



**GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**



Meeting Date	11/02/2022	Department	City Council
Agenda Item	4.e Approval of the 10/19/2022 Council Meeting minutes		
Est. Cost			

Background Information	
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Requested Action	'I move to approve the October 19, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.'
City Manager and/or Finance Review	The City Manager recommends the above action.
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, October 19, 2022
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hart at 6:01 p.m.

1) ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Council Present: Mayor Hart, Councilor Berry, Councilor Cusick, and Councilor Frey, Councilor West, Councilor Brown

City Council Absent: Councilor Greenleaf

Also present: Finance Director Denise Brown, Deputy Clerk Michelle Snowden, Code Enforcement Officer Kris McNeill, Fire Chief Rick Sieberg, Library Director Justin Hoenke, Wastewater Director Doug Clark

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3) PETITIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

4) NEW BUSINESS

a) Appointments to Historic Preservation Committee

Action: Councilor Brown motioned to appoint Deborah Felder, Geri Doyle, and Clare Marron to the Historic Preservation Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rines. All in favor.

b) Consent to send Electric Fences to the Ordinance Review Committee

Code Enforcement Officer Kris McNeill spoke briefly about fences, including electric fences that are allowed to sit on the property line. He suggested that the Ordinance Review Committee review this policy. Councilor Brown asked how this concern was brought forth, to which Mr. McNeill replied that a 4' agricultural fence was installed recently, which looked like a large electric fence, therefore, he thought he would suggest it for review.

Action: Councilor Cusick moved to send Electric Fences to the Ordinance Review Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor West. All in favor.

c) Consent to send Battery Storage Facilities to the Ordinance Review Committee

Code Enforcement Officer Kris McNeill proposed that a policy for battery storage facilities be sent to the Ordinance Review Committee. He feels that this could be a need with solar arrays increasing in popularity.

Action: Councilor Cusick motioned for battery storage facilities to be sent to the Ordinance Review Committee, Councilor Brown seconded. All those in favor.

d) Consent to send Demolition Delay to the Ordinance Review Committee

Code Enforcement Officer McNeill would like to request that a demolition delay – buildings within the historic district would have to be wait for a period of time (45 – 60 days) before approval by the preservation committee. This delay would allow for community members to offer alternate plans, if desired. Councilor Berry mentioned that this is something that should be low on the priority list.

Action: Councilor Frey motioned to approve demolition delay being sent to the Ordinance Review Committee, Councilor Brown seconded. All in favor.

e) Approval of the 2023 City Council Proposed Meeting Schedule

The proposed 2023 City Council meeting dates continues the schedule of the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Action: Councilor Cusick motioned for approval of the 2023 proposed meeting schedule, Councilor West seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

f.) Approval of the October 5, 2022 Council Meeting minutes

Action: Councilor Frey motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Councilor Cusick seconded. All those in favor.

g.) Approval of a Victualers License for Stone Broke Bread and Books

Action: Councilor Cusick made a motion to approve the victualers license for Stone Broke Bread and Books, Councilor Brown seconded the motion. All those in favor.

h.) Fire Engine 1 Replacement

Finance Director Denise Brown stated that in May 2022, a new fire truck, to replace engine one, was placed in the capital improvement plan. At that time, a proposal to borrow approximately 1 million dollars with a 20 year repayment of \$76,000 was the goal. Denise reported that Androscoggin Bank was the only financial institution to answer the lease / purchase proposal, however, they will only allow a term of 15 years, which will bring the payment to \$92,451. Discussion followed about options such as using ARPA funds to offset the total borrowing amount or bonding. Councilor Berry asked if a bond would allow borrowing for 20 years, to which Denise answered, yes, but there would be a \$50,000 increase in total price. Councilor Frey asked if there are any grants that could help with the total cost. Chief Sieberg stated that grants are not an option due to the fleet being too new. Following discussion, it was suggested that Pierce Manufacturing provides a surety bond, which would be included in the contract.

Action: Councilor Berry made a motion to approve a 15 year lease-purchase of the Pierce Arrow XT fire truck in the amount of \$949,080 with Androscoggin Bank subject to a surety bond provided by Pierce Manufacturing. Councilor Cusick seconded. All those in favor.

5) CITY MANAGER REPORT none at this time.

6) CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Mayor Hart reminded all that early voting is occurring now at City Hall. She also announced that the food coop is having an open house on Thursday, October 27 and hosting a food drive for Chrysalis Food Bank

7) ADJOURN

Action: Councilor Cusick motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Berry seconded. Mayor Hart asked for any discussion. Seeing none, a roll call was conducted. All in favor.

The City Council adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Michelle Snowden, Deputy Clerk