



## Presque Isle Budget Workshop

December 7, 2023

5:15 PM

Presque Isle Council Chambers

### Call to Order – Roll Call

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

Absent: Councilor D. Cyr and Councilor G. Nelson

Interim City Manager L. Cousins and City Clerk Kimberly Finnemore were also present.

### Call to Order

Chairman J. Shaw called the meeting to order at 5:18 PM

### Budget Workshop

**\*\*Note:** Detailed information regarding the specific departments listed below can be found in the City of Presque Isle 2024 Proposed Budget which will be available online at [www.presqueislemaine.gov](http://www.presqueislemaine.gov)

**BE IT RESOLVED** Deputy Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor C. Green to reconsider the item tabled from the meeting on December 6, 2023.

**Vote: 5-0**

Brad Turner Finance Director & Treasurer went over changes made by some departments to lower the Budget.

Rec & Parks Department:

Reduce the cost of cleaning (custodian position) for the Community center by subcontracting the duties to an outside cleaning service. In doing so, this reduced the salaries and wages of the department by \$44,574 and decreased the benefits by \$19,366. The new cleaning service will fall under the Facilities Management department for Outside Services with a cost of \$36,400.

This creates a net savings to the budget of \$27,450.

Department of Economic & Community Development:

With the Economic Director resigning at the end of 2023 and the uncertainty of when the position will be filled we have projected the position to be vacant for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024. This reduces the salaries & wages of the department of \$20,416 and a decrease in the Benefits Department of \$6,243.

This creates a net savings to the budget of \$26,659.

Public Safety Building:

In the initial budget there was an additional dispatch position requested. In removing this position, it reduces the Public Safety Building budget by \$57,631 and reduces the Benefits Dept. by \$21,934.

This creates a net savings to the budget of \$79, 565.

Capital Reserves:

In the original budget there was a tractor replacement scheduled with a cost of \$75,000. In the past we have done a 'lease to own' over a 5-year period. We can use the trade in value of the old tractor to cover at least the first year's payments of the lease so we can remove the \$75,000 from the capital reserve budget.

This creates a net savings to the budget of \$75,000.

Fire Department:

After review of the Fire Departments EMS revenue and projections thru 2023 we have concluded that we can increase the Fire Department revenue by \$100,000.

This creates a net savings to the budget of \$100,000.

In Summary:

After our department head meeting we have come up with a reduction to the expense budget of \$208,764 and an increase to our revenue budget of \$100,000. This is a net reduction of the City's overall budget of \$308,764.00. By using our projected surplus for 2023 of \$730,813 and our changes made today the mil rate increase would be .52 ( or basically a half MIL) which we will take another look at in the middle of 2024 when we calculate the tax commitment and have basically the other half of our budget which is school and county.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor J. Willette, seconded by Councilor M. Chasse to accept the 2024 City Budget appropriations by department as shown above. Total appropriations of \$18,287,473 less total revenue of \$10,261,507 for a net spending budget of \$8,025,966 from the General Fund.

And for the Airport fund total expenses of \$5,808,538 less total revenue of \$5,865,150 for a net appropriation from the General Fund of \$-56,612.

**Vote: 5-0**

### **Adjournment**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Deputy Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to adjourn at 5:33 p.m.

**Vote: 5-0**

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