



Presque Isle City Council Special Executive
Session

April 1, 2020

6:00 PM

Presque Isle City Council Chambers

Call to Order - Roll Call

Present: Chairman K. Freeman, Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, Councilors D. Cyr, J. Shaw via video software, Councilors C. Green, R. Smith, and J. Willette in person

Absent: None

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

Public Hearing

1. Approval for a Marijuana License for Northern Maine Flower, with a location of 540 Main Street.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to issue a license to Benito Carrasco, Jr., operating as Northern Maine Flower, LLC., to operate a Medical Marijuana Retail Store at 540 Main Street

Vote: 7 - 0

2. Repass Ordinance due to Sunset Provision

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Willette, seconded by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse to re-pass Chapter 23 - Pawnbroker's Ordinance.

Vote: 7 - 0

Consent Agenda

3. March 4, 2020 Minutes
4. Warrants #8 - #11 - Totaling \$1,396,895.57
5. Employment Agency License for Maine Staffing Group

6. Employment Agency License for Tempo Employment Services
7. Pawnbroker License for Ben's Trading Post, LLC
8. Taxi Service License for Aroostook Cab Company
9. Taxi Service License for Town Taxi
10. Taxi Service License for Carney's Taxi
11. Bowling Alley License for Northern Lanes, Inc

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Vote: 7 - 0

12. Approve Drug Forfeiture

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor R. Smith, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to authorize Chairman K. Freeman to sign the approval of transfers of forfeited drug proceeds.

Vote: 7 - 0

13. Bicentennial Parade Route

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor R. Smith, seconded by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse to approve the Bicentennial Parade route.

Vote: 7 - 0

Old Business

14. Goal Setting Session

City Manager Puckett and the Council discussed municipal goal setting. An initial list was presented to the Council. Review and prioritization will take place in the coming weeks and more discussions will be held.

15. City Hall Update

Discussion only - an RFP has been advertised for engineering services. The deadline to receive the RFPs is April 30. Another update will be provided in future meetings.

16. COVID-19

Discussion only. City Manager Puckett reports that guidelines for maximum number of patrons at area businesses have been released. The number is based on square footage of the particular business.

Greg LaFrancois, CEO of TAMC, addressed the Council. So far there have been no positive tests for Covid-19 at TAMC. The hospital has doubled the number of available ICU beds in preparation and continue to cross-train staff. Mr. LaFrancois also answered questions from Councilors. He will return for future meetings to provide ongoing updates.

New Business

17. City Ethics Policy

Discussion only. City Manager Puckett reports the Ethics policy has not been updated since 2007. This will be revisited as necessary.

18. Chapman-Riverside Intersection

Discussion only. There is a safety concern with the intersection of Chapman Road and Riverside Drive, by the Splash Pad/Playground area. The City has been working with MDOT to find an adequate solution, be it a 3-way stop, additional signage and lights, etc. City Manager Puckett would like the Council to provide guidance. Discussion will continue at future meetings.

19. Dangerous Buildings

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Willette, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to schedule a public Hearing for Dangerous Buildings for May 6, 2020.

Vote: 7 - 0

20. Ambulance

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Chairman K. Freeman to approve to purchase two (2) 2016 Ford F-650 Diesel ambulances from Perry Hi-Way Hose Company, Inc. of Erie, Pennsylvania for a total of \$82,000.00.

Vote: 7 - 0

Manager's Report

City Manager Puckett extended a thank you to staff for their work during these unprecedented times.

Announcements

The next meeting of the Presque Isle City Council will be held on May 6, 2020 at 6:00 PM. It is to be determined whether this will be an in-person meeting or a virtual meeting.

Executive Session

Chairman K. Freeman closed the meeting to the public and proposed a short break before entering into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) to discuss Negotiations.

Councilors exited Executive Session at 9:14 PM.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to authorize the City Manager to sign the Grant Writer/PIO contract.

Vote: 7 - 0

Adjournment

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 PM.

Vote 7 - 0

Attested by: _____
Thomas C. King, City Clerk