



Presque Isle City Council Meeting

August 4, 2021

6:00 PM

Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Public Library

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 6:03 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Comments

Chairman K. Freeman opened the Citizen Comments at 6:05 PM

Kim Smith Resource Development and Public information Officer informed Council of the upcoming County Snow Fest, to be held January 28, 2022 starting at 4PM and running thru Sunday January 30, 2021 at 4PM. And all the numerous activities lined up.

Randall Cyr came to follow up on his concerns with Jalbert's Auto. Randall did say that Mr. Jalbert has removed some of the cars behind Mr. Cyr's property. Mr. Cyr asked the council to put Mr. Jalbert's renewal for his license thru the city on hold, until Mr. Jalbert abides by code.

Chairman K. Freeman Closed the Citizens Comments at 6:11 PM

Public Hearing

1. Approval for a CDBG-Rural Housing Preservation Program Application

Chairman K. Freeman opened the Public Hearing at 6:11 PM.

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the Rural Housing Application.
Galen Weibly spoke on grant and the qualifications for the grant.

There were no citizen comments.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Deputy Chair J. Shaw to approve CDBG-Rural Housing Preservation Grant as presented.

Vote: 7- 0

2. Approval for a CDBG-Ignite PI Resolution

Chairman K. Freeman opened the hearing at 6:16 PM.

Galen Weibley spoke on the grant

Clint Deschene spoke on behalf of Ignite PI

There were no citizens comments.

Chairman K. Freeman closed the hearing at 6:16 PM.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to approve the resolution submitted in our packet, accepting the City's administration of Ignite PI's community Development Block Grant Economic Development Program to Revitalize the Northeastland Hotel in Downtown Presque Isle.

Vote: 7 - 0

Consent Agenda

3. July 7, 2021 and July 12, 2021 Minutes.

4. Warrant #24-#27 Totaling \$1,592,869.01

- Warrant #24-\$288,982.62
- Warrant #25-\$266,406.46
- Warrant #26-\$233,545.60
- Warrant #27-\$803,934.33

5. Approve Maine municipal Association Executive Committee

6. Approve CDBG Policies

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Deputy Chair J. Shaw to approve Consent Agenda articles # 5-#6 as presented.

Vote: 7 - 0

Old Business

7. City Hall Renovation Updates

Discussion only

8. Automobile Graveyard

Discussion only

9. Maine Bond Bank

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the Maine Bond Bank and the great loan rates. Council had a discussion

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Willette, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary paperwork for Maine Bond Bank

Vote: 7-0

New Business

10. ARPA County Agreement

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the details of the Agreement. Council had a discussion.

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Deputy Chair J. Shaw to approve the ARPA county Agreement Service Contract.

Vote 7-0

Manager's Report

City Manager Martin Puckett spoke about receiving the 1st application for The TIF District and having a discussion at the next City Council Meeting. City Manager would also like to find a Citizen at large to be on the Committee and also 1 Council Member. M. Puckett also spoke about the Nomination forms available for 7 School Board Members, 1 Council Seat, Warden and a Ward Clerk positions are open. Nomination papers are available on 3rd floor at the City Clerk's office.

Announcements

The next meeting of the Presque Isle City Council will be held at the Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Public Library on September 1, 2021 at 6:00 PM. The Norther Maine Fair is being held 5-8th.

Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chair J. Shw, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to enter into Executive Session at 7:10 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) to discuss Negotiations.

Vote: 7 - 0

Council exited Executive Session at 7:58PM

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve Public Works and Valt contract.

Vote: 7- 0

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K.Freeman, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to enter into Executive Session at 7:58 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) to discuss Real Estate.

Council exited Executive Session at 9:02PM

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to authorize the city manager to sign all necessary paperwork for 12 Judd Street.

Vote: 7- 0

Adjournment

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM.

Vote: 7-0

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