



Presque Isle City Council Meeting

June 2nd, 2021

6:00 PM

Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Public Library

Call to Order - Roll Call

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

Councilor C. Green arrived at 6:09pm

Absent Councilor R. Smith

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman K. Freeman called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing

1. Approval for a Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License 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.

Jan Lucas spoke on behalf of Ignite Presque Isle

There were no citizen comments.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chair J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve a Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License for Ignite Presque Isle, d/b/a Presque Isle Hotel Company.

Vote: 5- 0

2. Approval of a 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 hearing at 6:06 PM.

There were no citizens comments.

Chairman K. Freeman closed the hearing at 6:08 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 for Music, Dancing & Entertainment for Presque Isle Inn, Inc. d/b/a Presque Isle Inn and Convention Center.

Vote: 5 - 0

Citizen Comments

Chairman K. Freeman opened the Citizen Comments at 6:07 Closed at 6:08 with no comments.

Consent Agenda

3. May 5, 2021 Minutes.
4. Warrant #16-#19 Totaling \$1,457,193.55
 - Warrant #16-\$64,113.27
 - Warrant #17-\$135,672.91
 - Warrant #18-\$1,080,805.45
 - Warrant #19-\$176,601.92

5. Approve 2021 Tax Anticipation Note

Brad Spoke on the Bid process. Aroostook Waste Solutions was the Lower bid.

6. Approve Reappointment to Northern Maine Development Commission.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to approve Consent Agenda articles # 3-#6 as presented.

Vote: 5 - 0

Old Business

7. Forum HVAC

Discussion only

8. Tax Acquired Property-12 & 16 Judd Street

City Manager Martin Puckett spoke on the 4 different possible actions.

- a. Demolish
- b. Negotiate with abutting land owner
- c. Place out to bid with time line of work to be done
- d. Place with Realtor.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to place with a Realtor for the next 30 days, Black Bear Realty.

Vote 4-1

New Business

9. Summer Events Update

City Manager Martin Puckett spoke on all the free up coming summer events in Presque Isle

10. Rental Housing Report

Galen Weibley spoke on the Rental Housing Working Group
Kevin Freeman spoke of his time on the Committee

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor Deputy Chairman

J. Shaw to adopt the Presque Isle Rental Housing Report as presented(amended). And that we schedule a joint public hearing between the City Council and Planning Board to review and discuss the draft Residential Rental Registration Ordinance on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Library's Akeley Gallery.

Vote 5-0

11. Dangerous Buildings List

Discussion only

12. Downtown TIF Policy

Galen Weibley spoke on the TIF Policy and updates

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Willette, seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to adopt the Downtown Tax Increment Financing District Policy for the City of Presque Isle.

Vote 5-0

13. Approval of Presque Isle Development Fund Loan

City Manager Martin Puckett spoke on the awarded Loan

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve a Presque Isle Development Fund loan from the Presque Isle Development Fund to Bruce Guerrette, d/b/a Crown of Maine Motor's, Inc. as presented.

Vote 5-0

14. Assessment Updated

Lewis Cousins and City Manger Martin Puckett talked about the Assessment.,
Discussion only

Manager's Report

City Manager Martin Puckett spoke on June 22, 2021 State of Maine, Maine School Administrative District No. 1 District Budget Validation Referendum. Pole Hours 7AM

to 8PM. At the Community Center in the Multiply Purpose Room. City Manager M. Puckett talked about having fireworks during the July Celebration and asked the council if they would vote to approve up to \$3500.00 towards the firework display, Vote was 5-0.

Announcements

The next meeting of the Presque Isle City Council will be held at the Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Public Library on July 7, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor C. Green to enter into Executive Session at 8:04 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) to discuss Negotiations.

Vote: 5 - 0

Council exited Executive Session at 8:23PM
No Action Taken

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor C. Green to enter into Executive Session at 8:25PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) to discuss Negotiations.
Council exited Executive Session at 9:23PM
No Action Taken

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor C. Green to enter into Executive Session at 9:24PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) to discuss Negotiations.

Council exited Executive Session at 10:13 PM
No Action Taken

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve the 2021 advertising budget for the airport and authorize the City manager to commit up to \$625,000of CARES Act Funding for future aviation funding. Second by Councilor C. Green

Vote 5-0

Adjournment

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor C. Green to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 PM.

Vote 5 -0

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