



Presque Isle City Council Meeting

October 7, 2020

6:00 PM

Presque Isle City Council Chambers

Call to Order - Roll Call

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

Absent: Councilor D. Cyr (arrived at 6:03 P.M)

City Manager Martin Puckett and City Clerk Thomas King 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 to amend Chapter 48 - General Assistance Ordinance Appendix A - H.

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:04. City Manager Puckett explained the changes outlined in the Appendices to the Council.

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to amend Chapter 48 - General Assistance Ordinance Appendix A - H.

VOTE: 6 - 0

2. Consider adopting changes to Chapter 59A - Adult Use Medical Marijuana Ordinance.

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:06 PM. City Manager Puckett introduced the topic to the Council.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve the changes to Chapter 59A – Medical Marijuana Ordinance.

Vote: 7 – 0

3. Consider adopting the Downtown Redevelopment Plan

The Public Hearing opened at 6:08 PM by Chairman K. Freeman.

City Manager Puckett introduced the Redevelopment Plan and Presque Isle Director of Economic and Community Development Director Weibley spoke briefly of the plan's purpose and goals.

There was no public comment.

The Public Hearing was closed by Chairman K. Freeman at 6:10 PM.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Shaw to approve the Downtown Redevelopment Plan.

Vote: 7 – 0

4. Consider adopting Downtown TIF District

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:11 PM by Chairman K. Freeman.

City Manager Puckett provided a brief overview of this agenda item and explained that it was the intent of the Department of Economic and Community Development to submit the application upon adoption by the Council.

DECD Director G. Weibley explained this is the first step in a comprehensive downtown revitalization plan. This will allow for forward vision, the possibility of credit enhancements to encourage private investment. Weibley also noted that a Downtown TIF poses less regulation than a regular TIF district plan.

There were no public comments.

Chairman K. Freeman closed the hearing at 6:16 PM with the following declaration: Having heard public comment regarding the proposed Downtown TIF District, the Chair includes Exhibit G, the City of Presque Isle City Council Order into the official record for action by the Council under agenda section Public Hearing item number 4. How would you like to proceed?

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to approve the Presque Isle Downtown TIF District and full order as presented.

Vote: 7 - 0

5. Special Permit for Automotive Graveyard Permit for Paul Jalbert d/b/a Jalbert Auto and Salvage, 204 Chapman Road.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:17 PM. City Manager Puckett provided a brief synopsis. The hearing was closed at 6:18 PM.

Vote: 7 - 0

6. Special Permit for Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard Permit for Cowett's Used Auto Parts d/b/a C.A.R. 75 Davis Street and 259 Fort Road.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:18 PM. City Manager Puckett provided a brief synopsis. The hearing was closed at 6:19 P.

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to approve a Special Permit for Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard Permit for Cowett's Used Auto Parts d/b/a C.A.R. 75 Davis Street and 259 Fort Road.

Vote: 7 - 0

7. Approval of a Taxi Cab License to Tommie Plourde d/b/a Tom's Taxi

The Public Hearing opened at 6:20 PM. City Manager Puckett provided a synopsis to the Council.

The hearing was closed at 6:22 PM.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve a Taxi Cab License to Tommy Plourde d/b/a Tom's Taxi.

Vote: 7 - 0

8. Approval of a Malt, Spirituous, and Vinous Liquor License for Bethany Graves, d/b/a Lotus Lounge, with location of 149 State Street.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:23 PM. City Manager Puckett provided a synopsis.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve a Malt, Spirituous, and Vinous Liquor License for Bethany Graves, d/b/a Lotus Lounge, with a location of 149 State Street.

Vote: 7 - 0

Also, **BE IT RESOLVED** by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve a Special Permit for Music, Dancing, and Entertainment for Bethany Graves, d/b/a Lotus Lounge, with a location of 149 State Street.

Vote: 7 - 0

Presentation

9. 2021 Budget

Discussion only. City Manager Puckett presented the Council with their proposed 2021 budget binders. Budget meetings will start on 10/12 at 3:00 PM in the Library, with Department Heads presenting their requests to the Council.

Citizen Comments

There were no Citizen Comments.

Consent Agenda

10. September 2, 2020 Minutes

11. 2020 Warrants #34 - #38, totaling \$2,586,360.89

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to approve Consent Agenda items 10 and 11 as presented.

Vote: 7 - 0

12. Approve Reappointments to the Presque Isle Housing Authority and Appointment to the Park and Recreation Board.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse to reappoint Leslie Smart and Michael Williams to the Presque Isle Housing Authority (Term expires 10-1, 2025) and Angel Hebert to the Parks and Recreation Board (Term Expires 2021).

Vote: 7 - 0

13. Request from Versant Power for Easement.

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve the request for an easement to Versant Power located at the intersection of Cross Street and Airport Drive.

Vote: 7 - 0

Old Business

14. City Hall Update

City Manager Puckett, Assessor Lewis Cousins and Deputy Chairman Chasse provided information on the City Hall project. The plans need to be fine tuned a bit more and then sent to the State Fire Marshal's Office for approval.

15. National Renewable Solutions agreements

Brad Wilson from National Renewable Solution spoke at length about the solar project and answered councilors' questions.

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to approve the presented contracts with National Renewable Solutions.

Vote: 7 - 0

New Business

16. 2021 Budget Calendar

Public Hearings will be held on November 4th, 2020 and December 2nd, 2020 during the regular Council meetings, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at Presque Isle City Hall.

17. Purchase of Bulldozer

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to authorize the City Manager to award Milton CAT the bid for a D6 Bulldozer in the amount of \$368,900.00 with the funding coming from the Federal Aviation Administration CARES Act grant program.

Vote: 7 - 0

18. Schedule a Public Hearing for changes to Chapter 43 - Planning Board Ordinance

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to schedule a Public Hearing on November 4, 2020 for revisions to Chapter 43 - Planning Board Ordinance.

Vote: 7 - 0

19. Questica Financial Software

City Manager Puckett and Finance Director B. Turner explained the purpose and benefits of this software package.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve that the City Purchase Questica and sign a 7 year contract.

Vote: 7 - 0

20. Tax Acquired Property

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to accept the offer on 20 Braden Street for \$1,000.00.

Vote: 7 - 0

Manager's Report

City Manager Puckett announced a \$55,000 grant to help offset election costs was received recently.

Announcements

The next regular City Council meeting will be held on November 4th, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers of City Hall.

The Council will be holding budget workshops on October 19 and 20 at 3:00 PM in the Library.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session called for.

Adjournment

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse , seconded by Councilor J. Willette to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Vote: 7 - 0

Attested by: _____
Thomas C. King, City Clerk