



Presque Isle City Council Meeting
November 4, 2020
6:00 PM
Presque Isle City Council Chambers

Call to Order - Roll Call

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

Absent: Councilor J. Willette

City Manager Martin Puckett and Deputy City Clerk Deborah Ouellette 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 Hearings

1. 2021 Municipal Budget (First Hearing)

City Manager Martin Puckett explained per City charter, this is the first of two opportunities for the public to comment on the FY 2021 budget. He reviewed notable revenue and expense changes and said budget was extrapolated from this year. The next budget workshop is on November 5TH, 2020

2. Approval of a Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License and Special Permit for Music, Dancing and Entertainment for Presque Isle Hotel Company d/b/a The Northeastland Hotel, with a location of 436 Main Street (Single Hearing)

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to approve a Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License and Special Permit for Music, Dancing and Entertainment for Presque Isle Hotel Company d/b/a The Northeastland Hotel, with a location of 436 Main Street.

Vote: 6 - 0

3. Approval of a Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License for Xian Ping Cao d/b/a My Tai, Inc., with a location of 449 Main Street (Single Hearing)

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Shaw, seconded by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse to approve a Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License for Xian Ping Cao d/b/a My Tai, Inc., with a location of 436 Main Street.

Vote: 6 - 0

4. Consider adopting changes to Chapter 43 -- Planning Board Ordinance

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor C. Green to adopt the amendment to Chapter 43 - Planning Board Ordinance as submitted.

Vote: 6 - 0

Citizen Comments

Greg T. LaFrancois, CPA, MHA, FACHE, senior vice president of Northern Light Health and president of Northern Light A.R. Gould Hospital, addressed Councilors with an update on the status of the hospital's ongoing COVID-19 response; he talked about preparations for a second round of virus spread which will coincide with flu season this year, and offered projections of what to expect as these developments unfold in the County.

Consent Agenda

5. Approve Minutes from October 7TH, October 19TH, & October 20Th, 2020
6. Approve 2020 Warrants #39 - #41, totaling \$2,495,663.29
7. Approve Drug Forfeiture

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Vote: 6 - 0

Old Business

8. Code Update

Galen Weibley, Director of Economic and Community Development, provided Councilors with an update on dangerous buildings in the community

New Business

9. Schedule a Public Hearing to consider changes to Presque Isle Development Fund By-Laws

City Manager Puckett explained the Director of Community and Economic Development would like to have a public hearing to make substantive changes to the by-laws. The changes would create a façade and microloan program. The overall goal is to make PIDF more client friendly. The PIDF trustees recently approved the changes.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse to schedule a public hearing on December 2ND, 2020 for revisions to the Presque Isle Development Fund By-Laws.

Vote: 6 - 0

Budget Workshop

Outside & Unclassified Request

LaNiece Sirois, Executive Director of Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce (CACC), gave a presentation about services and programs offered in support of the agency's request for outside support from the City. She described challenges they faced because of COVID-19 and their creative efforts to continue with regular operations.

Joy Barresi Saucier, Executive Director of Aroostook Agency on Aging, gave a presentation about services and programs offered for older adults in support of the agency's request for \$5,500.00 funding from the City in 2021. She described challenges brought on by COVID-19 during the year.

Dottie Hutchins, Executive Director of Wintergreen Arts Center, gave a presentation about children's art programs in support of their request for funding from the City in 2021. She described challenges faced because of COVID-19 and talked about the move to their new location at the mall.

Manager's Report

- Farmer's market has been very successful this year.

Announcements

- Next Budget Workshop is on Thursday, 11/05/20 @ 3:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Executive Sessions

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor J. Shaw to enter into executive session at 7:15 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. sub-section 405(6) (A) to discuss Negotiations.

Vote: 6 - 0

Councilors exited executive session at 7:57 PM.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Shaw to approved revised assessing contract.

Vote: 6 - 0

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to enter into executive session at 7:57 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. sub-section 405(6) (A) to discuss Negotiations.

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BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Shaw to approved revised patrol contract.

Vote: 6 - 0

Councilors exited executive session at 8:27 PM.

Adjournment

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor R. Smith, seconded by Councilor J. Shaw to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM.

Vote: 6 - 0

Attested by: _____
Deborah Ouellette, Deputy City Clerk