



Presque Isle City Council Meeting

September 29, 2021

6:00 PM

Sargant Family Community Center

Call to Order - Roll Call

Present: Chairman K. Freeman, Councilors M. Chasse, C. Green, and J. Willette.
Councilor D. Cyr arrived at 6:08pm Councilor R. Smith arrived at 6:11pm

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.

Public Hearing

1. Approval to amend Chapter 48-General Assistance Ordinance Appendix A-H (Single Hearing)

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

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the General Assistance Ordinance

There were no citizen comments.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M.Chasse, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to amend Chapter 48-General Assistance Ordinance Appendix A-H

Vote: 4- 0

2. Consider adopting changes to the following building standards: Chapter 31 National Electrical Code and Chapter 38C Property Maintenance Code.

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

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on Chapter 31 National Electrical code and Chapter 38C Property Maintenance Code.

There were no citizens comments.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Willette, seconded by Councilor C. Green to adopting the changes made to Chapter 31 National code and Chapter 38C Property Maintenance Code.

Vote: 4-0

3. Approval of a Medical Marijuana License to Richardson Remedies-Presque Isle, LLC, with location of 719 Main Street (Single Hearing)

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

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on new application and met all codes. Galen Weibley spoke on behalf of the staff.

There were no citizens comments.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Willette, seconded by Chairman K. Freeman to approve a Marijuana License to Richardson Remedies-Presque Isle, LLC, with location to 719 Main Street.

Vote: 4-0

4. Approval of a Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License for Xian Ping Cao d/b/a Mai Tai, Inc. with location of 449 Main Street.

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

City Manager M. Puckett spoke that there were no issues and recommends approval.

There were no citizens Comments.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Willette, seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve a Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License for Xian Ping Cao d/b/a Mai Tai, Inc. with location of 449 Main Street.

Vote: 5-0

5. Approval for a malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License for Bethany Graves, d/b/a Lotus Lounge, with location of 149 State Street (Single Hearing)

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

City Manager M. Puckett spoke that there were no issues and recommends approval.

There were no Citizens Comments.

Chairman K. Freeman close the Public Hearing at 6:12 PM.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Chairman C. Green to approve a Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License for Bethany Graves, d/b/a Lotus Lounge, with location of 149 State Street.

Vote: 6-0

6. 2022 Municipal Budget (First Hearing)

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

City Manager M. Puckett spoke this is the first of two Public Hearings. And asked for comments on the Budget from the citizens.

Chairman K. Freeman spoke on the upcoming Budget Hearings.

There were No Citizens Comments.

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

Citizen Comments

Chairman K. Freeman opened the Citizen Comments at 6:14 PM

Gregory LaFrancois - President of Northern Light AR Gould Hospital, Ex-Officio spoke on Covid and Hospital protocols.

Chairman K. Freeman closed the Citizen Comment section at 6:35 PM.

Presentation

7. 2022 Budget

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the two different Budget Binders the big binder is the detailed budget and the smaller one is a condensed version with graphs and charts in it. Talked about the positive things the state has done to help cut the budget. (1. Funding for education. 2. Revenue sharing 3. Homestead exemptions). Talked about the upcoming Budget meeting on Oct. 12,13 and 14th.

Consent Agenda

8. Approve Minutes from September 1, 2021

9. Warrant #32-#35 Totaling \$1,140,788.79

- Warrant #32-\$118,159.91
- Warrant #33-\$123,044.22
- Warrant #34-\$255,575.09
- Warrant #35-\$644,009.57

10. Approve Audit Contract

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve Consent Agenda articles # 8-#10 as presented.

Vote: 6 - 0

Old Business

11. City Goals Review

Discussion only

12. Schedule Public Hearing for Dangerous Buildings

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on 38 Elizabeth St.

Galen Weibley spoke on behalf of the staff to request a Public Hearing

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to Schedule a Public Hearing for dangerous buildings on December 1, 2021

Vote: 6 - 0

13. City Hall Renovations
Discussion only

Manager's Report

City Manager Martin Puckett Thanked the vendors at Riverside for a record year, and the final day is Oct. 2nd, 2021. Most vendors move to the Micmac Farm for the winter months. We have roughly 50 requests for absentee ballots, we are waiting for the state ballots to come in so we can start mailing them out.

Announcements

The next meeting of the Presque Isle City Council will be held at the Sargant Family Community Center on November 3, 2021 at 6:00 PM. The Budget workshops will be held Oct 12th, 13th, and 14th.

Adjournment

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. to enter into Executive Session at 7:07 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) to discuss Real Estate.

Vote: 6-0

Out of executive session at 7:56 PM.

Motion by Councilor M. Chasse to authorize the City Manager to purchase and sign all necessary documentation for the property at 228 State Street, known as the Griffith's House, for \$169,000.00 Second by Councilor D. Cyr.

Vote:6-0

Motion by Councilor Chasse to enter executive session, Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) to discuss Real Estate, second by Councilor Green at 7:57pm.

Vote:6-0

Out of executive session at 8:10pm.

Motion by Councilor Smith to authorize the city manager to sign the purchase and sale agreement with F.W. Webb for 7.31 acres at 109 Parsons Street for \$322,000, buyer being responsible for legal and survey fees, funds to be placed in the PIIC Building Fund. Sale

includes easements. Conveyed by a Quitclaim deed to be signed by city manager.
Second by Councilor Green at 8:10pm.

Vote 6-0

Motion by Councilor Green to enter executive session, Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §
405(6)(E) to discuss Negotiations, second by Councilor at 8:10pm.

Vote:6-0

Out of executive session at 8:15pm.

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Smith, second by Green.

Vote:6-0

Attested by:


Kimberly A Finnemore, City Clerk