



## Presque Isle City Council Meeting

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

6:00 PM

Sargant Family Community Center

### Call to Order - Roll Call

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

Councilor D. Cyr arrived at 6:07pm

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

### Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman K. Freeman called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Public Hearing

1. Consider adopting changes to the City of Presque Isle Comprehensive Plan

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

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the changes to the Comprehensive Plan  
Galen Weibley spoke on a few items with the Comprehensive Plan Ex: Pool, skate park.

There were no citizen comments.

Chairman K. Freeman closed the Public Hearing at 6:15 PM.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to adopt the changes made to the Presque Isle Comprehensive Plan with the revision's council requested.

**Vote: 7- 0**

2. Approval of Credit Enhancement Agreements for Presque Isle Inn & Convention Center, Griffith Honda and Presque Isle Holding, LLC.

Chairman K. Freeman opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 PM.

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the Credit Enhancement Agreements

There were no citizens comments.

Councilor C. Green moved to have the vote moved to the January 5th. 2021 Council meeting

Chairman K. Freeman closed the Public Hearing at 6:17 PM

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor C. Green to discuss in Executive Session

**Vote: 7-0**

3. A Hearing to condemn a dangerous building pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 17 § 2851 owned by: Matt & Carleen Elliott-38 Elizabeth Street.

Chairman K. Freeman opened the Public Hearing at 6:18 PM.

City Manager M. Puckett asked Reginald Elliot to come to meeting to discuss his plans to fix 38 Elizabeth St.

Code enforcement George Howe spoke on the foundation is a total collapse. There are cellar jacks but only 2. Concerns about some of the electrical and sheetrock that has been done is compromised

There were no citizens comments.

Reginald Elliot spoke on behalf of property owners.

Chairman K. Freeman closed the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor J. Willette Based upon the evidence presented and the testimony of the Code Enforcement Officer concerning the condition(s) of the premise(s) owned by **Matthew R. Elliott and Carleen Elliott**, located at 38 Elizabeth Street, I hereby move:

- That the Council adjudge these properties to be a nuisance and dangerous to life or property:

- That the Council make and record an Order stating that the owner shall, within (30) days of service of this Order, abate all conditions creating a nuisance or dangerous condition to the satisfaction of the Code Enforcement Officer:
- That Should the owner fail to comply with the specified time, the owner shall be assessed a civil penalty of \$100.00 per day and the City Council further directs the City Manager to cause the structure(s) to be demolished and removed. The cost of such demolition and removal shall be charged against the real estate upon which the structure sets and shall constitute a lien on such real estate.

**Vote: 7-0**

Chief Laurie Kelley announced that Officer Tyler Seeley was promoted to a Detective.

### **Citizen Comments**

There were no Citizen Comments

### **Consent Agenda**

4. Approve Minutes from October 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 14<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021
5. Approve 2021 Warrants #42-#45, totaling \$1,509,867.53
6. Approve Return of Votes Cast for November 2, 2021.
7. Approve Solid Waste Hauler Licenses for Gils's Sanitation, Inc., McNeal's Trucking, Pine Tree Waste & Star City Sanitation, Inc.
8. Approve Holiday Closure.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

**Vote: 7-0**

### **Old Business**

9. City Hall Update

Discussion Only

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to accept the \$140,000 bid for the third-floor renovations.

**Vote: 7-0**

### **New Business**

#### 10. Order of January Meeting

Discussion only

#### 11. Annual Appointment List for January Meeting

Discussion only

#### 12. Ordinances due to "Sunset Provision"

Discussion only

#### 13. Waiver of Foreclosure

City Manager Martin Puckett said that these were a list of automatic foreclosures by Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 4:30PM that the city would liked waved.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Chairman K. Freeman that the City council authorize the City Treasurer to waive the foreclosure on those properties listed on Attachment A if payment on the 2019 tax lien is not received by the City prior to close of business on December 16, 2021 at 4:30 PM.

#### 14. Marijuana Ordinance

Discussion only

Councilor C. Green would like to have a public meeting so the public can say what they like or dislike. Councilor M. Chasse agrees

Chairman K. Freeman Recommended that they have a public meeting in February.

15. Approval of Easement for Versant Power

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Chairman K. Freeman to authorize the City Manager to sign the easement.

**Vote: 7-0**

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to pay full-time workers \$1000.00 bonus and Part-time workers \$250.00 bonus from surplus before Christmas.

**Vote: 7-0**

**Manager's Report**

City Manager Martin Puckett Reminded Citizens of the upcoming Election in MSAD #1 Section 15 School Board Election on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Sargent Family community Center.

**Announcements**

The next meeting of the Presque Isle City Council will be held at the Sargent Family Community Center on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 PM. The Holiday Light Parade is December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 PM. Planning meeting on December 16, 2021. Chairman K. Freeman Extended Thanks to Councilor R. Smith for his 12 years of service to the Council.

**Adjournment**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to enter into Executive Session at 7:24 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) to discuss Real Estate.

**Vote: 7-0**

Out of executive session at 7:35 PM.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor J. Shaw to accept offer of \$25,250.00 from Rebekah Trombley for 16 Judd St.

**Vote: 7-0**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor C. Green to enter into Executive Session at 7:35 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) to discuss Real Estate.

**Vote: 7-0**

Out of executive session at 7:53 PM.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve Griffith Honda CEA with 10% increase, pending verification from DECD.

**Vote: 7-0**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor C. Green to enter into Executive Session at 7:54 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) to discuss Real Estate.

**Vote: 7-0**

Out of executive session at 8:09 PM

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Chairman K. Freeman to approve PII & CC CEA as presented.

**Vote: 7-0**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor M. Chasse to enter into Executive Session at 8:09PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) to discuss Real Estate.

**Vote: 7-0**

Out of executive session at 8:13 PM no action taken

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor M. Chasse to enter into Executive Session at 8:13PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) to discuss Real Estate.

**Vote: 7-0**

Out of executive session at 8:25 PM

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor M. Chasse to approve the sale of the land per agreement to Aroostook Trusses, Inc. and to authorize the city manager to sign associated documents.

**Vote: 7-0**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to adjourn at 8:27 PM.

**Vote 7-0**

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

