



City Manager's Report
August 20, 2021

Economic Projects

River Front - Powerplants	8/12: Ted Wolfertz from DEP soliciting bids for the Phase II. 8/19: Nick Hodgkins from DEP says that Brownfields grants will be open in December. We need to have a head start by getting the project "shovel ready". DEP is helping with that.
Broadband Initiative	8/17: Loan paperwork is being prepared from the City's Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to obtain the Broadband study. 8/18: County Broadband Committee had first meeting to organize the broadband effort.
CDBG	No new updates.
Ogren Dump Solar Project	No new updates.
Events and Marketing	8/13: Caribou Cares Parade was a hit! 8/26: Thursdays on Sweden Street 8/26 sponsored by Savilinx, celebrating the Crown of Maine Balloon Fest, Music by Keith Ouellette and Friends with Northern Maine Brewing Company in the Café. SaviLinx will be taking applications on Sweden Street. CKG is in Marathon mode!
Landbank	30 North Street will be the first project for the land bank
Chapter 13 Rewrite	Planning Board will continue to prioritize
Federal American Rescue Plan Act	State has requested a second extension of time to release funds to non-entitlement districts (like Caribou).
Blight Cleanup	Dangerous buildings: bids to demo 37 Home Farm are in so working on next steps. Owner unresponsive. Staff working on a list of properties. Nuisance properties: still a nuisance.
Birdseye Cleanup	8/17: Haley Ward assisting with bid package and advertisement for the Remediation Work Plan. This is another project to have ready for the Brownfields grant.
60 Access Highway	"Mecon Street" is on tonight's agenda.
River Front - Master Plan	Group has a draft of Master Plan, will finalize at next meeting
Façade Improvement Program	No work has started: Bennett Drive contractor will begin in November; Otter Street, materials on site
Hilltop Senior Living	No new updates.
Sitel Building	No new updates.
Aldrich ATV/Snowmobile Storage	No new updates.
Jarosz Storage - Limestone St	Mr. Jarosz has been in the area. 8/20: Building Official did an inspection & all is well.

Other Administrative Projects

Tax Acquired Property Policy	Property # 23 on tonight's agenda
Nylander	8/19: Compressor installed. A discussion of the museum is on tonight's agenda
Fire Structural Work	No new updates.
Teague Park	No new updates.
Police Station	Artifex will present at the meeting tonight.
Fire Station Renovations	No new updates.
Investment Policy	No new updates.
Trailer Park Closure	No new updates.
Fish Hatchery Bridge	No new updates.
Cable Franchise Renewal	No new updates.
Airport	8/12: Annual CIP Meeting with MDOT; 8/12: FAA inspector at airport for inspection; 8/17: Dream Flight at airport and gave free rides to four WWII veterans in a 1942 aircraft; Staff is preparing a "state of the airport" report for a future meeting
City Hall Boiler Systems	No new updates.
Chambers AV System	Microphone clips that were ordered are in and have been installed by Oak Leaf.
River Road	8/13: Had a zoom with Guy Rouelle of Dubois & King; MEMA will be on site 8/24
New LED Street lights	No new updates.
Comp Plan Update	No new updates.
COVID-19 Status	8/19: Aroostook County is now listed as a "High" level of Community Transmission on CDC website
Personnel Policy	No new updates.
Parking Lot Paving	No new updates.
Procurement Policy	No new updates.
Personnel Changes	No new updates.
Administrative Approvals	8/10: The Great Wall, Inc. DBA Jade Palace Restaurant Liquor License