



Presque Isle City Council Meeting

July 1, 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, R. Smith, and J. Willette.

Absent: Councilor J. Shaw

City Manager Martin Puckett and City Clerk Thomas King 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 of a Special Permit for Music, Dancing, & Entertainment for KBS Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Presque Isle Inn and Convention Center with a location of 116 Main Street (Single Hearing)

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve a Special Permit for Music, Dancing, & Entertainment for KBS Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Presque Isle Inn and Convention Center, with a location of 116 Main St.

Vote: 6 - 0

2. Approval of a Marijuana License to Joe Pelkey and Chase Norton, d/b/a Star City Wellness, with a location of 694 Main Street

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Willette, seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve a Marijuana License to Joe Pelkey and Chase Norton, d/b/a Star City Wellness, with a location of 694 Main Street.

Vote: 6 - 0

Citizen Comments

There were no Citizen Comments.

Consent Agenda

3. Minutes and Warrants

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve the June 3, 2020 Minutes and 2020 Warrants #21 - #24, totaling \$1,608,518.91.

Vote: 6 - 0

4. Approve Appointment to the Downtown Revitalization Committee

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor C. Green to appoint Shawn Cunningham to the Presque Isle Downtown Revitalization Committee for a four-year term (expires 12/31/2023).

Vote: 6 - 0

5. Approve Appointment to Planning Board

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to appoint Olivia Engstrom to the Planning Board for a two-year term (expires 12/31/2021).

Vote: 6 - 0

6. Approve Appointment to the Presque Isle Development Fund Board of Trustees

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to appoint Sarah Gardiner to the Presque Isle Development Fund Board of Trustees for a one-year term (expires 12/30/2020).

Vote: 6 - 0

Old Business

7. City Hall Renovations

Assessor Lewis Cousins, Councilors M. Chasse and D. Cyr discussed the progress of the project and the recent proposal opening.

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Chairman K. Freeman to select Aviest Engineering and Lagasse Drafting Services of Caribou as the engineering and drafting contractor for the project.

Vote: 6 - 0

8. Tabled: A hearing to condemn dangerous buildings pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 17 § 2851 owned by:

Fernand Martin – 23 Howard Street & 71 Dyer Street

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor R. Smith that based upon the evidence presented and the testimony of the Code Enforcement Officer concerning the condition(s) of the premise(s) owned by **Fernand Martin** located at 23 Howard Street and 71 Dyer Street:

- 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.

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New Business

9. Introduction of the new Director of Recreation and Parks, Gene Cronin.

10. Fire Department Equipment

Chief White informed the Council of recent mechanical issues with Tanker 1 and a possible solution to that problem. He also presented an update on EMS.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to authorize the City Manager to purchase a replacement Tanker if one becomes available, using funds from the reserve account.

Vote: 6 - 0

11. Approve Tax Acquired Bids

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to accept the following bids on Tax Acquired Properties:

126 Mechanic Street.....	\$5,601.00
132 Mechanic Street.....	\$501.00
23 Park Street.....	\$17,500.00
9 Water Street.....	\$8,125.00
79 Henderson Road.....	\$500.00

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12. Schedule a Public Hearing for Dangerous Buildings

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to schedule a Public Hearing for September 2, 2020.

Vote: 6 - 0

13. Rental Ordinance

Economic and Community Development Director G. Weibley presented information on the possibility of a "Rental Ordinance" in the City as one avenue to prevent blight.

Discussion only.

14. 5 Year Crash Data

Economic and Community Development Director G. Weibley made a presentation to the Council regarding 5 year Crash Data in the City.

Discussion only.

Manager's Report

City Manager Puckett reports he received an Over-Weight Permit request from MDOT for ongoing construction, Route 1, project Number 2372300. Council Approved.

Announcements

The 4th of July is upon us. Be Safe.

Fireworks in City Limits require a permit from the Fire Department.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be August 5, 2020 at 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers.

Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to enter into Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) to discuss a Negotiations matter.

Vote: 6 - 0

Councilors exited Executive Session at 8:51 PM.

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor C. Green to purchase 74 Chapman St for \$6,000.00.

Vote: 6 - 0

Adjournment

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor C. green to ddjourn the meeting at 8:51 PM.

Vote 6 - 0

Attested by: _____
Thomas C. King, City Clerk