



**Presque Isle City Council Special Executive
Session**

November 18, 2020

5:15 PM

Presque Isle City Council Chambers

Call to Order - Roll Call

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

Absent: Councilor D. Cyr (arrived at 5:17 PM)

City Manager Martin Puckett and City Clerk Thomas King were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman K. Freeman called the meeting to order at 5:22 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business

1. Waiver of Foreclosure

City Manager Puckett and Finance Director Turner explained to the Council that one property is currently slated for automatic foreclosure but due to the nature of the property and probably environmental issues, it would be in the City's best interest not to foreclose at this time. This does not remove the ability of the City to foreclose at a future time if taxes in arrears have not been made current.

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor C. Green that the City Council authorize the City Treasurer to waive the foreclosure on 228 and 238 Chapman Road if payment on the 2018 tax lien is not received by the City prior to the close of business on November 24, 202 at 4:30 PM.

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2. Transfer funds to the Presque Isle Downtown Revitalization Committee Reserve Account

DECD Director G. Weibley presented the Council with a request to pay the downtown market deficit expenses from the Downtown Revitalization Committee's 2020 operating budget and a request to move the remaining reserve balance into the committee reserves at the conclusion of 2020. The Committee is currently working on plans for a Fiddlehead Festival, tentatively scheduled for May of 2021. Weibley presented the Council with an outline of the three day festivities.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Willette that the City pay the remaining downtown market deficit expenses, not to exceed \$3,400, from the Downtown Revitalization Committee's 2020 operating budget and approve moving the remaining reserve balance, not to exceed \$6,000, into the committee reserves at the conclusion of 2020.

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Budget Workshop

City Manager Puckett and Finance Director Turner presented the most recent adjustments to the proposed 2021 Municipal Budget. As currently projected, the 2021 tax rate would be \$24.94 per \$1,000 valuation (24.95 mils) or 0.01 mils lower than the 2020 tax rate. City Manager Puckett and Finance Director Turner answered questions posed by the Council. Council Chairman K. Freeman polled the rest of the Council and all responded with favorable comments regarding the proposed budget.

The next 2021 Municipal Budget Public Hearing will be held December 2, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers.

Adjournment

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Shaw to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 PM.

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Attested by: _____
Thomas C. King, City Clerk