



Presque Isle City Council Meeting

June 1st, 2022

6:00 PM

Sargant Family Community Center

Call to Order - Roll Call

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

Absent Councilor M. Chasse

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman K. Freeman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing

1. Approval for a malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License and Special Permit for Music, Dancing & Entertainment for ignite Presque Isle d/b/a Presque Isle Hotel company, with a location of 436 Main Street.

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

There were no citizens comments

Chairman K. Freeman closed the Public Hearing at 6:05 PM

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve a malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License and Special Permit Music, Dancing and Entertainment for Presque Isle Ignite Presque Isle, d/b/a Presque Isle Hotel company, with location of 436 Main St.

Vote: 6-0

2. Approval of malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License and Special Permit for Music, Dancing & Entertainment for Presque Isle Inn, Inc. d/b/a Presque Isle Inn and Convention Center, with location of 116 Main Street.

Chairman K. Freeman opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 PM

There were no citizens comments

Chairman K. Freeman closed the Public Hearing at 6:06 PM

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green and seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to approve a malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License and Special Permit for Music, Dancing and Entertainment for Presque Isle Inn, Inc. d/b/a Presque Isle Inn and Convention Center, with location of 116 main Street.

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3. Adopt Changes to Chapter 59QA marijuana Ordinance.

Chairman K. Freeman opened the Public Hearing at 6:06 PM

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the working group with members from the Public, police chief, Business owners. They talked about labeling, agriculture zone, and an appeal process.

Galen Weibley also spoke on the meeting the group had done.

There were no citizens comments.

Chairman K. Freeman closed the Public Hearing at 6:06 PM

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw and seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve revisions to Chapter 59A, marijuana Ordinance

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Citizen Comments

Scott Wilson owner of 33 & 35 Elm St. Mr. Wilson would like to purchase 36 Elm St. and clean up the property. 36 Elm St. is with Realtor Chuck Johnston

Consent Agenda

4. Approve Minutes from May 4, 2022 meeting.
5. Approve 2022 Warrants #14-#17 totaling \$2,204,980.08

6. Approve Reappointment Galen Weibley to Norther Maine Development Commission
7. Approve Appointment Sharon Brown to Library Board of Trustees (Alternate)
8. Approve Election Warrants.

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve Consent Agenda #4-#8 as presented.

Vote: 6-0

9. Versant Power

Versant Pole Application for 3 poles are replacements and are located near the intersection of Carmichael Street and Rice Street.

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve the application for a utility location permit submitted by Versant Power Emera Maine dated 03/02/22 with attached plan WO NO 2PRESQU222866.

Vote: 6-0

10. Transfer of Capital Reserves

City Manager M. Puckett spoke that we hadn't got a formal approval for transferring funds from Police reserves, Rec. Reserves and DECD reserves for the Enterprise Leasing contract.

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to authorize the transfer of funds from Police Reserves \$136,091.33, Rec. Reserves \$35,000.00 and DECD Reserves \$18,750.00 for a total of \$189,841.33 into the Enterprise Leasing Reserve.

Vote: 6-0

11. Approve Quitclaim Deed

City Manager M. Puckett talked about the purchase and sales agreement that happened in 2021 Between the City of Presque Isle and Aroostook Trusses, Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to approve the Quitclaim Deed to Aroostook Trusses, Inc. the land and buildings located at Missile Street, Presque Isle, Maine.

Vote: 5-0-1

Abstained **Councilor G. Nelson**

Old Business

12. Dangerous Building-45 Elm Street

City Manager M. Puckett spoke about the updated photos from the day before. City has been dealing with this property since 2019. City is asking the owners to come in and make a plan with the city at resolving the code issues.

Code Enforcement Officer T. St. Peter spoke on all the various issues that the building has.

Chairman K. Freeman made the comment of the two pictures that were taken first was in 2020 and the most recent was yesterday 2022. Nothing has changed in the pictures that were taken in two years.

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to adjudge 45 Elm Street to be a nuisance and dangerous property, for the owner to abate all conditions within 30 days to the satisfaction of the Code Enforcement Officer and assess a penalty of \$100.00 per day if not complied to. Direct the City Manager to cause the structure to be demolished and removed. The cost to be charged against the real estate that the structure sets and shall constitute a lien on such real estate

Vote: 6-0

13. City Hall Renovation Update

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on all the updates and hoping the third floor will be finished soon.

New Business

14. Website RFQ

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the Bids received for the Website and gave a breakdown about the difference of each bid. The committee narrowed it down to the two best candidates which was Revize and Civicengage.

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to approve the committee's recommendation.

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15. Airport Update

Scott Wardwell spoke on the flights pre Covid to post Covid. Scott gave a verbal presentation of the information and passed out graphs of the Enplanement Trend since 2006 to present.

Manager's Report

M. Puckett spoke about the splash pad being opened once the temperature gets warmer. The Recreation Dept. Summer Programs have started.

Announcements

Chairman K. Freeman talked about Food Truck Friday's begin in June and happen every other Friday. This month's dates are June 3rd and 17th at 5:00 pm at Riverside. Rockin' on Riverside will be on June 23^{re} at 6:00pm with the band Too Far North playing. Also held at Riverside. This year's City-Wide Yard Sale is the weekend of June 5, 6. Annual Chamber's Strawberry Shortcake Sale is on Thursday, June 16. We have the following vacancies for Boards/Committees: Zoning Board, alternate on Planning Board or alternate on Library Board. 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, July 6, 2022 at 6:00 Pm at the Sargent Family community Center.

Adjournment

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw seconded by Councilor J. Willette to enter into Executive Session at 7:30PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) to discuss Negotiations.

Vote: 6-0

Out of executive session at 8:09 PM

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve the regional assessing program as presented.

Vote:6-0

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman seconded by Councilor J. Willette to enter into Executive Session at 8:09 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) to discuss Negotiations.

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Out of executive session at 9:06 PM

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to adjourn at 9:07 PM.

Vote 6-0

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