



**Presque Isle Budget Workshop**  
**October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**5:15 p.m.**  
**Sargent Family Community Center**

**Call to Order - Roll Call**

Present: Chairman J. Shaw, Deputy Chairman K. Freeman, Councilors, J. Willette, M. Chasse and G. Nelson  
Councilor D. Cyr and C. Green arrived at 5:24 p.m.  
Absent Councilor D. Cyr and M. Chasse

Interim City Manager L. Cousins and City Clerk K. Finnemore were also present.

**Call to Order**

Chairman J. Shaw called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance

**Old Business**

1. Approve Echo Lake Proposal.

Galen Weibley, Director of Economic & Community Development spoke about the bid process.

The City of Presque Isle held a bid opening for interested parties on July 28, 2023 @ 10 a.m. in the City Council Chambers. Two prospective bidders attended however only one bid packet was received. This bid was from McGillan and is priced at \$1,015,500.00 to complete the Echo Lake Step Project with road improvement. The original project estimate in April 2022 was \$966,000 with the 20% contingency.

In the bid packet prepared by Haley Ward who is assisting the City with federal reporting requirements, alternate bids were priced out as follows:

Alternate 1: Deduction of paving cost \$90,000.00

Alternate 2: Deduction of gravel roadways, stormwater improvements (French drain), grubbing and tree removal \$66,500.00

Staff recommends accepting Alternate Bid 2 (\$66,500) for gravel and site work and allow Alternate 1 paving to be done by Public Works' paving contract which is significantly less according to the City Engineer (saving \$45,000). Keep in mind, upgrades to power supply at residencies were not factored into the bid and may be an additional cost not forecasted by Haley Ward given time constraints for assessing

homes. Our original agreement may shoulder this cost on the homeowner as they are responsible to power for their septic pump. City staff have discussed options to meet the City's match requirements and recommend awarding the bid and fund the City's balance by utilizing the City's Solid Waste Reserve Fund.

**BE IT RESOLED** by Deputy Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve the bid by McGillan Inc. in the amount of \$925,500.00 excluding Alternative 1 from the bid award and allow the City's Public Works Department to pave the Echo Lake Road at a cost of \$45,000.00 which will be paid for by the City's Solid Waste Reserve Account.

Vote: 7-0

### **New Business**

#### 2. Real Estate Tax Abatement.

Deputy Chairman K. Freeman said there was a piece of property on 540 Reach Road that the owners are willing to donate to Presque Isle Utilities District in lieu of taxes. Taxes owed are \$67.80. Staff recommend approval.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor G. Nelson to abate the 2023 property taxes for Paul and Charlotte Hallett at 540 Reach Road in the amount of \$67.80. The property then will be donated to the Presque Isle Utilities District.

Vote: 7-0

### **Budget Workshop**

**\*\*Note:** Detailed information regarding the specific departments listed below can be found in the City of Presque Isle 2024 Proposed Budget which will be available online at [www.presqueislemaine.gov](http://www.presqueislemaine.gov)

#### 1. Assessing

Assessor Lewis Cousins presented his 2024 budget request to the Council.  
(Department# 01)

#### 2. Department of Economic and Community Development

DECD Director Galen Weibley presented his 2024 budget request to the Council.  
(Department# 02)

3. Facilities

Tyler Clark Facilities Director presented his 2024 budget request to the Council.  
(Department #05)

4. Finance

Bradley Turner, Finance Director & Treasurer presented his 2024 budget request to the Council (Department# 03)

5. Fire Department

Darrell White, Fire Chief presented his 2024 budget request to the Council.  
(Department# 04)

6. General Government

Brad Turner, Finance Director & Treasurer presented his 2024 budget to the Council.  
(Department# 06)

7. Library

Sonja Eyler, Director of the Library presented the 2024 budget request to Council.  
(Department# 07)

8. Police Department

Chief Laurie Kelly, Police Department presented the 2024 budget request to Council.  
(Department #08)

9. Public Safety Building

Chief Laurie Kelly, Police Department presented the 2024 budget request to Council.  
(Department #015)

10. Public Works

Harley Carmichael Public Works Director presented the 2024 budget request to Council.  
(Department #09)

11. Rec & Parks

Gene Cronin, Rec & Parks Director presented his 2024 budget request to the Council  
(Department# 10)

12. Solid Waste

Dana Fowler, Public Services Director presented his 2024 budget request to the Council.  
(Department# 012)

13. Industrial Council

Thomas Powers, Director Presque Isle Industrial Council presented his 2024 budget to  
the Council. (Department# 13)

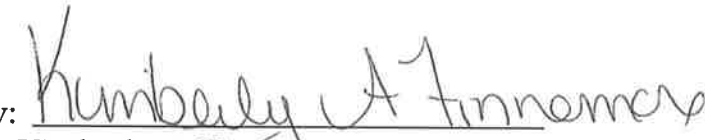
**Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session called for.

**Adjournment**

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor C. Green to adjourn at  
7:17 p.m.

Attested by:

  
Kimberly A. Finnmore, City Clerk