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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2009 in Council Chambers with the following members present. Mayor Kenneth G. Murchison, Jr., Christopher A.R. Bell, R. Mark Goughan, Robert L. Albert, Karla M. Bell, David Martin, and Mary Kate Barbosa.

Steven R. Buck, City Manager, and David Ouellette, Director of Public Works, were present.

Also attending the meeting were Tom Hale, Miles Williams, Kimber Noyes, Judy Bougie, Jim Cyr, Cole Theriault, several members of the Caribou High School FFA group and the Caribou Technical Center.

Barbara Scott, representing the Aroostook Republican; and Time Warner covered the meeting.

Council Agenda item #1: Public Input (There was no public input)

Council Agenda item #2: Sesquicentennial Committee Update

Jim Cyr provided information on the celebration activities scheduled for February, which includes an Open House at the CCC&I office in the afternoon of the 12<sup>th</sup> featuring activities for kids, and a display of commemorative items. Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> offers an Irish Celebration (Irish Stew) at 5:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria followed by Irish entertainment at 7:00 p.m. at the CPAC. Anyone interested is urged to get tickets early at the CCC&I office, One-Stop or the mall. Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> features A ski event "Dash for Cash" in the downtown area with competition events for adults as well as youths. Those wanting to learn more about these events, the tree project sponsored by the Rotary Club, or the John Holub print sales should go to the sesquicentennial website: [www.celebratecaribou.com](http://www.celebratecaribou.com). There are still openings for sponsorship. The next meeting is set for Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Caribou Room at the library.

Council Agenda item #3: Consider authorizing a Proclamation declaring the week of February 21 – 28, 2009 as Future Farmers of America week.

Dana Morrell, Caribou FFA President, made the request for the proclamation in recognition of the 60 current members at Caribou High School as well as the many alumni. He invited everyone to attend the 79<sup>th</sup> annual FFA Banquet to be held March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Caribou High School. Mayor Murchison read the Proclamation. (See Exhibit "A")

Motion made by R. Albert, seconded by MK Barbosa, to authorize a Proclamation declaring the week of February 21–28, 2009 as Future Farmers of America week in Caribou.  
(7 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #4: Consider authorizing a Proclamation declaring February 1 – 28, 2009 as Career and Technical Education Month.

Judy Bougie, advisor for the group, introduced Zachary Foster, Skills USA Vice President of the Welding/Metal Fabrication Program and Mallory Thompson, Skills USA President of the same program. Zachary made the request to declare February as Career and Technical Education

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Month at Caribou High School. He said this year's theme is "Building Blocks for a Successful Career" and is geared toward helping students gain skills to achieve successful careers. Several events are planned for the month including field trips, guest speakers and a tour of the center by 150 Caribou Middle School and Union 122 students to take place on Wednesday, which will include hands on activities. Mayor Murchison read the Proclamation. (See Exhibit "B")

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by C. Bell, to authorize a Proclamation declaring February 1 – 28, 2009 as Career and Technical Education Month. (7 yes) So voted.

Per a suggestion by Councilor Goughan, both Proclamations will be shown on Channel 8.

Council Agenda item #5: Consider acceptance of the minutes of the following meetings:

- a. January 26, 2009 Council Meeting
- b. January 26, 2009 Council Workshop
- c. February 2, 2009 Council Workshop

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to accept the minutes of the January 26, 2009 Council Meeting as printed. (7 yes) So voted.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by K. Bell, to accept the minutes of the January 26, 2009 Council Workshop as printed. (7 yes) So voted.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to accept the minutes of the February 2, 2009 Council Workshop as printed. (7 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #6: Consider acceptance of the Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2008.

The City Manager reported the month of December ended with the General Ledger balanced at zero, the Revenues closing at 99.99%, or 0.01% under projections, and Expenses ending the year at 96.69%, or 3.31% under budget. This translates to a positive Lapsed Balance of \$284,695.11. He offered some specific information from several departments.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by MK Barbosa, to accept the Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2008 as printed. (6 yes, 1 no, M. Goughan) So voted.

Councilor Martin asked what the process would be if the Council voted not to accept the Financial Statements. Steve explained that the Council has full responsibility for the statements and, should there be a possibility of a "no" vote, would need to identify and correct the problem before finally accepting them. Councilor Martin also asked Councilor Goughan why he always voted against accepting the statements each month. Councilor Goughan said he was expressing his "quiet protest on the Wage & Classification tool" but he would rethink his vote if such a situation should arise that it might not pass. He asked for this one indulgence in exchange for his not commenting on or voicing objections to the tool.

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Council Agenda item #7: Presentation of the Financial Statements for the period ending January 31, 2009.

The City Manager noted that historically any reporting on the January, February and March financials is presented after the budget is in place in March. He was able to share some general observations.

Council Agenda item #8: Consider authorization of a Municipal Quitclaim Deed to eliminate the remaining paper street portion of Mayo Street.

Motion made by R. Albert, seconded by D. Martin, to authorize a Quitclaim Deed to Steve Thibodeau and Stacy Thibodeau as joint tenants for the described paper street portion of Mayo Street. (7 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #9: Consider a review and pending authorization of two documents with the Caribou Lion Club:

d. Amended Lions Community Picnic Ground Maintenance and Use Agreement

Motion made by R. Albert, seconded by, C. Bell, to authorize the amended Lions Community Picnic Ground Maintenance and Use Agreement as presented. (7 yes) So voted.

e. Quitclaim Deed for release of covenants on the Lions Community Building

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by K. Bell, to authorize the Quitclaim Deed for the release of the former covenants 3 through 8 of the Deed to the Lions Community Center Building, 111 High Street as presented. (7 yes) So voted.

The City Manager would see that the two documents are presented for approval by the Lions Club at their next meeting. After approval by the Lions Club and the processing of the deed is complete, the picnic ground building and the Lions Community Center building would be owned and maintained by the City. The fenced in area at the picnic ground would continue to be used by the club for making bean hole beans. If they would no longer wish to utilize the space, they would be responsible for dismantling and clearing the space. The only covenants left in regard to the Lions building are that the building would always be called the Lions Community Service Center and the trophy case would remain in place. The Lions Club would maintain the building sign and the trophy case.

Councilor Albert suggested having a public transfer of the deed and the Mayor suggested that a letter of commendation be sent to the club once the transfer is completed.

Council Agenda item #10: Consider the renewal of a Hotel Class Liquor License for KBS Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Caribou Inn & Convention Center, 19 Main Street.

Motion made by K. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to approve the renewal of a Hotel Class Liquor License for KBS Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Caribou Inn & Convention Center, 19 Main Street. (7 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #11: Consider the renewal of a Special Entertainment Permit for KBS Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Caribou Inn & Convention Center, 19 Main Street.

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Motion made by K. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to approve the renewal of a Special Entertainment Permit for KBS Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Caribou Inn & Convention Center, 19 Main Street. (7 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #12: Consider an application for a Texas Hold'em Game of Chance License for the American Legion Post #15, 67 Sweden Street.

Motion made by R. Albert, seconded by D. Martin, to approve the one time event application for a Texas Hold'em Game of Chance License for the American Legion Post #15, 67 Sweden Street. (7 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #13: Consider a review of information to be presented on Segment 4 at the February 12, 2009 Legislative meeting.

The City Manager was seeking a consensus of the Council's stand in regard to Segment 4 to provide for the Aroostook Delegation to use in support of the project. The question was whether or not the Council would accept phased construction on Segment 4. It was discussed that the earmarked amount of \$40 plus million would not be enough to construct all of Segment 4 or all of 7. There was a discussion on the possibility of any potential federal stimulus money complementing the \$40 million, or even providing the 20% matching funds. Councilor K. Bell, concerned about heavy truck traffic near the hospital, suspected partial construction here and there could result in not getting the whole Segment built. Councilor C. Bell stated the need to be cautious and not alienate anyone in the process. Both he and Councilor Martin agreed that nothing would ever get done if nothing were ever started. After more discussion, the consensus of the Council was to continue to support the concept of building all of Segment 4, not necessarily tied with Segment 7. Mayor Murchison pointed out that the City would still be holding up its Resolution with Presque Isle, with the Corridor Management piece in place and the fact that Presque Isle is not yet ready. He suggested that the project would be just reversed and worked from north to south instead.

Council Agenda item #14: Consider an appointment for a three year term to the Cary Board of Directors per the recommendation of the nominating committee.

Motion made by R. Albert, seconded by D. Martin, to appoint Bob Solman for a three year term to the Cary Board of Directors. (7 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #15: Updates – No updates

Council Agenda item #16: Other Business

- a. Review of work performed by the Planning Board and future actions to meet State requirements on Shoreland Zoning prior to July 1, 2009

The Council made plans to include in their workshop schedule for February 23, 2009, a review (with Stephen Wentworth) of the State's model ordinance, which has been recommended by the

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Planning Board for approval by the Council. Councilors were given the document to examine in the meantime.

b. Receipt of 120 Notice for Collective Bargaining for Fire & Ambulance Teamsters Local 340

The City Manger reported that negotiations would be done through Tracy Place, the new Teamsters representative.

c. Mayor Murchison, referring to the recent problems with the sound system, suggested having the Building Committee look into this issue. On the same note, he suggested that all of the Council committees consider getting started with some scheduling plans to address the various issues at hand. Steve would be emailing the committee list to everyone and Councilor Albert would contact the other Building Committee members to schedule a meeting and a walk through session.

Meeting Dates:

Council Meeting & Workshop February 23, 2009 – 7:00PM Council Chambers

Council Agenda item #17: Executive Session: consider moving to Executive Session for a personnel matter, pursuant to MRSA Title 1 Section 405 (6) (A).

8:48 p.m. Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by K. Bell, to move to Executive Session for a personnel matter, pursuant to MRSA Title 1 Section 405 (6) (A). (7 yes) So voted.

9:29 p.m. Returned from Executive Session.

No action or vote was taken pertaining to the information presented. There was no further discussion.

9:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Judy-Ann Corrow, Secretary

Workshop Session to continue the review of the 2009 Municipal Budget