



Presque Isle City Council Meeting

June 3, 2020

6:00 PM

Presque Isle City Council Chambers

Call to Order - Roll Call

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

Absent: Councilor D. Cyr

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman K. Freeman called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hearing

1. A hearing to condemn dangerous buildings pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 17§ 2851 owned by:
 - a. Fernand Martin - 23 Howard Street
71 Dyer Street
 - b. Roger Pelkey & Robin (Pelkey) Legassie - 9 Allen Street

The hearing was opened at 6:02 PM. Code Enforcement Officer George Howe presented his evidence to the Council and answered their questions. Fernand and Eric Martin presented their current plans for the structures and answered the Council's questions.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor J. Willette, seconded by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse to table action on 23 Howard Street until the July 1, 2020 City Council meeting.

Vote: 6 - 0

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to table action on 71 Dyer Street until the July 1, 2020 City Council meeting.

Vote: 6 - 0

Code Enforcement Officer G. Howe then presented his evidence to the Council regarding 9 Allen Street and answered Councilors' questions. There were no representatives present for the owners of the property.

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor R. Smith that based upon the evidence presented and the testimony of the Code Enforcement Officer concerning the condition(s) of the premise(s) owned by **Roger Pelkey & Robin LeGassie** located at 9 Allen Street:

- That the Council adjudge these properties to be a nuisance and dangerous to life or property;
- That the Council make and record an Order stating that the owner shall, within (30) days of service of this Order, abate all conditions creating a nuisance or dangerous condition to the satisfaction of the Code Enforcement Officer;
- That should the owner fail to comply with the specified time, the owner shall be assessed a civil penalty of \$100.00 per day and the City Council further directs the City Manager to cause the structure(s) to be demolished and removed. The cost of such demolition and removal shall be charged against the real estate upon which the structure sets and shall constitute a lien on such real estate.

Vote: 6 - 0

The hearing was closed at 6:40 PM.

Citizen Comments

There were no Citizen Comments.

Consent Agenda

2. Approve Minutes from April 1 and May 6, 2020
3. Approve Warrants #12-20, totaling \$3,485,262.93
4. Approve Workers' Compensation Safety Initiative Program
5. Approve 2020 Tax Anticipation Note
6. Approve Paving Account Transfer
7. Approve Drug Forfeiture

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to approve the Consent Agenda (Items #2 through #7) as presented.

Vote: 6 - 0

Old Business

8. Goal Setting Review

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor C. Green to accept the Top 10 Goals as voted on by Councilors and Staff as the priority goals for the City for 2020.

Vote: 6 - 0

9. Traffic Pattern Change to Chapman/Riverside intersection

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to proceed with the recommendations of MDOT Traffic Engineer Ray DeMerchant.

Vote: 6 - 0

10. City Hall Renovations

Discussion only. An RFP has been distributed and the deadline for submissions is June 24, 2020. The Renovation committee will review the RFPs and make a recommendation to the Council at a future meeting.

New Business

11. Summer Events Update

City Manager Puckett presented the Council with the plans the Rec and Parks Department has for summer programs and activities. He also discussed the "Movies in the Park" that the Police Department hosts.

Library Director Sonja Eyler updated the Council on her department's plan for reopening, services provided, and summer plans.

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Shaw to appropriate \$1,200.00 to assist with the cost of Movies in the Park.

Vote: 6 - 0

12. A/V Equipment

BE IT RESOLVED by Deputy Chairman M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to approve the proposal from Greenmark IT for \$2,720.00.

Vote: 6 - 0

13. Approve Liquor License

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve a Malt, Spirituous, and Vinous Liquor License for Cheyenne Industries, d/b/a Bonanza, located at 725 Main Street.

Vote: 6 - 0

Manager's Report

NMDC is looking for 2 people to serve as Board Members.

The July 14th, Primary and Referendum election presents some unique challenges working around Covid-19 guidelines. We feel confident that with absentee voting and adherence to guidelines as much as is physically possible, we can meet these challenges.

City Manager Puckett thanked the Council for their support during this unique time.

Announcements

The next meeting of the Presque Isle City Council will be held on July 1, 2020 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers.

A reminder to any citizen interested, there are always Boards and Committees looking for members, please contact the City Clerk if you are interested.

If anyone is interested in working during the election on July 14th, contact the City Clerk.

Executive Session

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

Vote: 6 - 0

BE IT RESOLVED by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement with ACME Monaco.

Vote: 6 - 0

Adjournment

BE IT RESOLVED by Councilor R. Smith, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to Adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM.

Vote 6 - 0

Attested by: _____
Thomas C. King, City Clerk