



Presque Isle City Council Meeting

November 3rd, 2021

6:00 PM

Sargant Family Community Center

Call to Order – Roll Call

Councilor K. Freeman called to order at 5:00 PM followed by the Pledge of allegiance.

Executive Session at 5:00 PM

BE IT RESOLVED by Chainman K, Freeman, seconded by Councilor J. Willette J. Shaw to enter into Executive Session at 5:01 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) to discuss Negotiations.

Vote: 7 - 0

Council exited Executive Session at 5:40 PM

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to approve the PIHA resolution as presented and to authorize the city Manager M. Puckett to sign all necessary paperwork.

Vote: 7-0

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

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

Chairman K. Freeman called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Public Hearing

1. 2022 Municipal Budget (Second Hearing)

City Manager M. Puckett spoke that B. Turner updated the Budget.

There were no Citizens Comments

No Action was taken

Chairman K. Freeman closed the Public hearing on the 2022 Municipal Budget at 6:04 PM

2. Approval of a Medical marijuana License to Jonathan Martin d/b/a Cloud 9, with a location of 28 Houlton Road

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

City Manager M. Puckett spoke staff is recommending approval.
Galen Weibley spoke on behalf of staff

There were no citizens comments.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve a marijuana License to Jonathan Martin, d/b/a Cloud 9, with location of 28 Houlton Road.

Vote: 7-0

Councilor M. Chasse asked City Manager M. Puckett to review the ordinance and have public comments on the marijuana ordinance.

Citizen Comments

Chairman K. Freeman opened the Citizen Comments at 6:05 PM

Jamie Guerrette as a board member and representing Hub Coffee. Talked about doing a ½ miler Holiday race during the Holiday Light Parade. Asked the Council if they would close the road for an extra 10-15 minutes before the parade.

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, to approve the City Manager M. Puckett to have the authority to extend the road closure by 20-30 Minutes for the Holiday ½ Miler and Parade.

Vote: 7-0

Chairman K. Freeman closed the Citizen Comment section at 6:17 PM.

Consent Agenda

3. Warrant #36-#341 Totaling \$5,186,181.89
 - Warrant #36-\$253,721.73

- Warrant #37-\$413,739.04
- Warrant #38-\$1,181,756.96
- Warrant #39-\$339,805.24
- Warrant#40-\$2,919,968.70
- Warrant#41-\$77,190.22

4. Road closure: Annual Holiday Light Parade
5. Approve Appointment of Tim St. Peter as the Code Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector, Electrical Inspector and Plumbing Inspector
6. Approve Drug Forfeiture-Leann Johnson \$11,727.00

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

Vote: 7 - 0

Old Business

7. Dangerous Buildings-36 Elm Street

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on that the home owners have not met with the 120 days like the agreed. Staff would like to move forward with the Dangerous Building.

Chairman K. Freeman asked if the Homeowners where present. The home owners were not present

Paige Houston a neighbor of 36 Elm Street. Spoke to council that she is happy with the moving forward to demolish. But the Generator's and power tools are still an issue. Chairman K. Freeman would like City Manager M. Puckett to talk to Paige Houston about the different outcomes.

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to instruct staff to move forward in obtaining bids to demolish the buildings at 36 Elm Street.

Vote: 7 - 0

8. Approval for Special Permit for Music, Dancing and Entertainment for Stone Ridge

Event Center, with location of 150 Maysville Road (Single Hearing)

City Manager M. Puckett spoke that the Fire Marshall said all codes have been fixed or they have an agreement. So recommended approval.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to approve a Special Permit for Music, Dancing and Entertainment for Stone Ridge Event Center, with location of 150 Maysville Road.

Vote: 7 - 0

9. City Hall Renovations

Discussion only

New Business

10. CEA Agreement

City Manager M. Puckett asked to have it tabled until next the next meeting in December.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to tabled the CEA Agreement for Presque Isle Inn & Convention Center until the next council meeting on December 1st, 2021

Vote: 7 - 0

11. Forum Heating System

Discussion only

12. Schedule Public Hearing to Consider Adopting the updated Comp Plan

City Manager M. Puckett spoke about all the hours staff and volunteers have put in

Galen Weibley Spoke on the process of the Comp Plan

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to schedule a public hearing for December 1, 2021 to considering adopting changes to the Comp Plan.

Vote: 7 - 0

Budget Workshop

Unclassified & Outside Requests

Request came From

Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce - LaNiece Sirois Executive Director
Aroostook Area on Aging- Joy Barresi Saucier Executive Director
Central Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation District-City Manager M. Puckett Spoke
Quoggy Jo Ski club- Gene Cronin board member
Presque Isle Snowmobile Club-Chris Carroll Vice President of the Club
Veterans- City Manager M. Puckett spoke
Winter Green Arts- Gretchen Violette chair of Board
Unclassified request is listed on page 133 of the Condensed Budget book
Downtown Beatification and Design Committee-Christy Daggett

Manager's Report

City Manager Martin Puckett Thanked City Clerk Kim Finnemore and the Election Workers on the Election. Also Announced the run off election for the Two tied votes in Section 15.

Announcements

The next meeting of the Presque Isle City Council will be held at the Sargant Family Community Center on December 1, 2021 at 6:00 PM. The Budget workshops will be held November 4th and 18th, 2021.

Adjournment

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to enter into Executive Session at 7:43 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) to discuss Negotiations.

Vote: 7-0

Motion to adjourn by Chairman K. Freeman, Seconded by J. Shaw at 8:42 PM.

Vote: 7-0

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

