

City Manager's Report April 11, 2022

Economic Projects

River Front - Powerplants	City Council and City Manager took a field trip with Michelle Hersey to the Steam Plant. There are multiple types of asbestos-containing materials. The City Council should discuss next steps.
Broadband Initiative	No new updates.
CDBG	Unfortunately, none of the projects brought forward were a good candidate for the CDBG program this year.
Ogren Dump Solar Project	No new updates
Events and Marketing	City staff is working on plans for City-wide Yard Sale, Thursdays on Sweden, Caribou Cares and the Craft Fair!
Landbank	No new updates
Chapter 13 Rewrite	No new updates
Federal American Rescue Plan Act	Work is ongoing with the ARPA grant application to the County of Aroostook. A public hearing is required and should be introduced tonight.
Blight Cleanup	No new updates
Birdseye Cleanup	No new updates
60 Access Highway	No new updates
River Front - Master Plan	No new updates
Façade Improvement Program	On tonight's agenda
Aldrich ATV/Snowmobile Storage	No new updates
Jarosz Storage - Limestone St	No new updates
Business Outreach	Met several new businesses as a result of the Façade Improvement Grant process. Several are excited to partner with the City at Thursdays on Sweden Street.

	Other Administrative Projects
Tax Acquired Property Policy	Recent bids are on tonight's agenda
Nylander	There should be a discussion about operations at the Nylander. The capital request was not funded, but funds were approved for operations.
Fire Structural Work	No new updates
Fire Station Renovations	This is part of the ARPA request to the County of Aroostook.
Police Station	Part-time seasonal grant writer has worked on a Congressionally Directed Spending request with Senator Collins' office. She has moved on to working on other funding sources.
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	Juneteeth holiday on tonight's agenda
Procurement Policy	No new updates
New LED Street lights	The major outage on Herschel and Main Street has been repaired
Comp Plan Update	Staff met with Chief Edward PeterPaul on Thursday. The Micmac Nation has planners on staff and is willing to help out with some planning.
COVID-19 Status	No new updates
Administrative Approvals	Angel's Taxi, renewal of taxi license; Extension of Premises application approved for Northern Maine Brewing Company
Personnel Changes	Denise Lausier, a 24-year employee, is moving out of the city manager's office and into the finance department.
Age-Friendly Efforts	Age-Friendly meeting on Wednesday. Great programs being planned.
Other Updates	RSU#39 Budget meeting 3/30; Aroostook Waste Solutions meeting held 4/1; Cary Board of Directors meeting held 4/4