



Presque Isle City Council Meeting

May 5th, 2021

6:00 PM

Presque Isle City Council Chambers

Call to Order – Roll Call

Present: Chairman K. Freeman, Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, Councilors M. Chasse, C. Green, R. Smith, and J. Willette.

D. Cyr arrived at 6:05pm

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman K. Freeman called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing

1. Approval of the Community Development Block Grant for Ignite PI

Chairman K. Freeman opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 PM.

Clint Deschene spoke on behalf of Ignite PI on the Grant process

There were no citizen comments.

Chairman K. Freeman closed the Public Hearing at 6:10 PM.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Willette, seconded by Deputy Chair J. Shaw to approve of the Community Development Block Grant for Ignite PI

Vote: 7- 0

2. Approval of a Marijuana License to Bonnie Devino McGinley, d/b/a Royal Leaf Apothecary with location to 415 Main Street.

Chairman K. Freeman opened the hearing at 6:11 PM.

Matthew Ryan McGinley spoke on behalf of Royal Leaf Apothecary

There were no citizens comments.

Chairman K. Freeman closed the hearing at 6:15 PM.

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve of a Marijuana license to Bonnie Devino McGinley, d/b/a Royal Leaf Apothecary with location to 415 main Street.

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Citizen Comments

Paige Houston from 38 Elm St. had concerns about 36 Elm St. that has been condemned and has trash that is blowing on her property, and owners are still on the property and runs their generator at all hours of the night. George Howe from Code Enforcement spoke on the regulations. Chairman K. Freeman asked George to look at garbage to be taken care of in a 24-hour period. Councilor D. Cyr spoke in concerned about no noise ordinance. Chairman K. Freeman asked that this is put on the agenda as Old Business for June meeting.

Consent Agenda

3. April 7, 2021 Minutes.
4. Warrant #12-#15 Totaling \$1,111,141.19
 - Warrant #12-\$241,391.15
 - Warrant #13-\$131,777.31
 - Warrant #14-\$141,366.27
 - Warrant #15-\$596,606.46
5. Approve Employment Agency License for Maine Health Care Staffing.
6. Drug Forfeiture Amended by Mike to Add a second Drug Forfeiture
7. Memorial Day Parade.
8. Approve Taxi Cab Service License for Jeff Nichols, d/b/a Jeff's Taxi.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to approve Consent Agenda articles # 4-13 as presented.

Vote: 7 - 0

Old Business

9. Tuck By-Pass

Discussion only

10. Dangerous Buildings-14 Park Street

City Manager Martin Puckett spoke on the steps the City has taken.

Galen Weibley Director of Economic & Community Development spoke in more detail on the Steps the City has taken on this property concerning Demolition.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to Hire Trombley Construction Inc. to demolish 14 Park Street per the council's September 9th Order to Abate.

Vote 6-1

Abstained-1 Counselor C. Green

11. Echo Lake Sewer System

Discussion Only

New Business

12. Forum HVAC

Discussion Only. Added to the June 2, 2021 meeting under Old Business.

13. Tax Acquired Property

Discussing and Tabled until the June council meeting.

Manager's Report

City Manager Martin Puckett spoke on six topics. Puckett asked the council if they wanted to continue offering movies in the park, similar to previous years. Council agreed to fund at same level as previous year, \$1,200.

The city is partnering with MDOT for a Municipal Partnership Initiative to pave Dyer Street, sharing 50% of the costs of the project.

The Komatsu loader will need to be repaired, the hydraulic system had a major failure. Estimates are over \$40,000

The airport has developed a marketing plan with multiple media outputs.

The Star City ATV club submitted the paperwork for grants, the project was approved last meeting but requires signatures.

City Hall construction will begin next week, announcements will be made to notify the public.

Announcements

The next meeting of the Presque Isle City Council will be held in Council Chambers on June 2, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to enter into Executive Session at 7:19 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) to discuss Negotiations.

Vote: 7 - 0

Council exited Executive Session at 8:03PM

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to enter into Executive Session at 8:03 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) to discuss Negotiations.

Vote: 7 - 0

Council exited Executive Session at 9:12 PM

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to enter into Executive Session at 9:13 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) to discuss Attorney-client Consultation.

Vote: 6- 0

Council exited Executive Session at 9:36 PM

Motion by Councilor C. Green to approve union contracts as presented, Second by Chairman K. Freeman.

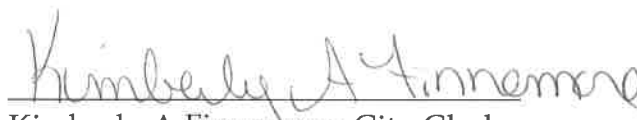
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Adjournment

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 PM.

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Attested by:


Kimberly A Finnemore, City Clerk

