



Presque Isle Budget Workshop

Wednesday, November 18th, 2020

5:15 PM

Presque Isle Council Chambers

AGENDA

Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Old Business

1. Waiver of Foreclosure

New Business

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

2021 Budget Workshop

2021 City Budget

Adjournment

PRESQUE ISLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

For:

November 18, 2020

AGENDA ITEM # 1

SUBJECT

OLD BUSINESS: Waiver of Foreclosures

INFORMATION

1) Memo from Brad Turner, dated November 10, 2020

REQUESTED ACTION

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor _____, seconded by Councilor _____ that the City Council authorize the City Treasurer to waive the foreclosure on those properties listed on Attachment A if payment on the 2018 tax lien is not received by the City prior to close of business on November 24, 2020 at 4:30pm.



City of Presque Isle, Maine

Finance Department

From the desk of:

Bradley Turner

Email: bturner@presqueisleme.us

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Presque Isle City Council
FROM:	Bradley Turner, Treasurer
DATE:	November 10, 2020
RE:	Waiving Foreclosure on Properties with 2018 Unpaid Taxes

Foreclosure notices were sent to taxpayers and other interested parties on properties with 2018 Tax Liens that were unpaid as of November 10, 2020.

Attached is a list of two properties on which I am recommending the Council approve Waivers of Foreclosure. The Waiver simply waives the current automatic foreclosure it does not waive the taxes due or the right of the City to foreclose in the future.

Properties 1 and 2 were a Junkyard and the State of Maine DEP is concerned about the Environmental Hazardous materials remaining in the land.

If the 'Waiver of Foreclosure' is issued, the City:

- Will not foreclose on, and therefore own, and possibly owe lot rent on undesirable properties, and
- Will not be required to evict individuals and become a landlord until the eviction takes place if the home was occupied or there was a rental situation.
- Is not waiving the taxes due, only foreclosure for the current year; if they don't follow through we can foreclose in December 16, 2021.

Attachment A is a worksheet listing those properties being recommended for Waiver of Foreclosure.

RESOLVE:

BE IT RESOLVED by _____ and seconded by _____ that the City Council authorize the City Treasurer to waive the foreclosure on those properties listed on Attachment A if payment on the 2018 tax lien is not received by the City prior to close of business on November 24, 2020 at 4:30 pm.

PROSPECTIVE TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTIES
 2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES
 AUTO FORECLOSURE DATE: 11/24/2020

ACCT #	TAXPAYER(S)	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	ASSESSED VALUE		TAXES DUE	INTEREST	COSTS	TOTAL	COMMENTS
				LAND	BUILDING					
1	Bonville, Geary	238 Chapman	Building		3,100.00	80.04	11.42	94.80	186.26	Building only - No Land. Property was devalued July 2014
2	Bonville, Geary	228 Chapman	Building & 39 acres	58,900.00	128,500.00	4,838.67	690.41	101.60	5,630.68	Dept of Environmental Protection has filed notice of hazardous substance violations on the land.

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AGENDA ITEM # 2

SUBJECT

NEW BUSINESS: Transfer funds to the Presque Isle Downtown Revitalization Committee Reserve Account

INFORMATION

1) Memo from Galen Weibley, dated November 10, 2020

REQUESTED ACTION

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor _____, seconded by Councilor _____ that the city pay the remaining downtown market deficit expenses not to exceed \$3,400.00 from the Downtown Revitalization Committee's 2020 operating budget and approve moving the remaining reserve balance not to exceed \$6,000.00 into the committee reserves at the conclusion of 2020.



City of Presque Isle, Maine

The Office of
Director of Economic & Community Development

Galen Weibley

Email: gweibley@presqueisleme.us

MEMORANDUM

TO:	PI City Councilors, Manager, & Finance Department
FROM:	Galen Weibley, Director of Economic & Community Development
DATE:	November 10, 2020
RE:	Downtown Revitalization Committee Reserve Transfer Request for The County Fiddlehead Festival & Payment of Downtown Market Deficit

The Downtown Revitalization Committee would like to respectfully request the city council consider transfer the remaining 2020 operations, not to exceed \$6,000.00 to the DRC's Special Reserve account after paying the downtown farmer's market deficit and other operating expenses. The downtown farmer's market expenses for electric and temporary sanitary stations has never been appropriated a line item in previous city budgets and needs to be balanced for accounting purposes. In the future, there will be a line item for the downtown farmers market expenses within the Recreation & Facilities Department's budget.

With Covid-19 scaling back activities by the DRC, the committee decided to promote the city during a large function in the spring as a way of boosting community morale and geographic recognition downstate. The committee noticed an opportunity to highlight the importance of our Northern Maine way of life and boost cultural tourism by hosting the County's Fiddlehead Festival for May 21-23, 2021.

The layout of most activities will take place on a closed down Riverside Drive where beer, wine and food vendors will be located in close proximity to live music. Other activities include educational demonstrations and how-to seminars under the farmers market pavilion, live cooking competition using fiddleheads & trout, and a shuttle that will take participants to a fiddlehead field to learn about picking and the importance of conservation. The committee is also exploring a trout derby for local and visiting anglers as a way to increase funds available to help in conservation efforts especially for the Kennedy Brook.

The DRC has received approval from the Department of Inland and Fisheries to utilize the Aroostook River Boat Launch where a field of fiddleheads grow for the demonstrations and awaiting approval for the trout derby. If the city council blesses this event for 2021, the committee would like to start promoting the event by soliciting entries for a community cookbook. All proceeds from the cookbook will go towards a community project of planting fiddleheads along the Presque Isle Stream in coordination with the Central Aroostook Conservation District.

Partnering events/organizations during the same weekend include: Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce Craft Show, RiverRun 5k, Downtown Revitalization Committee, Central Aroostook County Conservation District, SAD 1 Adult Education Program, downtown businesses

Motion:

Mr. Chairman I move that the city pay the remaining downtown market deficit expenses not to exceed \$3,400.00 from the Downtown Revitalization Committee's 2020 operating budget and approve moving the remaining reserve balance not to exceed \$6,000 into the committee's special reserves at the conclusion of 2020.

Enclosures

*Draft layout and schedule of events

	12/31/2019	Receipts	Total Available	Expenditures	Amount Remaining
	(1,494.22)	-	(1,494.22)	-	(1,494.22)
	-	-	-	(1,737.09)	(1,737.09)
	-	-	-	-	-
	(1,494.22)	-	(1,494.22)	(1,737.09)	(3,231.31)

Reserve 057 Downtown Market
Revenues
Expenditures

2020 Activity

<u>Disbursements</u>	
2/14/2020	59350 Emera Maine 1.10
3/13/2020	59619 Emera Maine 15.72
4/17/2020	59921 Emera Maine 15.72
5/15/2020	60238 Emera Maine 15.72
6/12/2020	60453 Emera Maine 16.64
7/3/2020	60729 Tompkins Plumbing 320.00 Portable Toilet Rental
7/24/2020	60900 Emera Maine 17.42
7/31/2020	60991 Tompkins Plumbing 320.00 Portable Toilet Rental
8/14/2020	61103 Versant Power 28.97
8/28/2020	61268 Rathbun Lumber 38.41 Lumber/Nozzle
9/4/2020	61350 Tompkins Plumbing 320.00 Portable Toilet Rental
9/11/2020	61420 Versant Power 22.30 Electric Service
10/9/2020	61658 Tompkins Plumbing 320.00 Portable Toilet Rental
10/16/2020	61728 Versant Power 24.78 Electric Service
11/6/2020	61909 Tompkins Plumbing 160.00 Portable Toilet Rental
11/13/2020	61987 Versant Power 100.31 Electric Service



roughly \$25.00 for December's Electric Service

1,737.09

Revenue

FiddleFest Layout

Untitled layer

-  Children's Fish Rodeo
-  Point 2

Untitled layer

-  Farmers Market
-  40 Vendors
-  Beer & Wine Tent
-  Band Stage
- 

Trolley Pick up for Fiddleheads



Seating Area for Band Performances

Fishing Area

Food Vendor Tent

Blockaded

Blockade

Education Stage

Fishing Area

Sargent Community Center

Event HQ

Portajohns

40 Vendors

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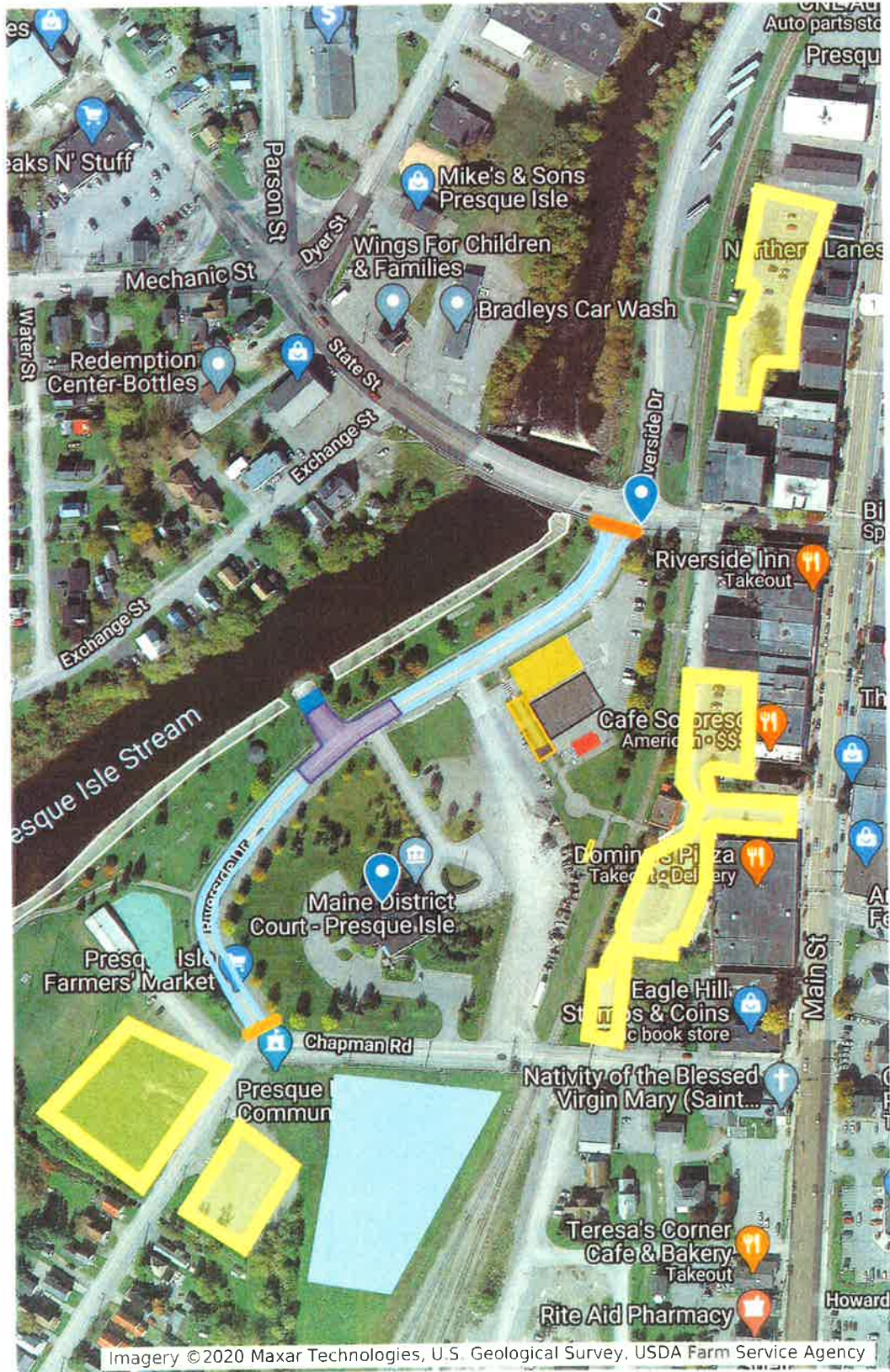
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FiddleFest
Draft Schedule of Events

Friday, May 21

4PM: Art Exhibit Opens, *Community Center*

4PM: Vendor Booths and Informational Booth Open, *Event Site*

5PM Food Vendors and Beer/Wine Tent Open

5:30-8:30pm- Star City Syndicate performance, *Event Site, Band Stage*

Saturday, May 22

ALL DAY: UPick Fiddleheads

ALL DAY: Trout Derby

8:30am-1pm: Farmer's Market, *Riverside Drive (vendor area)*

10AM-7PM: Vendor Booths and Education Station Open, *Event Site*

9AM-4PM: Craft and Vendor Fair Opens, *Aroostook Centre Mall*

11AM: Art Exhibit Opens, *Community Center*

11AM-8PM Food Vendors and Beer/Wine Tent Open, *Event Site*

12PM: Bluegrass Festival Performance 1, *Event Site, Band Stage*

12PM: Fiddlehead Cook off Competition

2PM: Art Battle, *Event Site*

3PM: Bluegrass Festival Performance 2 *Event Site, Band Stage*

5PM: Cook off Winners Announced, *Event Site, Band Stage*

6PM: Bluegrass Festival Performance 3, *Event Site, Band Stage*

8PM: Movie, TBD (*Community Center*)

Sunday, May 23

ALL DAY: UPick Fiddleheads

ALL DAY: Trout Derby

8AM: Sponsor Breakfast, *Community Center*

11AM: Art Exhibit Opens

11AM: Amateur Cooking Competition

12PM-5PM Education Station Opens

11AM-5PM: Food Vendors and Beer/Wine Vendors open??

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BUDGET WORKSHOP

WORKSHOP: Presentations

2021 City Budget

REQUESTED ACTION

Discussion only.