



GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET



Meeting Date	08/03/2022	Department	City Clerk
Agenda Item	4.q) Approval of Council Minutes		
Est. Cost			

Background Information	
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Requested Action	"I move to approve the attached meeting minutes."
City Manager and/or Finance Review	
Council Vote/ Action Taken	
Departmental Follow-Up	

City Clerk Use Only	1 st Reading _____	Advertised _____	EFFECTIVE DATE _____
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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, February 16, 2022
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hart at 6:00 p.m.

1) ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Council Present: Mayor Hart, Councilor Cusick, Councilor Rines, Councilor Berry, Councilor Gilg, and Councilor Frey, Councilor Greenleaf, and Councilor Brown.

City Council Absent:

Also present: Acting City Manager Anne Davis, City Clerk Alisha Ballard, Robert Abbey Dorothy Washburn, Don Gerrish, and Code Enforcement Officer Kris McNeill.

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Abbey and Dorothy Washburn spoke briefly about fundraising for the Lady and the Bird fountain.

Councilor Greenleaf thanked them and mentioned he is a part of the committee that helps fundraise for the fountain.

Councilor Brown thanked them for speaking and providing the council with the history. Councilor Brown asked if they were asking for a specific amount they would like the City of Gardiner to donate.

Robert Abbey stated this was a complicated question to answer but would like a good donation.

Councilor Gilg thanked them and asked if there are other fountains in Maine like this one in Gardiner.

Robert Abbey listed other fountains in Maine.

Councilor Berry asked Robert to make a request for the Budget with a number.

Mayor Hart mentioned this will go on to a future agenda.

Acting City Manager Anne Davis asked when they could start the work on the fountain.

Robert Abbey stated they could work on it until late fall.

Councilor Rines thanked them and asked what they will do with the statue and if the size of the fountain will remain the same.

Robert stated they will be restoring the current fountain not replacing it.

3) PETITIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

4) NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Consideration of a Second and final Read of the Ordinance Review Committee's (ORC) proposed amendment to the City's Code of Ordinances relating to marijuana licensing.**

Action: Councilor Greenleaf moved accept the Ordinance Review Committee's (ORC) draft amendment to the City's marijuana code.

Councilor Gilg seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any discussion. None. All those in favor. Unanimous.

- b) **Consideration of a Second and final Read of the Ordinance Review Committee's (ORC) proposed amendment to the Land Use Ordinance dealing with marijuana establishments.**

Action: Councilor Cusick moved accept the Ordinance Review Committee's (ORC) proposed amendment to the Land Use Ordinance dealing with marijuana establishments.

Councilor Greenleaf seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any discussion. None. All those in favor. Unanimous.

c) Consideration of asking the Ordinance Review Committee for a clarification of Marijuana Business Uses in the Land Use Ordinance

Code Enforcement Officer Kris McNeil spoke briefly.

Mayor Hart mentioned Councilor Berry would like the Ordinance Review Committee to look up the number of parking spaces were required in the traditional down town.

Councilor Berry asked if this was a state requirement.

Code Enforcement Officer Kris McNeil stated this is a state requirement.

Councilor Brown stated the City can have our regulations.

Action: Mayor Hart and Council agreed to send this to the Ordinance Review Committee.

d) Consideration of asking the Ordinance Review Committee to discuss hazardous/non-hazardous marijuana manufacturing at a future ORC meeting

Code Enforcement Officer Kris McNeil spoke briefly.

Councilor Berry asked who would decide if they are hazardous/non-hazardous.

Code Enforcement Officer Kris McNeil stated the council will have a chance to review what the Ordinance Review Committee writes up.

Action: Mayor Hart and Council agreed to send this to the Ordinance Review Committee.

e) Consideration of endorsing the inclusion of the current Cobbossee Corridor Trail as part of the East Coast Greenway (ECG) Trail System.

Acting City manager Anne Davis spoke briefly.

Councilor Berry asked what the cost would be for the city.

Acting City Manager Anne Davis stated the cost would be for the little sign that would state they are a part of the trail system.

Action: Councilor Gilg moved endorse the inclusion of the current Cobbossee Corridor Trail as part of the East Coast Greenway (ECG) Trail System.

Councilor Brown seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any discussion. None. All those in favor. Councilor Berry obtained, unanimous with all voting.

f) Discussion of the January Department Heads' reports

Mayor Hart thanked all department heads for the updates.

5) CITY MANAGER REPORT

Acting City Manager Anne Davis gave an update on the mask mandate, the county grant, and brown tail moth.

Acting City Manager Anne Davis spoke briefly about the FY23 budget.

Acting City Manager Anne Davis stated Finance Director Lucyann Cook is working on filling the vacant positions.

Acting City Manager Anne Davis stated she asked the Solid Waste Committee to reconvene due to hatch hill.

Councilor Berry asked Acting City Manager Anne about the error with the sewer billing and asked if the City had to pay for the new bill to be mailed out.

Acting City Manager Anne Davis stated the vender is paying for the cost.

Councilor Berry stated the Elks Club would like a digital sign.

Mayor Hart stated he would need to speak with Code Enforcement Officer Kris McNeill.

Councilor Berry stated he did not receive a good understanding about the Police Budget.

Acting City Manager Anne Davis stated this will be a part of the budget and they will review the differences.

6) CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilor Greenleaf asked about the pot holes near the Randolph Bridge and who would be responsible.

Councilor Cusick stated the city would be responsible with paving.

Mayor Hart asked City Clerk what are the dates for pulling papers for the June Election.

City Clerk Alisha Ballard stated March 4th is the pickup date and return by April 29th.

Mayor Hart reminded councilors about the goal setting workshop.

Mayor Hart stated Terry Maschino and Mert Hickey have passed away.

7) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Action: Councilor Cusick motioned to move into executive session Per M.R.S. §405 (6)(a):Discussion or consideration of employment and Per M.R.S. §405 (6)(h): Consultations between municipal officers and a code enforcement officer representing the municipality.

Councilor Brown seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any discussion. Seeing none, a roll call was conducted.
Unanimous.

The City Council moved into executive session at 6:58 p.m.

a.) Per M.R.S. §405 (6)(a):Discussion or consideration of employment.

Nothing to report.

b.) Per M.R.S. §405 (6)(h): Consultations between municipal officers and a code enforcement officer representing the municipality

Councilor Berry left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Nothing to report.

Councilor exited executive session at 8:26 p.m.

8) ADJOURN

Action: Councilor Cusick motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Councilor Greenleaf seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any discussion. Seeing none, a roll call was conducted. Unanimous.

The City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Alisha Ballard

City Clerk



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, March 2, 2022
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hart at 6:00 p.m.

1) ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Council Present: Mayor Hart, Councilor Cusick, Councilor Gilg, Councilor Rees, and Councilor Frey, Councilor Greenleaf, Councilor Brown and Councilor Rines.

City Council Absent: Council Berry

Also present: Acting City Manager James Toman, City Clerk Alisha Ballard, Ed DuGay, Jenifer Edwards, Eric Duffin, Code Enforcement Officer Kris McNeill, Public Work Director Jerry Douglas, Kyle Rosenberg and Jessica Lowell.

Mayor Hart asked for a moment of silence.

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Edwards asked to speak in regards to speaking issues on Neal Street.

Police Chef spoke briefly.

3) PETITIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- a) Public Hearing to consider approval for a license renewal for a Medical Marijuana Retail Store – 4Twenty

Mayor Hart opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. and asked for any comments from the public.

Ed Dugay spoke briefly.

Mayor Hart closed the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

- b) Public Hearing to consider approval for a license renewal for a Medical Marijuana Retail Store – Sugar Bud Farms

Mayor Hart opened the public hearing at 6:09 p.m. and asked for any comments from the public. Mayor Hart closed the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

4) NEW BUSINESS

a) Discussion of possible solutions to the infestation of brown-tailed moths

Public Works Director Jerry Douglass spoke briefly.

Kyle Rosenberg spoke briefly about brown-tailed moths and different options.

Council Brown asked Kyle to talk more about the products that he uses.

Kyle described the products.

Councilor Cusick asked when this should be done.

Kyle stated pruning is already taking place.

Councilor Cusick asked if they were concentrating on any areas more than others.

Public Works Director Douglass stated they are focusing on higher foot traffic.

Councilor Greenleaf asked if they would treat downtown.

Kyle stated brown-tailed moths are attracted to light.

Councilor Frey asked about cost.

Kyle stated it is easier when they provide him with the location and plants.

Councilor Frey asked what the cost was for the bigger tree last year.

Kyle stated the larger tree was \$400.

Councilor Gilg asked if residents could get this service.

Kyle states their business could try to take first come first serve.

Public Works Director Douglass asked how many are in each nest.

Kyle said – 52-100 in each nest.

Councilor Rines asked if there was a bird or animal that would eat them.

Kyle stated there is not a natural predator that will eat them.

Public Works Director Douglass stated if we could gather some volunteers to come in to clip trees at the waterfront it would be helpful.

b) Consideration of approving a Major Event application from GAMA (Gardiner Area Ministers Association) to hold an Easter Sunrise Worship

Action: Councilor Cusick moved to approve the application for a Major Event from GAMA to hold an Easter Sunrise worship.

Councilor Rines seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any discussion. None. All those in favor. Unanimous.

c) Consideration of approving a license renewal for a Medical Marijuana Retail Store – 4Twenty

Action: Councilor Cusick moved to approve a license renewal application from Edward Dugay for the Medical Marijuana Retail Store, 4Twenty, LLC located at 243 Water Street, Gardiner until 2/28/2023.

Councilor Gilg seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any discussion. None. All those in favor. Unanimous.

d) Consideration of approving a license renewal for a Medical Marijuana Retail Store – Sugar Bud Farms

Action: Councilor Greenleaf moved to approve a license renewal application from Michael Blanche for the Medical Marijuana Retail Store, Sugar Bud Farms, located at 414 Water Street, Gardiner until 2/28/2023.

Councilor Cusick seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any discussion. None. All those in favor. Unanimous.

e) Discussion of Goals identified in Council Goal Setting Workshop

Mayor Hart spoke briefly about the goal setting workshop.

Councilors and Mayor Hart discussed goals and if they should be changed or stay as presented.

5) CITY MANAGER REPORT

No Report

6) CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilor Cusick thanked Chief Toman and Public Works Director Douglass for their help with the ice buildup.

Councilor Frey asked how much money we have to spend on the brown-tailed moth eradication and if they need to delegate more money.

Mayor Hart stated this can be added to the 3/16/2022 agenda.

Councilor Greenleaf thanked Councilor Frey for his comment on brown-tail moth.

Councilor Greenleaf talked about the road conditions.

Councilor Greenleaf asked about the paving on Brunswick Hill.

Councilor Brown stated there were 25 people in the Library to talk about a possible event.

Mayor Hart stated February 22nd there was a meeting to discuss the work to be done at Johnson hall.

Mayor Hart stated Saturday March 12th Gardiner Main Street is holding an event to gather everyone to discuss what they should focus on moving forward.

Mayor Hart thanked public works for the snow removal.

Mayor Hart reminded councilors they have an executive session March 8th.

7) ADJOURN

Action: Councilor Greenleaf motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Councilor Rines seconded.

Mayor Hart asked for any discussion. Seeing none, a roll call was conducted. Unanimous.

The City Council adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Alisha Ballard

City Clerk