



## Presque Isle City Council Meeting

September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

6:00 PM

Sargent Family Community Center

### Call to Order - Roll Call

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

Councilor D. Cyr arrived at 6:08pm

City Manager Martin Puckett and City Clerk Kimberly Finnemore were also present.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman K. Freeman called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Public Hearing

1. Approval for a Marijuana License to Chad Junkins d/b/a Northern Euphoria LLC, with location of 11 Davis Street

Chairman K. Freeman opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 PM.

City Manager M. Puckett spoke on the issues with code have all been fixed and recommended approval.

There were no citizen comments.

Chairman K. Freeman closed the Public Hearing at 6:06PM.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor M. Chasse to approve a Marijuana License to Chad Junkins, d/b/a Northern Euphoria LLC, with location to 11 Davis Street.

**Vote: 6- 0**

2. Approval for a Special Permit for Music, Dancing and Entertainment for Stone Ridge Event Center, with location of 150 Maysville Road.

Chairman K. Freeman opened the hearing at 6:06 PM.

City Manager M. Puckett, spoke on the outstanding issues with Fire Marshall's office that hasn't been corrected. Staff Recommends it be Tabled to the next meeting.

There were no citizens comments.

Chairman K. Freeman closed the hearing at 6:07 PM.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to Table the approval for a Special Permit for Music, Dancing and Entertainment for Stone Ridge Event Center, with location of 150 Maysville Road. Hoping Deficiencies are corrected.

**Vote: 6 - 0**

3. Approval for Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License for Sodexo America, LLC, with a Location of 181 Main Street.

Chairman K. Freeman opened the hearing at 6:08 PM.

City Manager M. Puckett spoke this is a renewal license and staff recommends renewal.

There were no citizens comments

Chairman K. Freeman closed the hearing at 6:08 PM.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Deputy Chairman J. Shaw, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to approve a Special Permit for Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License for Sodexo America, LLC. With location 181 Main Street.

**Vote: 6 - 0**

4. Approval for a Special Permit for Music, Dancing and Entertainment for the University of Maine at Presque Isle, with location of 181 Main Street

Chairman K. Freeman opened the hearing at 6:09 PM

There were no Citizens comments

Chairman K. Freeman closed the hearing at 6:09 PM

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Deputy Chair J. Shaw to approve a Special Permit for Music, Dancing and Entertainment for University of Maine at Presque Isle, with location of 181 Main Street

**Vote: 7 - 0**

5. Approval of an Automobile Graveyard Permit for Paul Jalbert d/b/a Jalbert Auto & Salvage, with a location of 204 Chapman Road.

Chairman K. Freeman opened the hearing at 6:09 PM

City Manager M. Puckett spoke of the concerns from previous Meetings have been address and that Staff recommends approval.

There were no citizens comments.

Chairman K. Freeman closed the hearing at 6:11 PM

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor J. Willette, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to approve a Special Permit for Automobile Graveyard Permit for Paul Jalbert d/b/a Jalbert Auto & Salvage, with location of 204 Chapman Road.

**Vote: 7 - 0**

6. Approval of an Automobile Graveyard Permit/Junkyard Permit for Cowett's Used Auto Parts d/b/a C.A.R. Parts, with location of 75 Davis Street and 259 Fort Road.

Chairman K. Freeman opened the hearing at 6:012 PM

City Manager spoke that Staff recommend approval.

There were no citizens comments

Chairman K. Freeman close the hearting at 6.13

### **Citizen Comments**

Kenneth Atcheson retired Teacher asked the council to put a 25 MPH sign on North End of Fleetwood Street. And a Children at Play sign would also be nice.

Chris Carroll spoke on behalf of the Presque Isle Snowmobile Club. Asked for a yearly donation of \$5,000.00 yearly for 5 years. To help buy a new groomer. Chairman K. Freeman excused himself from the conversation. Councilor M. Chasse asked if they have applied for a RBDG Grant. C. Carroll spoke about the grant they applied for. But it had be awarded to Caribou.

Michael Stiggle owner of Timber wolves in Mars Hill, spoke about an incident that happened at Walmart. Talked about coming from a multi culture family. Spoke about Chief Kelly and the awesome job they do. Asked the Council to adopt a Mean full way of dealing with Hate/Diversity (Statement)

Chandler Keith Dixon from Mars Hill spoke proud to be a citizen of Marsh Hill/ Aroostook county. Thanked Chief Kelly for all the support.

### **Consent Agenda**

7. Approve Minutes from July 15, 2021 and August 4, 2021.
8. Warrant #28-#31 Totaling \$1,725,073.67
  - Warrant #28-\$636,426.38
  - Warrant #29-\$184,116.81
  - Warrant #30-\$173,476.71
  - Warrant #31-\$731,053.77
9. Approve Reappointment of Stephen Richard to Presque Isle Housing Authority (five-year term-expires October 1, 2026)
10. Approve Drug Forfeitures. \$ 875.00 Ares Rattray, \$5, 956.84 Jeffrey Lausier, and \$5000.00 Kiley Pelletier.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor R. Smith to approve Consent Agenda articles # 7-#10 as presented.

**Vote: 7 - 0**

**Old Business**

11. Appointment to Downtown TIF Advisory Committee  
City Finance Director-Brad Turner  
City Economic Development Director-Galen Weibley  
PI Downtown Revitalization Committee-Floyd Rockhold  
Member-at-Large-Sean Nordenhold

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to appoint the above referenced names to the Downtown TIF Advisory Committee with addition of councilor J. Shaw. For a one-year term

**Vote: 7 - 0**

12. City Hall Renovations Update

Discussion/ slide show only

### **New Business**

13. 2022 Budget Calendar

Discussion only

14. Taxi Cab Report

City Manger M. Puckett spoke 1. Dealing with the Airport. @ Complaints from public on cleanliness, hours, phone calls and long period of wait times. M. Puckett also spoke on the ordinance that you have to return calls and the inspection of vehicle and cleanliness.

Officer K. White did inspections

S. Wardwell spoke on issues at the airport. Ride Hailing Service's, Uber's and policies.

Clint Deschaine read his letter out loud from Ignite PI. (that was in the council packet)

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor J. Willette that the City Council authorize the Airport Director to enforce all regulations applying general public on ride Hailing type services.

**Vote: 7-0**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor J. Willette that the City council Authorize the Airport Director to sign the Courtesy Vehicle Agreement with the Presque Isle Inn and Convention Center. **Amended** to Any other Courtesy Vehicle's Concessions

**Vote 6-1**

City Manager M. Puckett spoke about the complaints made about Taxi Cab Services and the ordinance's pertaining to Taxi Cab's. M. Puckett spoke about Officer K. White's inspection Report.

There was a discussion with Lori Hodsdon owner of Town Taxi, Jeff Nichols owner/operator of Jeff's Taxi and City Council. 2 Taxi Cab companies were not present.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Chairman K. Freeman to create a working group.

**Vote 6-0**

15. Schedule a Public Hearing to adopt updates to the following building standards:  
Chapter 31 national Electrical Code and Chapter 38C Property Maintenance Code.

Discussion

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor C. Green, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to schedule a public hearing to adopt updates to the following building standards: Chapter 31 National Electrical Code & Chapter 38C Property Maintenance Code on September 29, 2021.

**Vote 7-0**

16. Schedule a Public Hearing for Dangerous Buildings.

Discussion on a Public Hearing for 38 Elizabeth Street.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Councilor M. Chasse, seconded by Councilor J. Willette to

schedule a public hearing for dangerous buildings on November 3, 2021.

**Vote 7-0**

17. Capital Improvement Plan

Discussion Only

18. Five Year Fee Schedule

Discussion Only

**Manager's Report**

City Manager Martin Puckett spoke about updating signatures on the Aroostook County hazard Plan. Also need a Bond Resolution needs signing and resolution

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Chairman K. Freeman and, seconded by Councilor M. Chasse that the City shall:

- (1) Approve the acquisition of the following two properties: (at 4 Ryan St.), capital improvements to such properties, capital improvements to City Hall, and all necessary associated costs therewith (the "Project");
- (2) Appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,750,000, plus any additional premium, for the costs of the Project; and
- (3) To fund this appropriation, authorize the Treasurer and Chairman of the City Council to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation securities of the City of Presque Isle, Maine, including refunding obligations, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,750,000, plus any additional premium, and to delegate to the Treasurer and Chairman of the City Council the authority and discretion to enter into and execute all necessary loan agreements, documents, forms, agreements, and certifications, and fix the date(s), Maturity(ies), denominations(s), interest rate(s), places(s) of payment, call(s) for redemption, current or advance refunding(s) of the securities, form(s), and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities against payment therefore and to provide for the sale thereof.

Date: September 1, 2021

**VOTE: 7-0**

**Announcements**

The next meeting of the Presque Isle City Council will be held at Sargent Community Center on September 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM.

**Executive Session**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Chairman K. Freeman seconded by Deputy Chair J. Shaw to enter into Executive Session at 8:34 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) to discuss Real Estate.

**Vote: 7 - 0**

Council exited Executive Session at 8:46PM

**Adjournment**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by Chairman K. Freeman, seconded by Councilor C. Green to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 PM.

**Vote: 7-0**

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kimberly A Finnemore, City Clerk