



# City Manager's Report

April 17, 2021

## Economic Projects

<b>Façade Improvement Program</b>	See Council packet for discussion item.
<b>River Front - Powerplants</b>	MEDEP approved the city's request for funding to have a Phase I and II environmental site assessment done on the power plant buildings. They will send out an RFB next week for consultants. Ideally, the reports will be done by the end of August. Merlin One was contacted about a cooperative study on the tanks. Waiting for a response.
<b>Ogren Dump Solar Project</b>	See Council packet for introduction of Ordinance No. 3, 2021 Series.
<b>2021 CDBG Applications</b>	Staff members are working with Gary's Yamaha to get their final application turned into the state for 2021 funding. The Council needs to conduct a public hearing on the proposal before it can be submitted. Tentative hearing date on May 17.
<b>Events and Marketing</b>	Kayak race on Aroostook River will be May 15. Starting at 10am.
<b>Landbank</b>	The drafted Ordinance 4 on the agenda addresses the city's ability to work with non-profits to rehab or redevelop properties.
<b>Title 13 ReWrite</b>	Planning Board tabled action on Administrative amendment. Hearing on new home occupation standards will be in May.
<b>Federal American Rescue Plan Act</b>	Cannot use funds to offset tax reductions. Money will be distributed from the State to the city based on population. Grant funds can be used to support local businesses, restaurants, build infrastructure such as water, sewer, or broadband, and affordable housing needs. Still waiting for final restrictions. Must be spent by December 2024 or returned to treasury.
<b>Blight Cleanup</b>	Dangerous building notices have been filed. Getting quotes for North Maine demolition work. Property is secured.
<b>Birdseye Cleanup</b>	Have submitted response to EPA questions about remediation plan. Awaiting final approval before putting out RFP.
<b>60 Access Highway</b>	No additional communications from developers. Still waiting for finish plans on building.
<b>River Front - Master Plan</b>	Stake holder group will conduct public outreach at kayak race. Continue to work on goals and plan options.
<b>Hilltop Senior Living</b>	Will follow up about open house event.
<b>Sitel Building</b>	No change since last meeting. Sent invoice to Sitel for return of \$5,000 for TIF funds received based on non-performance of Credit Enhancement Agreement terms. No word from Mr. Cassidy about his development plans for the building.
<b>Aldrich ATV/Snowmobile Storage</b>	Property is purchased from CEGC. Owner waiting to see how Jarosz Storage on Limestone works before moving ahead.
<b>Jarosz Storage - Limestone St</b>	This project will break ground in May.
<b>River Front - Salmon</b>	Owners currently working to fund raise over \$1M. Moving project to backburner.
<b>Affordable Housing Development</b>	No additional communications from developers. Will backburner this project.

## Other Administrative Projects

<b>New City Manager Recruitment</b>	Multiple applications submitted to MMA already. First review will be May 7. Special meeting on May 11 to discuss.
<b>Fish Hatchery Bridge</b>	MDOT is considering removing the bridge that connects the Limestone business area to Access Highway. They would like to meet with the Council and schedule an opportunity for the public to provide comment.
<b>Trailer Park Closure</b>	ACAP is working with the city on back rents owed. Letters were sent to tenants about the city's relocation assistance fund.
<b>Airport</b>	Hangars continue to be full. Receiving inquires about availability.
<b>Union Negotiations.</b>	Will be discussed in executive session during the upcoming meeting.
<b>Chambers AV System</b>	Still waiting on final piece of equipment that will allow the manager to share screen to cable system.
<b>Tax Acquired Property Policy</b>	See Ordinance No. 4 on agenda.
<b>River Road</b>	Recent dry spell appears to have halted movement for this year. Will continue to monitor through April before next steps.
<b>City Hall Boiler Systems</b>	Working with Steve Wentworth to prepare RFP for this work. Met on April 16 to get started.
<b>Fire Structural Study</b>	Waiting for supplies to come in to get started on the roof membrane.
<b>Cable Franchise Renewal</b>	Spectrum reached out and is interested in a meeting to discuss system expansion options. Knowing that rescue plan moneys can be spent on this work, we may be able to connect a few more homes around town. Perhaps another committee?
<b>Teague Park</b>	Meeting Tuesday, April 20 to discuss timeframe for starting construction
<b>General Plan Update</b>	Still working on the current land use survey, which is needed for future land use discussions.
<b>60 Access Highway</b>	No further action at this time. Can discuss in real estate executive session.
<b>New LED Street lights</b>	Identified more than 10 lights needing to be repaired/replaced under maintenance. Work orders submitted.
<b>Wage Policy</b>	No further action at this time.
<b>COVID-19 Status</b>	Monitoring and implementing Governor's latest opening dates and regulations.
<b>Investment Policy</b>	No further action at this time.
<b>Personnel Policy</b>	No further action at this time.
<b>Parking Lot Paving</b>	Fire station rear lot and library are slated for this year. Finalizing plans for station retaining wall repairs that prelude parking lot work.
<b>Procurement Policy</b>	Felch & Company has provided feedback on the policy and made some recommendations. Will revise for Council.