



Presque Isle City Council Meeting

November 2, 2022

6:00 PM

Sargant Family Community Center

Call to Order - Roll Call

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

Absent was Deputy Chairman J. Shaw

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 an Adult Use Cultivation Facility, Tier 3 Application for James Bacon, Bacon Holdings, LLC located at 55 Industrial Street.

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

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the Application and it was up to all Code requirements and State law.

There were no citizens comments

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

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. green seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve the Adult use Cultivation Facility, Tier 3 Application for James Bacon, Bacon Holdings LLC located at 55 Industrial Street

Vote: 6-0

2. Approval of Application for a malt, Spirituous and Vinous License for Anthony Sullivan d/b/ Ferris BBQ, Inc. at 79 Parsons Street.

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

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on this is a new restaurant coming to Presque Isle. But the person on the license the city has history with another Restaurant. And the City has no reservation at issuing this license.

There were no citizens comments

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

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse and seconded by Chairman K. Freeman to approve a Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License to Anthony Sullivan d/b/a Ferris BBQ, Inc. with location at 79 Parsons Street

Vote 6-0

3. 2023 Municipal Budget (Second Hearing)

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

City Manager M. Puckett Gave a quick overview on the new Spreadsheet of changes to the Commitment. And the Difference from last year's budget.

There were no citizens comments

Chairman K. Freeman closed the Public Hearing at 6:08 PM

Citizen Comments

Kim Smith was updating on the Senior Sand Bucket Project. Kim Gave an overview of the buckets they have filled, with the help of the Public Service Crew and how many had been delivered. Plus 80 more buckets have be donated. Craig asked Kim to update on the 5 grants Kim has got for the City.

Budget Workshop

Unclassified & Outside Requests

Outside Request came From

Aroostook Area on Aging-City Manager M. Puckett spoke

Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce - LaNiece Sirois Executive Director spoke

Central Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation District-City Manager M. Puckett Spoke

Presque Isle Snowmobile Club-Councilor C. Green spoke

Quoggy Joe Ski Club-City Manager M. Puckett spoke
Veterans Cemetery- City Manager M. Puckett spoke
Winter Green Arts- Gretchen Violette chair of Board
Unclassified request
Annual Reports
C A Humane Society
Cemeteries-Bruce Roope president for Johnson Cemetery.
Contingent
Dwtn Revitalization comm.-Cristy Daggett
Legal Services
Me Municipal Dues
No Me Develop comm.
Retirement Payouts
Sister O'Donnell Shelter
State Street Dam Utility
TIF
Unclassifieds-Misc items

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor G. Nelson and seconded by Councilor M. Chasse to raise the Sister O'Donnell Shelter request back to last year's amount of \$14,538.

Vote:6-0

Consent Agenda

4. Approve Minutes from September 28, 2022 meeting.
- 5.. Approve 2022 Warrants #38 totaling \$247,374.93
6. Road Closure: Annual Holiday Light Parade

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve Consent Agenda #4-#6 as presented.

Vote: 6-0

Old Business

- 7.. Order to Abate Dangerous Buildings. 13 Judd St. and 14 Water St.

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the motion to abate dangerous buildings.

Tim St. Peter Code Enforcement spoke on the condition of the buildings

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to adjudge 13 Judd Street and 14 Water Street to be nuisance and dangerous properties, for the owners to abate all conditions within 30 days to the satisfaction of the Code Enforcement Officer and assess each a penalty of \$100.00 per day if not complied to. Direct the City manager to cause the structures to be demolished and removed. The cost to be charged against the real estates that the structures sets and shall constitute a lien on such real estates.

Vote: 6-0

8. Revize Website Design

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the design of Website and the need the approval of council before the next phase can start.

New Business

9. WARM Loan- Chad Graham, d/b/a Fieldstone Leasing & Development at 477 Main Street.

City Manager M. Puckett spoke the update as of November 1, 2022 as of 1:00 PM Chad Graham had called Galen Weibley and said he appreciated speaking to the council on the program, but he has found private funding. So, Mr. Graham is declining the WARM Loan.

10. Request transfer of funds from Presque Isle Development Fund to WARM Loan Program.

No Action Was Taken.

Manager's Report

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the Emergency Rental Program ended. Homeless Services is trying to get additional funding.

Voting is in progress and absentee ballots last day to receive an absentee by November 3, 2022 need to be returned by Nov. 8th at 8PM.

Announcements

Daylight Savings Time ends November 6, 2022
The Annual Christmas Light Parade will be held on December 3, 2022 starting at
UMPI at 6:00PM

Winter Craft Fair on December 3, 2022(9am to 4 PM) and December 4, 2022 (9am to 2 pm) at the Aroostook Center mall old Kmart store.

We have the following vacancies for Boards/Committees: Zoning Board and an alternate on Planning Board. Please see the City Clerk for an application or apply online.

Budget Workshop are scheduled for November 3 and 16 each at 5:15PM at the Sargent Family Community Center. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Presque Isle city Council will be on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, also at the Sargent Family community Center
Election workers Needed

Adjournment

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M.Chasse seconded by Councilor C. Green to enter into Executive Session at 7:55PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) to discuss Negotiations.

Vote: 6-0

Out of executive session at 8:05 PM.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Northern Maine Development Commission in an amount not to exceed \$56,250. Source of funding to come from a portion of the Covid Relief funding received by the Presque Isle International Airport.

Vote: 6-0

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman seconded by Councilor G. Nelson to enter into Executive Session at 8:06 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) to discuss Real Estate.

Vote: 6-0

Out of executive session at 8:17 PM.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green seconded by Councilor G. Nelson to sell 32 Lincoln for \$12,400 and 36 Elm for \$10,000 to John Harrison and authorize the City Manager to sign all the necessary paperwork.

Vote: 6-0

BE IT RESOLVED to adjourn by Deputy Chairman K. Freeman, second by Councilor G. Nelson at 8:32 PM.

Vote 6-0

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