



Presque Isle City Council Special Executive
Session

January 8, 2020

5:00 PM

Presque Isle City Council Chambers

Call to Order - Roll Call

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

Absent: None

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM and councilors yielded the floor to the Presque Isle Industrial Council for their Membership Meeting.

The City Council Meeting resumed at 5:18 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Administer Oath of Office to newly elected Councilors. This was done just prior to the start of the meeting.
2. Election of City Council Chair for 2020

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse to elect Councilor Kevin Freeman to serve as Chairman for 2020. Second by Councilor R. Smith.

Vote: 6 - 0 - 1

Councilor K. Freeman abstaining

3. Election of City Council Deputy Chairman for 2020

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor R. Smith to elect Councilor M. Chasse to serve as Deputy Chairman for 2020.

Vote: 6 - 0 - 1

Councilor M. Chasse abstaining

4. Appointment of Municipal Officials

CITY ATTORNEY

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor _____, seconded by Councilor _____ to appoint **TBD** as the City Attorney per Article 4.10 of the City Charter. **(TABLED UNTIL OLD BUSINESS)**

CITY CLERK

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor K. Freeman to appoint **THOMAS C KING** as the City Clerk per Article 4.10 of the City Charter.

Vote: 7 - 0

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to appoint **GEORGE HOWE** as the plumbing inspector.

Vote: 7 - 0

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to reappoint **Charles T. Namur III, Ryan Pelletier** and **Nate Grass** (terms expire 12/31/23) to the Airport Advisory Board.

Vote: 7 - 0

AROOSTOOK WASTE SOLUTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Shaw to appoint **Dana Fowler** and Councilor K. Freeman (terms expire 12/31/20) to the Aroostook Waste Solutions Board.

Vote: 6 - 0 - 1

Councilor K. Freeman abstaining

AUDIT COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor C. Green to appoint Councilor J. Shaw for a one-year term on the Audit Committee, term to expire on 12/31/20.

Vote: 6 - 0 - 1

Councilor J. Shaw abstaining

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to reappoint **Gregory Roderick** (term expires 12/31/20) as an alternate to the Board of Assessment Review.

Vote: 7 - 0

FINANCE COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to appoint Councilor C. Green and Councilor R. Smith for a one-year term on the Finance Committee, term to expire on 12/31/20.

Vote: 7 - 0

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor C. Green to appoint **Julia Bartley, Allison Ladner and Martha LaPointe** (terms expires 12/31/2022) and reappoint **Lois Brewer, Billie Brodsky and Kevin Sipe** (terms expires 12/31/22) to the Library Board of Trustees.

Vote: 7 - 0

PLANNING BOARD

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor C. Green to

reappoint **Ward Gerow** (term expire 12/31/23) and **David Perry** (term expires 12/31/2023) to the Planning Board.

Vote: 7 - 0

PRESQUE ISLE DEVELOPMENT FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to reappoint **Floyd Rockholt** (term expire 12/31/22) to the Presque Isle Development Fund Board of Trustees.

Vote: 7 - 0

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to appoint Councilor J. Willette and Councilor K. Freeman for a one year term on the Presque Isle Development Fund Board of Trustees, term to expire on 12/31/20.

Vote: 7 - 0

PRESQUE ISLE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to reappoint **Clint Dechene** and **Luke Rossignol** (terms expire 12/31/23) to the Presque Isle Downtown Revitalization Committee.

Vote: 7 - 0

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor R. Smith, seconded by Councilor C. Green to appoint Councilor M. Chasse and Councilor J. Shaw for a three year term on the Presque Isle Downtown Revitalization Committee, term to expire on 12/31/22 or remainder of Council term, whichever is shorter.

Vote: 7 - 0

PRESQUE ISLE INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor M. Chasse to nominate **Councilor** K. Freeman for a three year term on the Presque Isle Industrial

Council Board of Directors, term to expire on 12/31/22 or remainder of Council term, whichever is shorter.

Vote: 7 - 0

RECREATION & PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to reappoint **Bill Casavant** and **Jennifer Deschene** (terms expire 12/31/23) to the Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee.

Vote: 7 - 0

REGISTRATION OF APPEALS BOARD

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor R. Smith, seconded by Councilor C. Green to reappoint **David Perry** and **Larry Perry** (terms expire 12/31/23) to the Registration of Appeals Board.

Vote: 7 - 0

PRESQUE ISLE UTILITIES DISTRICT

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor R. Smith, seconded by Councilor C. Green to reappoint **Noel Currier** and **Carol McPherson** (terms expire 12/31/23) to the Presque Isle Utilities District.

Vote: 7 - 0

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to reappoint **Karen Duncan, Larry Perry** and **Earl Twiggs** (terms expire 12/31/23) to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Vote: 7 - 0

5. Set City Council meeting times and places for 2020

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor R. Smith that the regular City Council meetings be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 12 Second Street, Presque Isle, Maine.

In instances where the first Wednesday is a recognized holiday, or in cases of severe weather when offices are closed, the regular meeting shall be held on the following Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM. At a regular meeting the City Council shall decide if it wants to call a special meeting at a date and time determined by the City Council.

Vote: 7 - 0

Public Hearing

6. Re-pass Ordinances due to the Sunset Provision

There was no public comment.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to Re-pass Chapter 12- Taxi Cab Ordinance; Chapter 13 – Litter and Illegal Dumping Ordinance; Chapter 25 – Maine Uniform Building & Energy Code Ordinance; Chapter 25A – Residential Building Code – One & Two Family Dwellings Maine Ordinance; Chapter 31 – National Electrical Code Ordinance; Chapter 37 – Personnel Ordinance; Chapter 38B – Life Safety Code; Chapter 38C – Property Maintenance Code; Chapter 42 – Solid Waste Code Ordinance; and Chapter 43 – Planning Board Ordinance.

Vote: 7 - 0

7. Consider Adopting Revisions to Land Use and Development Code under Chapter 1, Section V – Definitions – to add “Transportation Terminal”.

There was no public comment.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Willette, seconded by Councilor J. Shaw to adopt the revisions to the Land Use and Development Code.

8. Consider Adopting 2019 Comprehensive Plan

There was no public comment.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor R. Smith, seconded by Councilor C. Green to table accepting the 2019 Comprehensive Plan until a future meeting.

Vote: 7 - 0

Consent Agenda

9. Minutes from November 7, 2019, November 20, 2019, and December 4, 2019
10. Approve 2019 Warrants #48 - #52 totaling \$2,971,259.05
11. Approve Solid Waste Hauler Licenses for Gil's Sanitation, Inc., Star City Sanitation, Inc., McNeal's Trucking, and Pine Tree Waste
12. Approve Policy on Treasurer's Disbursement Warrants for Employee Wage and Benefits
13. Approve Municipal Officers' Policy on Disbursement of Municipal Education Costs
14. Ex-Officio Appointments to Boards and Committees
 - a. Airport Advisory Board (Three Ex-Officio Seats - One Year Term) Martin Puckett, Tom Powers, and Scott Wardwell
 - b. Library Board of Trustees (Two Ex-Officio Seats - One Year Term) Sonja Eyler and Bradley Turner
 - c. Presque Isle Development Fund Board of Trustees (One Ex-Officio Seat - One Year Term) Martin Puckett
 - d. Presque Isle Industrial Council Board of Directors (One Ex-Officio Seat - One Year Term) Martin Puckett

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety as presented.

Vote: 7 - 0

New Business

15. Approve IT Services Bid

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor J. Shaw to approve Greenmark IT as the IT Service Provider.

Vote: 7 - 0

16. Approve Legal Services Bid

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve Currier & Trask, PA as the Legal Service Provider.

Vote: 7 - 0

17. Tax Acquired Properties

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor M. Chasse that the City Council authorize the City Treasurer to contact the prior owners of the properties acquired at the November 29, 2019 automatic foreclosure of the 2017 tax liens, per the Policy for Tax Acquired Property, to make acceptable arrangements for repurchasing the property from the City by paying all taxes, costs, administrative fees, and interest due the City if they wish to regain title of their former property.

Vote: 7 - 0

18. Airport EAS Bids

City Manager Puckett read a letter from Charles Namur in support of United.

At 6:15 PM Chairman K. Freeman re-opened Citizen Comments for Comments regarding the EAS Bid.

Sarah LeClaire, Woodland, ME, advocated for a return to PI to Boston flights, feels the United decision was rushed at the last EAS bid.

Carol McPherson, Presque Isle, advocated against Newark as the carrier hub.

Jan Lucas, Presque Isle, advocated against United. States that her business had 1,800 cancellations due to flight issues with United.

Kathy Beaulieu, Chapman & PI business owner, advocated against United and against Newark.

Mike McPherson, Presque Isle, advocated against Newark.

Citizen Comments were again closed at 6:35 PM.

Each Councilor spoke about their preferences and reasoning behind their choice.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to remove Southern Air's EAS Bid from consideration as they don't meet the criteria of the bid.

Vote: 7 - 0

Chairman K. Freeman then presented the following resolve:

BE IT RESOLVED that in voting for the EAS recommendation a "Yes" vote is in favor of the United EAS Bid and a "No" vote is in favor of the Silver Air EAS Bid.

Vote: 5 - 2

Councilors Freeman, Chasse, Green, Smith and Willette in favor of United
Councilors Cyr and Shaw in favor of Silver Air

19. Schedule Public Hearing for Marijuana Ordinance

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to set a Public Hearing regarding the Marijuana Ordinance for Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 6:00 PM In Council Chambers at City Hall.

Vote: 7 - 0

Councilors exited Executive Session at 8:12 PM with no action taken.

Adjournment

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Vote 7 - 0

City Manager Report

City Manager Puckett had nothing to report at this meeting.

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on February 5, 2020 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at Presque Isle City Hall.

Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor R. Smith, seconded by Councilor C. Green to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) to discuss Negotiations.

Vote: 7 - 0

Attested by: _____
Thomas C. King, City Clerk