



City Manager's Report

January 21, 2022

Economic Projects

River Front - Powerplants	No new updates
Broadband Initiative	Pioneer Broadband will present tonight. Funding opportunities are opening up.
CDBG	The 2022 CDBG Program is online at the DECD website, along with projected program timeframes. First deadline is February 25 for a Letter of Intent to Apply. Staff is working to identify potential applicants to bring to the City Council.
Ogren Dump Solar Project	No new updates
Events and Marketing	City staff is working on plans for Winter Carnival, Thursdays on Sweden and Caribou Cares. 2-day IEDC webinar gave much insight into economic development attraction and marketing. Had an enlightening 45-minute webinar with Placer.ai.
Landbank	Legislature will take up the State Lank Bank language in coming session.
Chapter 13 Rewrite	There may be some partial funding available for this project.
Federal American Rescue Plan Act	Public Hearing this week on County ARPA plan. Letter of Intent due February 15. City Finance Director has finalized the ARPA Revenue Replacement Calculation.
Blight Cleanup	No new updates
Birdseye Cleanup	No new updates
60 Access Highway	A third amendment to the Downtown TIF District is on the agenda tonight. This property is part of the Caribou Light Industrial Park.
River Front - Master Plan	Meeting is January 18, 2022 at 6:00 pm. The group spoke about outreach and branding.
Façade Improvement Program	Looking ahead to the 2022 program.
Aldrich ATV/Snowmobile Storage	A third amendment to the Downtown TIF District is on the agenda tonight. This property is part of the Caribou Light Industrial Park.
Jarosz Storage - Limestone St	No new updates
Business Outreach	Staff is reaching out to businesses who may benefit from the many business development grants that are opening up.

Other Administrative Projects

Tax Acquired Property Policy	Property owners who lost properties in November 2021 have until 01-31-2022 to pay all taxes, costs and interests for all years if they wish to have ownership restored.
Nylander	A conversation with staff and liaisons took place on 1/20. There is interest in forming a new working board to help with staffing and programming. Staff has been instructed to gauge response from volunteers before bringing to City Council.
Fire Structural Work	Jan Murchison of Sewall is working on this. Kevin Smith has repaired the leak from 1/5 and will caulk around the hatch latch.
Fire Station Renovations	No new updates.
Police Station	Trisha House from Senator Collins' office has toured the existing facility. Staff will work on a possible Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funding request.
River Road	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	No new updates.
Personnel Policy	Public hearing tonight on vacation time for regular part-time employees.
Chambers AV System	No new updates. Working well.
Procurement Policy	No new updates.
New LED Street lights	Staff has received a list of lights that were replaced but no hooked up. Staff reached out to Versant. Work orders have been created.
Comp Plan Update	No new updates.
COVID-19 Status	The Maine Board of Occupational Safety and Health (BOSH) cancelled the planned meeting for January 18, 2022 @ 9am to consider rule adoption of OSHA ETS (so implementation is still on hold).
Administrative Approvals	No new updates
Personnel Changes	No new updates
Age-Friendly Efforts	No new updates