



Presque Isle City Council Meeting

October 5th, 2022

6:00 PM

Sargant Family Community Center

Call to Order – Roll Call

Present: Chairman K. Freeman, Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, Councilors M. Chasse, G. Nelson and J. Willette.

Absent Councilor C. Green and D. Cyr

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. Approve Presque Isle Development Fund Façade Loan for Matthew McGinley, d/b/a Royal Leaf Apothecary with location of 415 Main Street

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

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the approval thru the Planning and Development Board.

Galen Weibley gave a brief overview how the program runs.

Matt McGinley gave an overview of how he would like to use the funds for lights, sign, to spruce up the front of the business.

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 Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to approve a Presque Isle Development Fund Façade Loan to Matthew McGinley d/b/a Royal Leaf Apothecary located at 415 Main Street.

Vote: 5-0

2. Approve Presque Isle Development Fund Façade Loan for Chad Graham, Fieldstone Leasing & Development with location 477 Main Street.

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

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the review with the Planning and Development Board.

Chad Graham spoke on the front of his building there are piece that are ready to fall off and he plans to replace the front of the building.

There were no citizen comments

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

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Willette and seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to approve a Presque Isle Development Fund Façade Loan to Chad Graham, d/b/a Fieldstone Leasing & Development located at 477 Main Street

Vote 5-0

Citizen Comments

There were no Citizens Comments

Consent Agenda.

3. Approve 2022 Warrants #34-#37 totaling \$1,615,608.85

4. Drug Forfeiture-Meagan Tardif-\$1775.00 in U.S. Currency

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve Consent Agenda #3-#4 as presented.

Vote: 5-0

Old Business

New Business

5. Announcement of Award of EDA grant for Aerospace Research Park (\$5,629,128)

Scott Wardwell Airport Director gave a verbal Presentation on the Aerospace Research Park-1500 ft road with infrastructure sites for 10-11 buildings. Funding From: Economic Development Administration. Total Project Cost: \$5,629,128. Grant Funding: \$4,503,302. Short-Term Impact: 14 jobs saved, 126 jobs created, \$30 million in private investment leveraged. First Tenant on Board: VALT Enterprises-Hypersonic Research. Long-Term Impact: When other 10 buildings constructed, a total of 400-440 high paying jobs created.

6. WARM Loan -Kevin Thorstenson, d/b/a Thor Enterprises, LLC with location of 290 Skyway Street- Apartments 1, 2, 44, 52, 53, 54, 77, & 78 and under Kevin Thorstenson, d/b/a Thor Properties, LLC with location of 24 Academy Street.

City Manager M. Puckett about the review of the application at the Presque Isle Development Fund Committee and the WARM program

Galen Weibley spoke on the loan program.

Kevin Thorstenson spoke on outfitting his apartments boilers to more energy efficient and cost -effective propane from #2 fuel.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Willette, seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to approve a Presque Isle Development Fund WARM Loan Application to Kevin Thorstenson d/b/a Thor Enterprises LLC in the amount of \$33,750.00 at 2.25% amortized for 10 years.

Vote: 4-0-1

Chairman K. Freeman abstained

Manager's Report

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on Presque Isle Police Department Open House on October 15th from 10-1 and the Public is invited.

Ron Smith From HR Smith Auditor will be coming to the October 13 Meeting at 5:15PM
Absentee Ballots will be ready for the Public on October 11th

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Announcements

The County's Oktoberfest is being held at Legacy Ranch & Event Center LLC on October 15th from 2:00-5:00 PM.
Haunted Lantern History Tour will be held on October 14 and 15th, 2022 from 6-7:30 PM each evening

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.

Budget Workshops are scheduled for October 11, 12, and 13th all at 5:15 PM at the Sargent Community Center. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Presque Isle City Council will be on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 also at the Sargent Family Community Center

Adjournment

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse seconded by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw to enter into Executive Session at 6:54 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) to discuss Negotiations.

Vote: 5-0


Out of executive session at 7:59 PM.

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to authorize the city manager to utilize the services of Hoyle Tanner and AECOM for BIL Airport Terminal Project PL 117-58 for an amount not to exceed \$36,300.

Vote: 4-1

BE IT RESOLVED to adjourn by Councilor J. Willette, second by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw at 8:02 PM.

Vote 5-0

Attested by: 
Kimberly A Finnemore, City Clerk