



Presque Isle City Council Meeting

March 4, 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, C. Green, J. Shaw, R. Smith, and J. Willette

City Manager Martin Puckett and Deputy City Clerk Deborah Ouellette were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman K. Freeman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Comments

There were no Citizen Comments.

Consent Agenda

1. February 5, 2020 Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve the minutes from February 5, 2020 as presented.

Vote: 7 - 0

2. 2020 Warrants #5 - #7, totaling \$1,412,084.14

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor J. Shaw to approve 2020 Warrants #5 - #7 totaling \$1,412,084.14.

Vote: 7 - 0

3. Return of Votes Cast for March 3, 2020

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Councilor M Chasse, seconded by Councilor C. Green to approve the Return of Votes Cast for March 3, 2020.

Vote: 7 - 0

4. Request from EMERA Maine for a Pole Permit

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse to approve pole permit to EMERA Maine as submitted on February 4, 2020.

Vote: 7 - 0

5. Appointment of Floyd Rockholt to Presque Isle Downtown Revitalization Committee

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor J. Shaw to appoint Floyd Rockholt to Presque Isle Downtown Revitalization Committee (term expires 12/31/2020).

Vote: 7 - 0

6. MDOT Over Limit Permit for Construction

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor R. Smith, seconded by Councilor J. Shaw to approve the agreement with the Maine Department of Transportation authorizing over limit permits for proposed construction projects in Presque Isle in 2020.

Vote: 7 - 0

7. Quitclaim Deeds

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to approve Quit Claim Deeds for properties located at 237 Parkhurst Siding Road and 8 Village Drive, Presque Isle, Maine.

Vote: 7 - 0

8. Drug Forfeiture

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to authorize Chairperson Kevin Freeman to sign the Approval of Transfer.

Vote: 7 - 0

Old Business

9. Appointment to Audit Committee

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to approve Councilor Craig Green to the Audit Committee (term ending 12/31/20).

Vote: 7 - 0

New Business

10. LED Street Lights

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor J. Shaw to proceed with the conversion of City owned street lights to LED bulbs on Maysville Street and Main Street using funds from the Traffic Light Maintenance account.

Vote: 7 - 0

11. Star City ATV Club Municipal Grant

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve support in applying for municipal grant.

Vote: 7 - 0

12. City Hall Renovations

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor J. Shaw to approve moving forward with a "Request for Qualifications" from design professionals to work with the Committee and fully implement the planning and design phase of the project.

Vote: 7 - 0

13. Age Friendly Community Update

Kimberly Smith, Resource Development and Public Information Officer of City of Presque Isle and Executive Director of Presque Isle Community Development Association gave an overview of the recent age friendly survey completed by the City.

No Council action taken at this time.

14. Downtown TIF

Galen Weibley, Director of Economic and Community Development, gave a conceptual overview of the downtown tax increment financing district and reviewed updates to the 2009 downtown revitalization plan. Discussion item only.

No Council action taken at this time.

15. Goal Setting Session

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to schedule a workshop for goal setting on 03/24/20.

Vote: 7 - 0

Manager's Report

- Sister City partnership update.

Announcements

- Goal setting meeting on 03/24/20 at 4:00 PM.
- Next regularly scheduled meeting of the Presque Isle City Council is on Wednesday, 04/01/20 @ 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall.
- We still have Board/Committee openings. Please see the City Clerk or fill an application online if you are interested in serving.

Executive Sessions

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse to enter into executive session at 7:17 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. sub-section 405(6) (E) to discuss negotiations.

Vote: 7 - 0

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to enter into executive session at 7:52 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. sub-section 405(6) (E) to discuss negotiations.

Vote: 7 - 0

Councilors exited Executive Session at 8:44 PM.

Adjournment

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor C. Green to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 PM.

Vote: 7 - 0

Attested by: _____
Deborah Ouellette, Deputy City Clerk