



## Presque Isle City Council Meeting

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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, G. Nelson D. Cyr and J. Willette.

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. Approve of Special Permit for Music, Dancing and Entertainment for Lotus Lounge, with location of 149 State Street.

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

There were no citizens comments

Chairman K. Freeman closed the Public Hearing at 6:06 PM

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor M. Chasse seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve application for Special Permit for Music, Dancing, and Entertainment for Lotus Lounge with location of 149 State Street.

**Vote: 7-0**

2. Approval of a Renewal Application for Adult Use Marijuana License to Bonnie Devino McGinley, d/b/a Royal Leaf Apothecary with location at 415 Main Street.

Chairman K. Freeman opened the Public Hearing at 6:07 PM

There were no citizens comments

Chairman K. Freeman closed the Public Hearing at 6:07 PM

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw and seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve a Renewal Application for and Adult Use Marijuana License to Bonnie Devino McGinley, d/b/a Royal Leaf Apothecary with location at 415 Main Street.

**Vote 7-0**

3. Approval of a Renewal Application for Adult Use Marijuana License to Full Bloom Management LLC with location of 483 Main Street.

Chairman K. Freeman opened the Public Hearing at 6:08 PM

There were no citizens comments

Chairman K. Freeman closed the Public Hearing at 6:09 PM

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor M. Chasse seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to approve a Renewal Application to Full Bloom Management LLC with location at 483 Main Street.

**Vote 7-0**

4. Request to re-pass Chapter 1 Ordinance City Seal due to "Sunset Provisions"

Chairman K. Freeman opened the Public Hearing at 6:10 PM

There were no citizens comments

Chairman K. Freeman closed the Public Hearing at 6:14 PM

**Vote 7-0**

5. Credit Enhancement Agreement for Ignite Presque Isle

Galen Weibley spoke on the rule process on the Credit Enhancement Agreement.

Chairman K. Freeman opened the Public Hearing at 6:16 PM

There were no citizens comments

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor M. Chasse seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to table the discussion in executive session.

**Vote 7-0**

6. 2 ARPA Grant investments 1. For Funds are being requested for repairs and upgrades to the Heating, Ventilation, Air conditioning (HVAC) system at the Forum. 2. Infrastructure Funding Funds are being requested for repairs and upgrades for basic public infrastructure, the Echo Lake Septic System.

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

No Citizens comments and no motion needed

Chairman K. Freeman closed the Public Hearing at 6:19 PM

**Citizen Comments**

There were no Citizens Comments

**Consent Agenda**

7. Approve Minutes from March 2, 2022 meeting.
8. Approve 2022 Warrants #6-#10 totaling \$1,821,169.58.
9. Approve Appointment of Stacy Walton to the Planning Board.
10. Approve Appointment of Dennis Koch to the Downtown Revitalization Committee.
11. Approve Appointment of Danielle Cyr to the Downton Revitalization Committee.
12. Approve Employment Agency License for Maine Staffing Group.
13. Approve Employment Agency License for Tempo Employment Services.
14. Approve Employment Agency License for Maine Health Care Staffing.
15. Approve Taxi Cab Service License for Aroostook Cab Company.
16. Approve Taxi Cab Service License for Town Taxi.

17. Approve Taxi Cab Service License for Carney's Taxi.
18. Approve Taxi Cab Service License for Jeff's Taxi.
19. Approve Bowling Alley License for Northern Lances, Inc.
20. Approve Drug Forfeiture in the sum of \$3,250.00 Jason Sarnowski.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve Consent Agenda #7-#20 as presented.

**Vote: 7-0**

21. ACAP Proclamation 50 years of service. May 2022 is Community Action and ACAP month in the City of Presque Isle.

Deputy Chairman J. Shaw read the proclamation.

22. Comprehensive plan

City Manager M. Puckett spoke it has been three years in the process. State is ready to approve Comprehensive Plan. Galen Weibley spoke on the changes to the plan.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor M. Chasse seconded by Councilor G. Nelson to approve the revised comprehensive plan as approved by the State of Maine.

**Vote 7-0**

23. Approve Election Workers

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Chairman K. Freeman seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to approve the list of election workers.

**Vote 7-0**

### **Old Business**

24. RFP for City Website

City Manager M. Puckett spoke about the timeline for the website and mobile friendly for users.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve the Request for Proposal.

**Vote: 7-0**

#### 25. County ARPA Program

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the American Recovery Protection Act. Echo Lake Sewer System replacement and the Forum HVAC system. And the 2 separate grant application and process.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve the County ARPA Program

**Vote: 7-0**

#### 26. Goal Setting

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the goal setting meeting. Talked about the 7 different goal committee.

Discussion only

#### 27. City Hall Updates

Lewis Cousins spoke 2<sup>nd</sup> floor office are done. Waiting on staircase to be done so employees to move on to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

#### 28. Reapportionment

City Manager M. Puckett spoke about the committee of City Manager, City Clerk Kimberly Finnemore Councilors Jeff Willette and Craig Green. The Districts haven't changed since the 1960's.

School reapportionment has been a topic for a number of years, Due to the declining population since 1960.

Discussions only

**New Business**

29. Nordic Heritage Center Operator Agreement

City Manager M. Puckett spoke about the working group a couple weeks ago, that the council had more questions about the agreement and expenses

G. Cronin spoke about the budget and the agreement. Looking for City of Presque Isle to operate the facility.

Paul D. Pietropaoli Executive LV Libra Foundation answered council questions

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to approve the Nordic Heritage Center Operator Agreement.

**Vote: 6-1**

30. Maine Northern Railroad Reuse

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the Railroad Reuse of the Trail for future use of the trails from Limestone to Presque Isle.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to approve letter of petition to Commissioner Van Note.

**Vote: 7-0**

31. Approve Public Works Reserve Funds

D. Fowler Director of Public Services spoke on the requesting approval from the City Council at this time to take funds from the Street Overlay Reserve to cover a possible shortfall for chip sealing.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve the transfer of \$236,209 from the operating budget to the Street Overlay Reserve account and the expenditure of an additional \$134,000 from the Street Overlay Reserve for asphalt paving

**Vote: 7-0**

32. Downtown Façade Program Draft Application

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the Façade Program and what the council would like to see done.

### Manager's Report

No repots

### Announcements

Wednesday May 4th, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the Sargent Family Community Center  
FiddleHead Festival May 20-22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Adjournment

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw seconded by Councilor J. Willette to enter into Executive Session at 8:10 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) to discuss Economic Development.

**Vote: 7-0**

Out of executive session at 8:32 PM

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, seconded Councilor C. Green to direct the City Solicitor and manager to authorize a general credit enhancement agreement for Ignite Presque Isle located at 436 Main Street for the terms as specified in Section 2.2 of the agreement.

**Vote: 7-0**


**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to enter into Executive Session at 8:32 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) to discuss with Legal Counsel

**Vote: 7-0**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor C. Green to adjourn at 8:57 PM.

**Vote 6-0**

Attested by:

  
Kimberly A Finnemore, City Clerk

