it was within 100 feet of the City sewer lines, they needed to be hooked up.

Councilor Berry asked if we also have an ordinance for new subdivisions within 1000 feet of the Municipal Sewer pipe that you have to hook on to it.

CEO Skelton replied absolutely.

Councilor Berry asked if they contradict each other.

CEO Skelton responded that this is if they are required to hook up because of failure.

Paragraph D in the existing ordinance explains that all new construction within 100 feet of the sewer lines are required to hook in and Section E in 2873 is where it indicates if you have a malfunctioning system that is not operable and with 100 feet, you are required to hook in. The Land Use Ordinance states 1000 feet for subdivisions and 100 feet for individual properties.

City Manager Landes noted that on page 43, Section XX second line down third word in from the right is spelled not and should be not. Could we make that change before the second hearing?

Doug Clark continued on page 47, currently there is a policy that if a sewer blockage occurs in someone's home and causes damage and has cleanup costs. If it is determined to be caused by the City and is on the City side of the right of way, the City will pay for the cleanup cost. If it is on edge of the City right of way to the house, it is the property owner's responsibility to pay for the cost.

Councilor Berry asked if the City is covered by liability insurance in this situation.

City Manager Landes will do research on the insurance.

Councilor Dolley asked how the determination is made regarding who is liable.

Doug Clark responded that he involves the Public Works Department and have a private plumber evaluate. Camera lines with transmitters are used after the cleanup to determine where the issue has taken place.

City Manager Landes announced that the Finance Director and past interim City manager that we do have insurance to take care of these situations.

Doug Clark continued that one change is to update the title of Welfare Director to General Assistance Administrator. The fourth change is to redefine the procedure for submitting the outside meter request. On the current sewer bills, there is a line to input the reading and it puts the responsibility on the user. We are going to do a registered letter to all City Sewer users with signature required, that will outline this clearly.

It was asked there is an online place to submit the reading.

Doug Clark responded no, but you can email Sherry. Some people take a picture with their phone and send it to Sherry.

Councilor Ault asked if those methods could be relayed in the letter so folks will be aware.

Doug Clark replied yes we can.

Mayor Hart opened the public hearing at 6:33pm and asked for any comments from the public.

Amy Rees asked if the exemption for properties within 100 feet is for residential only or for businesses as well.

Doug Clark responded both providing it isn't a significant user like a manufacturing facility.

Mayor Hart asked for anyone else to speak. Hearing none. Mayor Hart closed the public hearing at 6:33pm.

**c) Public Hearing and First Read of Bond Proposal not to exceed \$295,000.00 for LED Streetlight Conversion**

Mayor Hart explained- from previous discussions about the conversion, the City of Gardiner will be asked to pay, up front, Affinity Lighting for the LED Streetlight Conversion. This conversion will allow all of the current 500 +/- lights in the City to be converted to LED and to also be 'networked'. Using the proposal, the City of Gardiner is set to save approximately \$1.2M over 20 years. This proposal has been offered at the same price that surrounding municipalities have been offered. For clarification, these will not include the green lights downtown and by Hannaford. It is just the ones on the aluminum poles.

Mayor Hart opened the public hearing at 6:35pm and asked for and comments from the public.

City Manager Landes explained that with Affinity Lightings proposal, it was to be paid off in 3.87 years and with the bond it will be paid off in 4 years.

Councilor Dolley asked if we after we pay it off in four years, everything after that will be a gain.

City Manager Landes replied yes. It will be about \$75,000 in gain every year after the first four years.

Mayor Hart asked for any further comments. Hearing none. Mayor Hart closed the public hearing at 6:36pm.

**d) Public Hearing and First Read of a Continuation of a Medical Marijuana Retail Storefront Moratorium (retroactive to 1/5/2019)**

Mayor Hart explained- this moratorium was effective immediately (emergency) retroactive to July 9, 2018 on September 5, 2018. As the State of Maine is still finalizing details, and new proposed rules for the City of Gardiner will be forthcoming, the City Council is being asked to extend this moratorium for another 180 days.

City Manager Landes explained that we missed the 180-day window so we are asking for it to be retroactive to January 5, 2019. Fortunately, we have not had any applications at this point. The State is still formulating all their rules.

CEO Skelton added that we also have a moratorium on the Adult Use Recreational Marijuana regulations and the Ordinance Review Committee has started looking at that and will be perusing this as one ordinance change rather than doing it piece meal.

Councilor Ault asked even though the State rulemaking isn't finalized yet, you are already engaged in the Ordinance Review process.

CEO Skelton replied yes because we were asked to do so from the City Council after the Task Force report was received.

Councilor Ault asked if you have any contingency if the work you are doing now is in conflict with the State laws.

CEO Skelton responded that right now we are not doing any work, because we are waiting to get the State guidelines. The expectation is to start work in February. The State did put out a request for quotes.

Mayor Hart opened the public hearing at 6:39pm and asked for any comments from the public. Hearing none. Mayor Hart closed the public hearing at 6:39pm.

**e) Public Hearing and First Read of Title 26 Trees/Chapter 1 Oversight of Trees and Chapter 2 Protection of Public Trees**

Mayor Hart explained- The City Council reviewed this proposal and recommended the Ordinance go to a first/second read. There were a couple of changes noted when the City Council reviewed the proposal at the last meeting. Those recommendations have been added to the proposal.

CEO Skelton commented that the only change we made after City Council looked at it during the last meeting was to add on page 2 at the very top, in the Tree Oversight Committee, we added a citizen member with tree expertise.

Mayor Hart opened the public hearing at 6:41pm and asked for any comments from the public. Hearing none. Mayor Hart closed the public hearing at 6:41pm.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

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

The City Council will discuss, evaluate, and possibly approve the 'B & C' list of sewer abatement requests. Sewer abatement requests are reported quarterly to the City Council. Requests over \$150.00 require Council approval. See attached lists for more information.  
List A: City Staff approved list (under the \$150.00 threshold)  
List B: City Council consideration (over the \$150.00 threshold)  
List C: City Council Special Consideration (outside water meter readings not given within the six (6) month ordinance window)

Councilor Ault will abstain from voting due to conflict.

Doug Clark explained that anything under \$150.00 can be abated without Council approval. List 'B' is anything over \$150.00 and must be approved by Council. List 'C' are the abatement requests the Wastewater Director has denied. There are two on List 'C'. The first individual is Mr. Glesener, who has since bought a meter and is plugged in to the program. The second individual shut off the sprayer but not the hose and the sprayer blew off without anyone noticing for a significant amount of time.

Councilor Berry asked if there is a way to give Mr. Glesener some kind of compensation since I believe he didn't know he good get a meter.

Doug Clark responded that he has heard of a one-time educational abatement of fifty percent.

Councilor Berry said he is definitely leaning in that direction.

Councilor Berry made a motion to accept the list with an amendment for an abatement of a fifty percent reduction for James Glesener at 113 Brunswick Avenue.  
Councilor White seconded.

Councilor Dolley asked what the fifty percent reduction is compared to the typically sewer bill for this customer.

Councilor Berry responded that the current bill is \$378.00 versus two previous bills for \$87.00.

Councilor Rines asked if with respect to James Glesener, should we also consider Bonnie Dixon

Councilor Berry replied that he doesn't know her situation.

Doug Clark responded that she is the customer with the blown off sprayer and the hose still on.

Councilor Berry said she has not reach out that he knows of to talk about it.



Doug Clark responded that she did not reach out to Sherry or myself.  
Councilor Rines asked why we don't wrap them all together for a reduction.  
Doug Clark reminded the Council that word travels fast and we do encourage people to reach out to us. They can come sit in a meeting and ask questions.

Mayor Hart asked for any further discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor.  
Unanimous with Councilor Ault abstained.

## **2. Gardiner Library Board of Trustees Proposed Library Fees**

Mayor Hart explained- the proposed library fee schedule and memo from Librarian Anne Davis. This fee structure is one that the Gardiner Library Board of Trustees approved at their meeting on 1/3/2019.

Anne Davis explained that the charge for the Towns within MSAD11 would be ten per capita and the Towns outside of the District, Farmingdale and Litchfield, would be seven fifty per capita since they do not have the busing system to transport them to the library. Farmingdale and Litchfield will be receiving a big jump in price and I have heard from one of those Towns that it is too big of a jump. We will probably lose that Town. I would like to phase this increase in place.

Mayor Hart said she attended a meeting recently and they seem relieved to have a clear number for their Town.

Councilor Ault commented that he is in support of this proposal. He likes the tiered schedule.

Anne Davis commented that this schedule is understandable.

Councilor Berry said the way he read the proposal, it will add \$22,978 to Gardiner's portion.

Denise Brown replied that it is a deduction.

Mayor Hart commented that the four-year phase in, the proposal is to inch the Towns up to the per capita fee structure and the Library budget will increase over that time. It will be an initial drop to Gardiner, but if the phasing continues as planned, the City budget will make up that drop over the four years.

Anne Davis reminded the Council that in 2020, the Census will be updated and to expect change.

Councilor Berry moved to approve the proposed Library fee schedule as approved by the Gardiner Library Board of Trustees on January 3, 2019 and outlined in the memo from Librarian Anne Davis.

Councilor Dolley seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any further discussion. Hearing none. All those in favor.  
Unanimous.

## **3. Appointment of Sealer of Weights and Measures**

Mayor Hart explained- This is a proposal for the City to appoint a Sealer of Weights and Measures. This appointment will not cost the City financially, as all costs associated with his services are paid by the customer. This is an optional appointment at the state level. There is a letter of interest from Bryan Bachelder with qualifications.

City Manager Landes added that she met with Mr. Bachelder a couple times. He was a previous Maine State Trooper who did commercial vehicle weight.  
Councilor Berry asked who determines the cost.  
City Manager Landes replied that she believes it is set by the State.

Councilor Ault moved to appoint Bryan Bachelder as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the City of Gardiner.

Councilor White seconded.

Mayor Hart asked all those in favor.

Unanimous without Councilor Dolley (left the room)

#### **4. Interview candidates for vacant Council Seat District 2**

Mayor Hart explained- You have Statements of Interest from three candidates willing to serve in the newly vacant Council Seat for District 2. The order of interview will be alphabetical. This interview process will be unscripted along with questions being generated by the existing Councilors starting with Councilor Rines.

City Manager Landes asked if Karen Tucker could speak first as she has something to tell the Council.

1. Councilor Candidate Karen Tucker spoke to the Council and withdrew her letter of interest.

2. Councilor Candidate Kerstin Gilg – I am very interested in serving the City of Gardiner and being in public service. I have been serving on the State level for ten years with the Maine Arts Commission.

Councilor Rines asked what you think you could bring Council and the City of Gardiner.

Kerstin Gilg responded that he brings a lot of years of public service within the City. His background is in Arts and Culture.

Councilor Dolley asked when you talk about one of your experiences on a committee or in culture or in arts where you have been challenged by a group of people or individual. How did you handle it and grow.

Kerstin Gilg responded that he has a lot of experience working with people and navigating how to work with them and make sure they are heard even if we don't agree with them.

Councilor Berry had no question.

Councilor White asked what goals do think a goal for our Council would be for next twelve months. An example: Mayor Harnett brought up changing the celebration of Columbus Day to the Celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day. A lot of people were

into this idea but it was never brought up again until the fall. This is something I would like to revisit.

Kerstin Gilg responded that I see a lot of bridge construction coming up. Figure out how to make that a positive for businesses, residents and anyone passing through instead of a deterrent.

Councilor Cusick had no questions. Thank you for your interest.

Councilor Ault had no questions. Thank you for your interest.

Mayor Hart had no questions. Thank you. We will speak with the two candidates, we will do a secret ballot, Kelly will tally them and we will announce the winner.

3. Councilor Candidate Amy Rees – I am married with two grown children and two little grandchildren who live in Vermont with her daughter. I have lived in Maine since 1976 and in Gardiner since 2006. My husband and I bought the old Central Street School and renovated that into our home and his sculpture studio. In 2007, I started European Auto Service with another business partner. We employ 5 local people with really good paying jobs and have a successful business and I like to think that we contribute quite a bit to the local economy. I was on the Board of Directors for Gardiner Main Street Program and many other area Committees and Boards. I want to be on the Council because I believe I can make a real difference in being involved in local government. I adore Gardiner and it would be my privilege to serve in this capacity.

Councilor Ault asked where do feel Gardiner is and where would you like to see us go in the next year or so.

Amy Rees responded we have an opportunity to grow business. We need to do it carefully to preserve the historical value of the Town. I would like to take City Manager Landes around and introduce her to the bigger employers in the City. On a more personal level, I think more can be address to help the residents with hunger and make sure they are not falling between the cracks.

Councilor Cusick had no questions. Thank you for your interest.

Amy Rees responded my pleasure.

Councilor White asked how you handled a challenging experience you may have had.

Amy Rees responded most often my challenges come from being a business owner. I listen to their concerns and I asked them what they think is fair.

Councilor Berry had no questions.

Councilor Dolley commented that Amy Rees has sat in the audience during many Council meetings. I am struck by your dedication. What is that process has uplifted you and on the other side what do you see as a challenge.

Amy Rees responded that sitting in the meetings and watching the Council work together. It is the people around this table that have convinced me that this is what I want to do. I am passionate about Gardiner. I love community service, but it is important to me to work with people that I can communicate with.

Councilor Rines said your opening statement answered everything I would have asked. Thank you.

Mayor Hart said thank you very much. Our next step will be to cast our ballots.



**5. Secret Ballot Vote conducted by Kelly Gooldrup, City Clerk/Results announced**

After the interview session with the interested candidates for the vacant Council Seat District 2, Kelly Gooldrup, City Clerk, will conduct a secret ballot (for City Council only) election. After all ballots are cast, the City Clerk will announce the results and swear in the newly elected Councilor.

Tally results: Amy Rees received five votes. Kerstin Gilg received one vote.

**6. Swearing in of newly elected Councilor for District 2**

Once the secret ballot election is conducted, City Clerk Kelly Gooldrup will swear in the newly elected Councilor for District 2.

Kelly Gooldrup swore in Amy Rees as City Councilor representing District 2 for a term 01/09/2019-12/31/2019.

**7. Accept minutes of December 19, 2018**

Councilor Berry moved to accept the minutes of December 19, 2018 as presented.

Councilor Cusick seconded.

Mayor Hart asked all those in favor. Unanimous.

• **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

-The City currently has 23 tax acquired properties either due to unpaid sewer or real estate taxes. Six of those properties, the Tax Collector is working with to try and resolve. We would like to send four properties out to bid with the Council's approval. 20 Bartlett Street, 1 Sawyer Street, 13 Old Brunswick Ave and 33 Capen Road. Kathy Cutler, the Tax Collector has figured out the minimum bid which includes property tax, sewer and any costs the City has incurred. The totals are then rounded up to the nearest thousand. Bids will be accepted by sealed bid with a deadline of January 25 when they will be opened at 2:00pm. Then during the February 6 Council meeting, having the Council award them. These would be advertised via Facebook, website and a KJ ad.

Councilor Dolley asked if you will use craigslist.

City Manager Landes said no but we can certainly look into that.

Councilor Berry do any of these properties have a value to the city to retain for other use.

City Manager Landes responded that due to the minimum bids on each property, they are probably not worth much anyway.

Councilor Berry stated that a while back, we sold some houses and one of them has sort of broken my heart. When someone buys a property, they should do something with it. Can we put some restrictions on the properties?

City Manager Landes said she would check with legal counsel, but not really sure that legal restrictions can be placed because that tells the new property owner what they can do with it and that is against their freedoms.

Council Berry replied that we have done that before.

Mayor Hart said we have put requirements on different properties.

Councilor Ault said we did it on 728 River Ave and required a builder's certificate for rehab.

City Manager Landes said there may be a policy that has to be implemented for the future.

Councilor Ault said that he is glad we are moving forward on these properties. We have twenty three properties presently. What is the process to making the four happen?

City Manager Landes replied that the Tax Collector documents every time a notice is sent, when the tax bills, what day the commitments where. There is quite a legal process for dates that you need to follow. Usually contact is made with the property owner to try to get an agreement to pay before it goes out to bid.

Councilor Ault said so it is not really reflective of the condition of the property. It's more of when we can legally process them?

City Manager Landes said through the process, it would be probably six months after the foreclosure date before they would go out to bid anyway.

Councilor Rines commented that he agrees with Councilor Berry and we should work hard to help improve the look of the City.

Council agreed to allow Tax Collector to send the four properties out to bid.

-We have a boiler issue at public works. The boiler has shutdown. It is \$27,000 each to replace them. We received \$44,000 in FEMA money and would like to use it to pay for the boilers. We would need to generate \$10,000 and of that, we would receive \$6,500 in a grant from Summit Gas. So \$3,500 would come from the budget.

Councilor Ault said so we didn't approve any budget on the boilers because it was an informational without action requested. There was a catastrophic failure and then pellets were not available. Could Tony LaPlante elaborate on it further?

Tony LaPlante, Public Works Director, commented that when he spoke with Denise about the funding, we could not find any vote or approval. We had ordered the boilers for the City a month ago. We will have gas and propane out at the garage.

Councilor Rees asked if these are replacing the pellet boilers with propane and natural gas. Where there two different companies? If it had been one company, we could have possible said we will give you both bids for a discount.

Tony LaPlante said the company that got the job for City Hall was just under five thousand dollars higher on the public works garage.

Councilor Berry said with the money that came from FEMA for damage, has the damage been taken care of?

Tony LaPlante replied that the money was basically manpower. We were back up to normal within three weeks.

Councilor Dolley asked what the age of the boilers we are replacing is.

Tony LaPlante said he believes it was back 2009-2010.

Mayor Hart said she was on the Council for the second one that went in City Hall. That was in 2011.

Councilor Dolley commented that if you put a boiler in a building, you wouldn't expect to replace it for probably twenty years.

Tony LaPlante replied that we weren't expecting it. The company that sold us the boilers went out of business. The mechanics went out of business.

City Manager Landes said in her previous municipality before her arrival, they switched out from oil when the oil prices were high to pellet boilers. While working in Bethel, we had constant problems with them.

Councilor Dolley what is the process for spending a large sum of money? Do we need to vote?

City Manager Landes answered that the way I saw this was a dire situation and we had the FEMA money. I made the decision to use the money for this purpose.

Councilor White asked what is happening to the boilers that we are replacing. Do they have any value to anyone?

Tony LaPlante replied that one of the bidders asked about them. We are hoping there is a market for selling them.

City Manager Landes commented that someone will eventually want them.

Councilor Ault asked if there any benefit to holding on to them.

Tony LaPlante responded that has also been part of the thought process.

Councilor Rines suggested that instead of putting them out to bid, that maybe we could reach out and see if there is another community or City that could use them and we donate them.

Mayor Hart said she remembers when the boilers were replaced last time that Rusty Greenleaf said keep the oil boilers as a backup, so I am glad you are considering that.

Tony LaPlante said the new boilers will be hung in the boiler room. So we don't have to remove or unhook the old ones.

-Asked for a Poll from the Council for March 27 & April 17 for Budget Workshops.

Mayor Hart asked to get back to her as she didn't have her calendar with her.

City Manager Landes said she would include it in her email summary and the Councilors can respond.

- **CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

Councilor Ault: Thank you to our newest councilor. Thank you Kerstin for your interest. Christine, I really enjoyed the inauguration ceremony. Congrats on your recent election to MMA. Phil Hart gave me an Atari that doesn't work, but I will work on it.

Councilor Cusick: Welcome to Councilor Rees. Congratulations to City Manager Landes on being Vice President. Congrats to Tony and the crew. We really need to do something in the fire department with staffing. We need to protect our own City. We depend on neighboring towns to assist us. It takes 15-20 minutes for response. We had a chimney fire recently where both ambulances were out.

Mayor Hart asked Councilor Cusick if he would like to see on a future agenda.

Councilor Cusick replied yes.

The bridge Bids were opened today. There were two contractors. Reed & Reed was the lowest bid at a little over \$12 million dollars, which is about a million dollars over what was budgeted.

Councilor White: Congrats Mayor Hart on your first meeting. Congrats to Councilor Rees. Congratulate Chief Nelson on his upcoming Tower ribbon cutting ceremony. Congratulations to City Manager Landes on your Vice Presidency. I had fun at the inauguration.

Councilor Berry: Congratulations to Christine, Pat and Amy. Thank you Kerstin very much. I encourage you to run. Thanked City staff, particularly Tony and Barb for getting the mess on Adams Street cleaned up. I think the pile of lumber on Northern Avenue is still in process.

City Manager Landes responded that the property owner ordered a dumpster and had it filled, and then didn't realize that he had to pay for the dumpster. They are working on it.

Councilor Berry asked if any of it could be burned.

Fire Chief Al Nelson said there are rules around that.

City Manager Landes responded that the property owner did not want it burned because he left the first roof and will build on top of it.

Councilor Berry asked about the bill that Thom Harnett entered to make revenue sharing. Is there anything that the City should do to make this process go smoother?

City Manager Landes said we should just support Representative Harnett and word of mouth.

Councilor Berry stated that Gardiner lost around \$2.5 million.

City Manager Landes replied that you wouldn't get that much back. Rough estimate may be around one million.

Councilor Rees: Congrats City Manager Landes. Thank you for voting me in. I am planning to send out a postcard at my own expense to the second district. I would like to sit down individually with Councilors & the Mayor.

Councilor Dolley: Welcome aboard Councilor Rees and congratulations to New Mayor Pat Hart and also to City Manager Landes.

Councilor Rines: Welcome and congratulations Vice President Landes. Congrats Councilor Rees. Thanked the public for braving the weather. Thank Michael Giberson and Neil Anderson. Happy New Year to everyone.

Mayor Hart: Thanked the firefighters for their hard work and all departments for keeping everybody safe. I have a letter from chimney fire to read out loud from Jon Shaw. There will be a fundraiser event to build up the fire relief fund on Valentine's Day. The Inauguration was great. Congrats to Amy Rees and the councilors who were sworn in. Mayor Rollins, Landes & I met before Christmas about the Mayors coalition that talk about energy efficiency and renewable energy. Gardiner Main Street has sold the buildings they were occupying. There will be a coffee shop across from the library. Also, possibly a restaurant, gallery and antique store.

- **ADJOURN**

Councilor Rees moved to adjourn.

Councilor Rines seconded.

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

Unanimous. 8:26pm

*(Minutes were approved as presented during the February 06, 2019 Council Meeting)*