



Presque Isle City Council Meeting

May 3rd, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber

Executive Session @ 5:00 p.m.

All Councilors present Councilor J. Willette showed up at 5:07 p.m.

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman J. Shaw seconded by Deputy Chairman K. Freeman to enter into executive session at 5:00 p.m. pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) to discuss real estate matter. Councilor J. Willette not present.

Vote: 6-0

Out of executive session at 5:11 p.m.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor D. Cyr seconded by Councilor C. Green to authorize the city manager to make an offer of \$300,000 but not to exceed \$360,000 for 140 Mountain Rd for the possible land conversion of the Land and Water Bureau of parks and Land.

Vote: 6-0-1

Councilor J. Willette abstained

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman J. Shaw seconded by Councilor D. Cyr to enter into executive session at 5:11 p.m. pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) to discuss real estate matter.

Vote: 7-0

Out of executive session at 5:19 p.m.

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman K. Freeman seconded by Councilor D. Cyr to accept proposal from Alan Trombley, 53 Chapman Street- tear down house, garage, and driveway. \$8,100, 55 Chapman Street-tear down house and driveway. \$8,000, 61 Chapman Street-level & seed to lawn. \$2,500, 69 Chapman Street-level and seed to lawn. \$2,500, 71 Chapman Street-tear down house and remove garbage. Level and seed to lawn. \$8,400, 73 Chapman Street-tear down white garage and remove garbage. Level and seed to lawn. \$3,800, Construct approximately 100' by 70' gravel pad at 53 and 55 Chapman Street instead of seeding to lawn. Construct the pad for \$1.71 sq./ft. for a total of \$12,000, Remove the metal roof from 55 Chapman Street for \$1,200 and leave on site for the City. Total of \$46,500, and up to \$3,500 in additional hauling fees.

Vote: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman J. Shaw seconded by Councilor C. Green to enter into executive session at 5:21 p.m. pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) to discuss real estate matter.

Vote: 7-0

Out of executive session at 5:23 p.m.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green seconded by Councilor D. Cyr to authorize the city manager to sign necessary paperwork for land from MDOT on Carmichael St. for development and recreational purposes.

Vote:7-0

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman J. Shaw seconded by Deputy Chairman K. Freeman to enter into executive session at 5:33 p.m. pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) to discuss Negotiations.

Vote: 7-0

Out of executive session at 5:56 p.m.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse seconded by Councilor J. Willette to accept April 20, 2023 proposal from Buck Construction with added options for the replacement of the damaged roof of the forum for \$314,525 from fund balance.

Vote 7-0

PICDA Meeting at 5:45

Call to Order - Roll Call

Present: Chairman J. Shaw, Deputy Chairman K. Freeman, Councilors C. Green, M. Chasse, G. Nelson, J. Willette and Councilor D. Cyr.
City Manager Martin Puckett and City Clerk Kimberly Finnemore were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing

1. Approval of lodging establishment license for Charles & Traci Halverson with location of 12 Church Street.

Chairman J. Shaw opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m.

City Manager M. Puckett advised the staff has reviewed the application and recommends approval.

There were no citizens comments.

Chairman J. Shaw closed the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Willette seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve a lodging establishment license to Charles Halverson with a location of 12 Church Street.

Vote: 7-0

2. Approval of lodging establishment license for Sure Stay by Best Western with a location of 71 Main Street.

Chairman J. Shaw opened the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.

There were no citizens comments.

Chairman J. Shaw closed the public hearing at 6:04 p.m.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve a lodging establishment license to SureStay by Best Western with a location of 71 Main Street.

Vote:7-0

Citizen Comments

There were no citizens Comments

Consent Agenda

3. Approve minutes from April 5, 2023
4. Approve 2023 Warrants #12-#15 totaling \$1,369,602.07
5. Approve appointment of Linda Menard as alternate to the Rec. & Parks Advisory Board.
6. Approve employment agency license for ManPower
7. Application for utility location permit-State Street.
8. Application for utility location permit-Various locations.
9. Road closure for Maine Regional Antique Automobile Club of America.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve consent agenda items #3-#9 as presented.

Vote: 7-0

Old Business

No old business

New Business

10. Purchase of All Terrain Vehicle for Fire Department.

Deputy Chairman K. Freeman recused himself from the discussion

City Manager M. Puckett stated the Fire and Police Departments are seeking approval to reallocate funds from three accounts to purchase a UTV to be used jointly. Staff recommends.

Fire Chief Darrell White address the council. The fire department believes strongly that the time has come to replace the snowmobile which is an older unit and does not really meet the demands of rescues. Also have an old military surplus 4-wheeler that is used for summer time rescues that also needs replacement. Chief White said they went to the different dealers and sat down and discussed with each one what they were looking for and needed in a machine.

Council asked questions on specs of the different machines.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green seconded by Councilor J. Willette to authorize the purchase of an All-Terrain Vehicle not to exceed \$40,000.

Vote: 6-0-1

Deputy Chairman K. Freeman abstained

11. 2022 Annual report dedication

City Manager M. Puckett advise the council that each year they select a person or group to dedicate the annual report too. In the past years we recognized Larry Perry, Mary and Rodney Smith Foundation, Peggy Irwin, Ralph Lapointe, Larry Clark, those who contributed to the new Community Center, Tom Clukey. M. Puckett would like the council to consider who they would like and submit names to his email. Since they like to keep this as a surprise to the recipient.

Manager's Report

City Manager M. Puckett informed the Council that of May 19th the Downtown Committee is kicking off the Concert, with Wednesday Night Fiddlers and Barefoot Brotherhood. The Farmers Market is kicking the season off on May 20th. The Memorial Day Parade hasn't applied yet, M. Puckett asked the Council if the Memorial Day Parade Committee applies if the council would approve it tonight.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve the Memorial Day Parade as long as we receive an application.

Vote 7-0


Announcements

Chairman J. Shaw read the announcements. Anah Temple Shrine Circus at the Forum on May 4th-6th. Presque Isle Fish & Game Club's Aroostook River Fun Run will be held on May 20th. Spring Craft Fair at the Aroostook Centre Mall on May 20th. The Fiddlehead Festival will be held on May 20th and 21st. June 3rd is the Presque Isle City Wide Yard Sale. The City has the following employment vacancies: Police officer. We have the following vacancies for Boards/ Committees: Assessment Review, 2-on year alternates. Audit Committee, 1-four-year member. Zoning Board, 1-three-year member and 1-one-year alternate. Rec & Parks, 2-one-year alternates. Please see the City Clerk for an application or apply online. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Presque Isle City Council will be on Wednesday, June 7th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. (5:00 p.m. for executive session) in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Adjournment

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman K. Freeman seconded by Councilor J. Willette to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Vote: 7-0

Attested by: 
Kimberly A Finnemore, City Clerk