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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 18, 2011 in Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Kenneth G. Murchison, Jr., Deputy Mayor Christopher A. R. Bell, David Martin, John R. Boone, Mary Kate Barbosa, R. Mark Goughan, and Miles R. Williams.

Steven R. Buck, City Manager; Kathleen A. Mazzuchelli, Supt. of Parks and Recreation; Roy Woods, Fire Chief; David Ouellette, Director of Public Works; and Jenny Coon, Director Caribou Area Chamber of Commerce were present.

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

Also attending the meeting were Pamela Buck and Kim Jones, Let's Move Initiative Task Force Members. Other members of the public were Erica Cyr and Rachel Graves.

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input. No Public Input.

Council Agenda Item #2: Consider authorizing the minutes of the June 27, 2011 Council meeting.

Motion made by M. Williams, seconded by D. Martin, to accept the minutes of the June 27, 2011 Council Meeting as presented. (6 yes, 1 abstention, C. Bell) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #3: Presentation and consideration of authorizing a Proclamation in support of the Let's Move Campaign and future recognition for the City.

First Lady Michelle Obama spearheads the "Let's Move" Campaign which is an effort to solve the challenge of childhood obesity. Locally a Let's Move Initiative Task Force has developed. Member Pamela Buck addressed the Council requesting their support and authorization of a Proclamation formalizing the City's participation in the nationwide Let's Move Initiative. Only one other Maine city has joined this Initiative.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to issue a Proclamation in support of the Let's Move Initiative to raise public awareness towards raising a healthier generation of kids and adults. (7 yes) So voted.

Mayor Murchison read the Proclamation in the record (Exhibit A).

Council Agenda Item #4: Consider authorizing the City of Caribou to be the Fiscal Agent for the State for pending remediation and restoration of the Bangor & Aroostook Multi-use Trail.

Since 2007, Caribou Parks and Recreation Department has served as Fiscal Agent for the State of Maine Department of Conservation for remediation and restoration of the Bangor & Aroostook Multi-use Trail. Supt. of Parks and Recreation Kathleen A. Mazzuchelli noted that these projects maintain the Multi-use Trails which benefit the tourism economy plus brings in monies for local contractors. If authorized by the Council, this year's project will provide for \$56,500 in improvements. 2011 weather events have damaged many of Multi-use Trails in the area. Ms. Mazzuchelli provided photo examples of the damage.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by M. Williams, to authorize Kathy Mazzuchelli to serve as the Fiscal Agent as defined in the Agreement, Advantage ME Vendor/Customer # VC1000012352. (7 yes) So voted.

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Council Agenda Item #5: Consider authorizing the Financial Statements for the Period ending June 30th, 2011.

The City Manager noted the Revenue Summary Report is closing at 50.35 % ahead of projections YTD, an improvement of 0.57% as compared to last month. The Expense Summary Report is closing at 46.74% just 3.6% under target YTD. The net positive cash position YTD compared to Budget is a positive \$293,760, a decrease of \$55,470 as compared to last month. The Net Cash Position YTD is a positive \$312,225 a decrease of \$4,591 compared to last month. Mr. Buck reviewed the General Ledger Summary Report, Major Revenue Comparisons, and Expense Summary Report. He noted that the numbers of Ambulance runs are up. Remodeling has started at the Nylander Museum and August 1st is the expected move in date for the Chamber. Public Works is still assessing storm damages and the related hard costs of fuel, labor, and equipment. Councilor M. Goughan commented that the number he will watch over the next couple of months is the Net Cash Position which ended the month of June at \$312,225. Manager Buck's major concern is heating fuel costs. Councilor questions were answered by the Manager.

Motion made C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to approve the Financial Statements for the period ending June 30, 2011. (6, yes, 1 no, M. Goughan) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #6: Review of Mil Rate Calculation and Property Tax Levy Limit calculation and authorization due to changes in the Homestead Exemption valuation.

The total Homestead Exemption amount changed while converting the assessing data to billing and then to commitment in the Trio system. The original Homestead Exemption report totaled \$17,347,000 and afterwards it totaled \$18,237,100. As a result of the increased Homestead Exemption reimbursement, the overlay increased from \$14,178.15 to \$25,793.40 and the Tax Levy Limit will be exceeded by \$8,639.35 rather than \$20,358.15 as originally calculated.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to reaffirm the Mil Rate for 2011 as 26.10 with a calculated Overlay of \$25,793.40. (6 yes, 1 no, M. Goughan) So voted.

Motion made by C. Bell, second by M. Williams, to exceed the 2011 LD Tax Levy Limit by \$8,639.35 due to the reduction in State and Federal revenues as well as the increased mil rate effort required under the Essential Programs and Services formulations. (7 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Consider voting upon a slate of officers for the Maine Municipal Association's Executive Committee for 2011.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by C. Bell, to support the slate of nominees as presented for the 2012 positions of Vice President and Directors of the Maine Municipal Association's Executive Committee. (7 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #8: Presentation of communications from FAME forgiving the loan for prior assessments towards the Plymouth Waste Oil Clean-Up, Howe's Corner.

The Manager reviewed a correspondence from FAME regarding Howe's Corner. It states that the balance of Caribou's loan obtained through the Plymouth Waste Oil Clean-Up Loan Program is forgiven and no longer outstanding as of June 15, 2011.

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Council Agenda Item #9: Consider processing Game of Chance License requests for the following:

a. Safari Game of Chance License for the Knights of Columbus #510, 357 Washburn Road
Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by M. Williams, to approve the Safari Game of Chance License for the Knights of Columbus #510, 357 Washburn Road. (7 yes) So voted.

b. Texas Hold'Em Game of Chance for the American Legion Post #15, 67 Sweden Street
Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by M. Williams, to approve the Texas Hold'Em Game of Chance for the American Legion Post #15, 67 Sweden Street. (7 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #10: Consider ratification of a Municipal Quitclaim Deed for the sale of tax acquired property Tax Map 30 Lot 162A, 20 Elm Street.

Councilor M. Goughan questioned what was happening and that he did not understand. The Mayor offered that it was a ratification of the Municipal Quitclaim Deed that was voted on at the last meeting.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by M. Williams, to authorize the Municipal Quitclaim Deed to Healthy Food Products, Inc. for payment in full for tax acquired property Tax Map 30 Lot 162A, 20 Elm Street. (6 yes, 1 no, M. Goughan) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #11: Consider authorizing a Municipal Quitclaim Deed to Vaughn R. & Brenda J. Keaton for taxes paid in full.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to authorize a Municipal Quitclaim Deed to Vaughn R. & Brenda J. Keaton for taxes paid in full. (7 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #12: Updates

The City Manager provided updated information on a variety of topics including:

- Airport Obstruction Removal Project – On schedule
- Telephone Upgrade – Administration has been meeting with vendors – GWI and OTT Communications
- Time Warner Cable – The fifteen year agreement ends this year and a new agreement will need to be negotiated.
- PACE program – Program flyers are available at City Office
- Dispatch Service – Fort Fairfield will be moving its police dispatch services from the City to the Maine State Police. Fort Fairfield's contract with the City was for \$10,000 and their new contract with the Maine State Police is for \$8,000.
- Caribou Connector – Work is on schedule for both Contracts 1 and 2
- Feed the County – Community Banner Poles placement is being worked on. A safety plan has been developed for this concert that will serve as a basis for any future mass gatherings.
- Cell Tower Application – Received an application from U. S. Cellular for a cell tower to be located off Paris Snow Drive. Currently this use is not allowed in a R-2 zone. The Planning Board will be reviewing this application.

Council Agenda Item #13: Other Business

- a. Other-Councilor M. Goughan commented on the Tax Bill Summary Information sheet that was mailed with the tax bills. He noted that the 2010 numbers on the Information sheet were not actual numbers but rather projected numbers. He would like to see the City use actual numbers when preparing this Information sheet.

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Meeting Dates previously set:

- Teamster's Mediation July 26 & 27, 2011 All Day Council Chambers
- Council Meeting August 15, 2011 at 7:00PM Council Chambers
- Charter Commission Meeting July 26, 2011 6:30 PM Council Chambers

Council Agenda Item #14: Adjourn

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by MK Barbosa, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Council Workshop to follow.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary