



## Presque Isle City Council Meeting

July 7<sup>th</sup>, 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, C. Green, R. Smith and J. Willette.

Councilor C. Green arrived at 6:09pm

Absent Councilor D. Cyr

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 Marijuana License to Joe Pelkey and Chase Norton, d/b/a Star City Wellness, with a location of 694 Main Street

Chairman K. Freeman opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 PM.

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the 2 code violations and Stated J. Pelkey and C. Norton has fixed the 2 violations and there are no issues with renewing the license.

There were no citizen comments.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Deputy Chair J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve a Marijuana License to Joe Pelkey and Chase Norton, d/b/a Star city Wellness, with location of 694 Main Street.

**Vote: 6- 0**

2. Approval for a Special Permit for Music, Dancing and Entertainment to Ignite Presque Isle d/b/a the Northeastland Hotel with location of 436 Main Street.

Chairman K. Freeman opened the hearing at 6:02 PM.

There were no citizens comments.

Chairman K. Freeman closed the hearing at 6:03 PM.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor J. Willette, seconded by Councilor M. Chasse to approve a Special Permit for Music, Dancing & Entertainment for Ignite Presque Isle d/b/a The Northeastland Hotel with location of 436 Main Street.

**Vote: 6 - 0**

3. Approval for a Marijuana License to Artevious Drury, Richardson's Remedies-Presque Isle LLC. With location of 745 Main Street.

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

Galan Weibley stated that the staff is recommending as a favorable application and that they have met all code requirements.

Robin Thurston from ACAP spoke on perception of harm of Marijuana, and concerns of another Marijuana Shop.

Chairman K. Freeman closed the Public Hearing at 6:16 PM.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Deputy Chair J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve a Marijuana License to Artevious Drury, Richardson's Remedies-Presque Isle LLC., with location of 745 Main Street.

**Vote: 6- 0**

4. Dangerous Building 36 Elm Street.

Chairman K. Freeman opened the Public Hearing at 6:16 PM.

Discussion with Home owners, Neighbor, Staff and Council about timelines.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor C. Green and Second by Deputy Chair J. Shaw to Declare 36 Elm Street as a dangerous building, and to give home owners a time line of 120 days Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to finish the work.

Vote: 6-0

### **Citizen Comments**

Chairman K. Freeman opened the Citizen Comments at 6:57 PM

Randall Cyr at 192 Chapman Street. Had concerns on Jalbert Auto and Salvage Permit. About the cars being too close to property line and cars too close to a well.

### **Consent Agenda**

5. June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Minutes.
6. Warrant #20-#23 Totaling \$1,316,107.39
  - Warrant #20-\$86,011.14
  - Warrant #21-\$86,401.55
  - Warrant #22-\$807,551.67
  - Warrant #23-\$336,143.03
7. Approve Return of Votes Casts for MSAD#1-Budget Validation Referendum held on June 22, 2021.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Deputy Chair J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor M. Chasse to approve Consent Agenda articles # 5-#7 as presented.

Vote: 6 - 0

### **Old Business**

8. Forum HVAC

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Deputy Chair J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve the proposal from Mechanical Services Inc. for the Heating System &

Ventilation for \$503,343.00, and to use Solid Waste fund if they are available for \$260,348.26

**Vote: 6 -0**

9. City Hall Updates

Discussion only

10. Annual Tax Commitment

Martin asked to table discussion until July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 12PM

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Deputy Chair J. Shaw to have a July 12, 2021 @ 12 PM meeting to discuss Annual Tax commitment

**Vote: 6 -0**

**New Business**

11. Schedule CDBG Public Hearing

Galen Weibley Spoke on the Grant.

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Deputy Chair J. Shaw I move that we schedule a public hearing for a resolution accepting the City's Administration of Maine's community development block grant Rural Housing Preservation Program at our August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 council meeting. and to schedule a public hearing for Ignite PI at the August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 council meeting.

**Vote 6-0**

12. PIDF Loan

Galen Weibley spoke on the loans.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve a Presque Isle Micro Loan from the Presque Isle Micro Loan Fund to Laura Hale, d/b/a Neighborhood Books, LLC. In the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), amortized over a Five (5) year period at an interest rate of three and a quarter percent. (3.25%) per annum

**Vote 6-0**

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve a Presque Isle Regional Economic Development Revolving Loan (FAME) from the Presque Isle Regional Economic Development Revolving Loan Program (REDRLP) to Laura Hale, d/b/a Neighborhood Books, LLC. In the amount of Twenty-Five thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), amortized over Ten (10) year period at an interest rate of three and a quarter percent (3.25%) per annum.

**Vote 6-0**

13. Library Landscaping/parking Lot Enhancement

Discussion Only

14. Appointment of Griffin St. Peter

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Willette, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to approve the appointment of Griffin St. Peter as code Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector, Housing Inspector, Electrical Inspector and Plumbing Inspector, while also appointing George Howe as deputy for all the titles stated above.

**Vote 6-0**

**Manager's Report**

City Manager Martin Puckett spoke about the American Rescue Plan Act

**Announcements**

The next meeting of the Presque Isle City Council will be held at the Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Public Library on August 4, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Rocking on Riverside July 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Chairman K. Freeman thanked the Presque Isle Elks Club, Craig Green, Kim Smith and City Staff for all the hard work put in for the July Jubilee.

**Executive Session**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor C. Green to enter into Executive Session at 8:01 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) to discuss Negotiations.

**Vote: 6 - 0**

Council exited Executive Session at 8:32PM

No Action Taken

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Council exited Executive Session at 9:07PM


No Action Taken

### **Adjournment**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Chairman K. Freeman to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 PM.

**Vote 6-0**

Attested by:

  
Kimberly A Finnemore, City Clerk