



## Presque Isle City Council Meeting

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

6:00 PM

Sargant Family Community Center

### Call to Order - Roll Call

Present: Chairman K. Freeman, Deputy Chairman J. Shaw Councilors M. Chasse, C. Green, G. Nelson D. Cyr and J. Willette.

City Manager Martin Puckett and City Clerk Kimberly Finnemore were also present.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman K. Freeman called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Public Hearing

1. Approve Renewal application of Marijuana license for Northern Maine Flower with location of 540 Maine St.

Chairman K. Freeman opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 PM.

There were no citizens comments

Chairman K. Freeman closed the Public Hearing at 6:04 PM

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve renewal application of marijuana License for Northern Maine Flower, with location at 540 Main St.

Vote: 7-0

### Citizen Comments

There were no Citizens Comments

### Consent Agenda

2. Approve Minutes from February 2, 2022 meeting
3. Approve 2022 Warrants #3, #4 and #5 totaling \$1,388,248.41
4. Amendment to Post Issuance of Compliance Policy
5. Approve Appointment to the Downtown Revitalization Committee (Matthew McGinley)
6. Approve MDOT Over limit Permit for construction
7. Aroostook Agency on Aging Support Letter

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Chairman C. Green, seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

**Vote: 7-0**

**Old Business**

8. Enterprise Agreement

Discussion Only City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the Fleet Analysis. That it would take about 30 weeks before City could receive vehicles. M. Puckett also said that the City can opt out of any vehicle and there is no penalty. The City won't get charged any monthly payments until vehicles show up. Officer Depner spoke on 4 police cruiser that have the potential to quit at anytime because of age of vehicles and militance issues

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve a motion to reconsidering the previous proposal from Enterprise Agreement.

**Vote: 7-0**

Council had Discussions

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to authorize the City manager to sign Enterprise Agreement.

**Vote: 6-1**

## 9. Goal Setting

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the goal setting meeting. He talked about the 7 Main topics. 1. Housing, 2, Recreation Programming. 3. Online presence. 4. Workforce. 5. Marketing & promotion. 6. Downtown Planning/Façade Program. 7. Regional Services. M. Puckett would like to make working group for housing and to make a timeline for each focus group.

## 10. City Hall Updates

Dana Fowler spoke about the second floor being almost done. Waiting for the fire Marshall and some of the new furniture has come in.

### **New Business**

## 11. Star City ATV Grant Support Request

Richard Howlett Star City ATV President for past 17 years. Richard was asking the city for support in applying for a municipal grant. This grant is a 90-10%, the Dept. of Conservation share is 90% and the Star City ATV Club share is 10% in which there is no cost to the city of Presque Isle.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor M. Chasse to approve support in applying for municipal grant.

**Vote: 7-0**

## 12. Schedule a Public Hearing for Dangerous Building

City Manager M. Puckett spoke about 45 Elm Street Complaints

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to schedule a Public Hearing for dangerous buildings on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

**Vote:7-0**

## 13. Information Technologies

City Manager M. Puckett spoke about what will be put in the Council Chambers when

remodel is done.

Eric from Greenmark IT spoke what will be in the Chambers.

14. City of Presque Isle Website

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on website being put on back burner during COVID. Talked about the small committee established in 2020. Talked about how to improve the website. Chairman K. Freeman would like to look over the information they received and talk it about under Old Business next month

15. Reapportion School Board Districts.

Councilor C. Green talked about getting the Census and the school board districts haven't been looked at since the 1975

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor C. Green seconded by Councilor J. Willette to Set up a work group with the interested parties to best decided how to reapportion the seats for the board for SAD #1.

Councilor M. Chasse would like to go on record that he wished we were initiated a conversation with SAD #1

**Vote: 7-0**

**Manager's Report**

M. Puckett spoke on the Marijuana working group that met that morning. And the good discussing they had.

Monday evening the Rec. Dept had a meeting for the Non-Profit Committee.

Last week had a Façade Designs meeting

**Announcements**

We have the following vacancies for Board/Committees: Zoning Board, Audit Committee, Downtown Revitalization Committee or as an alternate on the Library Board Please see the City Clerk or apply online.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Presque Isle City Council is on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the Sargent Family Community Center

**Adjournment**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Chairman K. Freeman seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to enter into Executive Session at 7:37 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) to discuss Real Estate matter.

**Vote: 7-0**

Out of executive session at 8:40 PM no action taken

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to enter into Executive Session at 8:40 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) to discuss a negotiation matter.

**Vote: 6-0**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor C. Green to adjourn at 9:50 PM.

**Vote 6-0**

Attested by: Kimberly A Finnemore  
Kimberly A Finnemore, City Clerk

