

August 25, 2011

11-16 Special

A special meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 5:28 p.m. on Thursday, August 25, 2011 in Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Kenneth G. Murchison, Jr., David Martin, John R. Boone, Miles Williams, and Mary Kate Barbosa. Deputy Mayor Christopher A.R. Bell and R. Mark Goughan were absent.

Steven R. Buck, City Manager and Michael Shrewsbury, Community Development Director were present.

Council Agenda Item #1: Consider authorizing an application to the Northern Border Regional Commission to fund an engineering study for a central biomass boiler installation to connect 11 municipal and up to 16 private facilities.

The City had applied for and was denied a Woody Biomass Utilization Grant. One of the reasons for being denied was the lack of a plan or a “shovel ready” project. The awarding of this grant would help pay for the engineering, including civil, mechanical, and structural, for a Central Biomass boiler facility and would move the City ahead with the development of this project. When asked about feasibility of the project, the Manager assured the Council that it is very feasible. The grant is an 80/20 split and there are monies in the Community Development Match account to cover the City’s share if approved. The Northern Border Regional Commission funding source is Federal, but the Commission is independent. Bob Clark and Walt Elish have agreed to submit letters of support. There are several steps in the grant application process including being reviewed by the NMDC, Maine DECD, Governor’s Office, and then the Border Commission.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by MK Barbosa, to authorize a Resolution in support of an application to the Northern Border Regional Commission in the amount of \$80,000, and to provide for a \$20,000 match of funds from the Community Development Match account G-1-385-00, for engineering of a Central Biomass Boiler facility off Glen Street. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #2: Consider approval of an Application from Rose Kernan for a B.Y.O.B. Function on August 27, 2011 at Spruce Haven Complex, 214 Doyle Road, Caribou.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by MK Barbosa, to approve the B.Y.O.B Permit for August 27, 2011 at Spruce Haven Complex, 214 Doyle Road, Caribou. (4 yes, 1 abstention, M. Williams) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #3: Adjourn

Motion made by M. Williams, seconded by MK Barbosa, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary