



Presque Isle City Council Meeting

August 3rd, 2022

6:00 PM

Sargant Family Community Center

Call to Order - Roll Call

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

Arrived at 6:13 PM Councilor G. Nelson

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman K. Freeman called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing

1. Approval of Application for a Malt, Spirituous and Vinous License for All Star Hospitality LLC d/b/a SureStay Hotel by Best Western with a location of 71 Main Street.

Chairman K. Freeman opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 PM.

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the Application was up to all Code requirements and State law.

There were no citizens comments

Chairman K. Freeman closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 PM

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve an application for a Malt, Spirituous and Vinous License for All Star Hospitality LLC d/b/a SureStay Hotel by Best Western with a location of 71 Main St.

Vote: 6-0

2. Approval of Application for a Malt, Spirituous and Vinous License for American Dream Restaurants LLC d/b/a Pizza Hut with a location of 814 North Main Street.

Chairman K. Freeman opened the Public Hearing at 6:04 PM

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the application and Staff Recommends approval.

There were no citizens comments

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

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw and seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve an application for a Malt, Spirituous and Vinous License for American Dream Restaurants LLC d/b/a Pizza Hut with a location of 814 North Main Street

Vote 6-0

3. Confirm scoring of Façade Program applications.

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

Galen Weibley reviewed two of the applications with Council. One from Mike's and Son's and one from Ignite Presque Isle. Galen has 4 more applications out for this program, waiting for them to be returned. PIDF is the entity that reviews applications for the Façade Program.

There were no citizens comments

Chairman K. Freeman closed the Public Hearing at 6:13 PM

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse and seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to approve Downtown Façade Loan Applications to Ignite PI located at 436 Main Street in the amount of \$25,000 and Mike and Sons of Presque Isle located at 626 Main Street in the amount of \$25,000.

Vote 7-0

Citizen Comments

Virgina Joles from The Rotary Club spoke on There 99 years of Service to the Community. The Rotary new Program for Seniors Salt and Sand. They will be partnering with the Agency on Aging to bring Seniors buckets of sand for their walkways. Virgina also asked if on April 25, 2023 that the City can make a Proclamation/ or Declaration for the Rotary's 100 years of Service. This will be put on The February City Council Meeting.

Consent Agenda

4. Approve Minutes from July 6 & 13, 2022 meeting.
- 5.. Approve 2022 Warrants #23-#25 totaling \$1,971,816.54
6. MMA Annual Election VP and Executive Committee Members
7. Ballot for MMA Legislative Policy Committee
8. Approve Appointment to Library Board of Trustees (Alternate)
9. Application for Utility Location Permit- Mechanic Street.
10. Application for Utility Location Permit-Carmichael Street
11. Drug Forfeiture-Ryan Bradstreet-\$38,032.00 in U.S. Currency and \$ 2,675.00 in Lottery Tickets/U.S. Currency
12. Schedule Public Hearing for September 7th for Northern Maine Growth Initiative.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve Consent Agenda #4-#12 as presented.

Vote: 7-0

Old Business

13. City Hall Renovation Update

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the Third-floor renovations.

New Business

14. Dispatch System

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the issues that they are have developed over the last couple months. Deputy Chief Hayes and Chief Kelly spoke on the different issues they

have had. Said they received 50-55 calls per day. Concerns of the Officers safety if the equipment isn't working properly. If they ordered today they properly won't receive for at least 6 months.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor C. Green to authorize the use of \$133,605.23 from Landfill Closure Reserve and \$4,678.08 of Dispatch Console Reserve to purchase the dispatch console and radios.

Vote: 7-0

15. Spirit of America Award

The city can nominate a person/entity to honor for outstanding community service. The Council had a discussion only. The Council suggested a few entity's Presque Isle Chamber of Commerce, Ignite Presque Isle, Mary and Rodney Smith Foundation. The Council is going to decide by Friday afternoon by email.

Manager's Report

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the Memorandum from Bradley Turner, Finance Director. That we needed a formal motion to accept the 23.75 mils rate.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to accept the Memorandum as presented with the 23.75 mils rate for the 2022.

Vote:7-0

Announcements

Northern Maine Fair begins August 4th starting at 4:00PM, Crown of Maine Balloon Festival dates are August 25 to the 28th. We have the following vacancies for Boards/Committees: Zoning Board and an alternate on Planning Board. Please see the City Clerk for an application or apply online. Nomination papers for 2 City Councilor Seats and 6 School Board Seats are open for reelection if you want to run for any of the seats please come get Nomination forms at the City Clerk office. They will need to be turned in by Sept 2, 2022 by 5:00 P.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Presque Isle City Council will be on Wednesday, September 7, 2022. Location to be determined.

Adjournment

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

Vote: 7-0

Out of executive session at 8:59 PM.

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor C. Green to increase the Sergeants and Police Union pay scale by \$6.

Vote: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED to adjourn by Deputy Chairman K. Freeman, second by Councilor J. Willette at 9:02 PM.

Vote 7-0

Attested by:


Kimberly A Finnemore, City Clerk

