



Presque Isle City Council Meeting
November 5, 2020
3:00 PM
Presque Isle City Council Chambers

Call to Order - Roll Call

Present: Chairman K. Freeman, Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, Councilors J. Shaw and C. Green (arrived at 3:20 PM)

Absent: Councilors J. Willette, D. Cyr, and R. Smith

City Manager Martin Puckett, Finance Director Bradley Turner, and Deputy City Clerk Deborah Ouellette were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman K. Freeman called the meeting to order at 3:20 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business

1. Waiver of Foreclosures

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Chairman K. Freeman that the City Council authorize the City Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of those properties identified as #3 thru #18 on Attachment A if payment of the 2018 tax lien is not received by the City prior to the close of business on November 24, 2020 at 4:30 PM.

Vote: 3 - 1 w/Councilor M. Chasse opposing.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Chairman K. Freeman to table consideration of foreclosure waiver for those properties identified as #1 and #2 (Bonville properties) on Attachment A.

Vote: 3 - 1 w/Councilor M. Chasse opposing.

2. Move Dispatch to MainePERS Plan 3C

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Shaw to approve language as presented with respect to moving Dispatch to MainePERS Plan 3C.

Vote: 4 - 0

2021 Budget Workshop

3. Capital Reserve Funds

City Manager Martin Puckett gave overview of capital reserve funds.

4. Police Department

City Manager Puckett presented Police Department capital budget.

We have been trying to put in \$52,000 each year.

Budgeting for scheduled replacement of police cruisers discussed.

Police Chief Laurie Kelley talked about quotes obtained from Mechanical Services (\$69,000) and Honeywell (\$75,000) to replace air conditioning unit.

Repairs have been done to HVAC unit under warranty since installation. Freon cannot legally be used any longer.

Building is settling creating a "fault line" thru the premises.

Telephone system was addressed in 2020 and is currently being worked on.

5. Fire Department

Fire Chief Darryl White presented the Fire Department capital budget.

2010 Ford pickup must be replaced – body rusted.

A payment of \$16,000 is due in January 2021 which is ½ of the invoice amount for the new cardiac unit – EMS Supplies.

6. Recreation and Parks Department

Director Gene Cronin presented Recreation & Parks Department capital budget.

Department is looking to purchase two used passenger vans.

No busing of students from MSAD#1 any longer.

Peace Park to be developed as a dog park. Chairman K. Freeman recommends putting \$6,000 back in for dog fountain.

Discussion about replacement of boiler heater at Forum. Oil tank must be removed in about two years.

Councilor C. Green suggest moving money from other categories to allow for completion of this project.

Councilor J. Shaw requested an updated capital reserve budget to reflect changing of funding priorities.

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor C. Green to put out an RFQ (request for qualifications) for design and implementation of a heating system at the Forum.

Vote: 4 - 0

7. Library

City Manager Puckett presented Library capital budget.

8. City Hall

City Manager Puckett presented City Hall capital budget.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse to transfer \$250,000 from surplus to City Hall capital reserves toward building improvements.

Vote: 4 - 0

9. Public Services

Director Dana Fowler presented Public Services capital budget.

The \$300,000 level is good going forward.

10. Airport

City Manager Puckett presented Airport capital budget. Airport is not paid from City funds.

11. Industrial Council

Executive Director Tom Powers presented Industrial Council capital budget.

Chairman K. Freeman asked about FMI building. Councilors agreed they want to revisit this item later.

12. Echo Lake

City Manager Puckett presented Echo Lake capital budget.

13. Department of Economic & Community Development

Director Galen Weibley presented DECD capital budget.

\$30,000 capital reserves for consulting and City rebranding process.

The City needs to develop a comprehensive plan, in partnership with NMDC.

Director Weibley reported on CRM/permitting software he has been researching. He recommends software that integrates with GIS but hasn't yet found a package.

14. Emergency Reserves

City Manager Puckett presented Emergency Reserves capital budget.

We have been adding \$95,000 to emergency reserves each year. The account currently has \$2.3MM balance and the maximum allowed per City Charter is \$2.8MM.

Announcements

- Next Budget Workshop is on Thursday, November 18, 2020 @ 5:15 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Adjournment

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor J. Shaw to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 PM.

Vote: 4 - 0

Attested by: _____
Deborah Ouellette, Deputy City Clerk