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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2011 in Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Kenneth G. Murchison, Jr., David Martin, Christopher A.R. Bell, Mary Kate Barbosa, R. Mark Goughan, and John R. Boone. Miles R. Williams was absent and excused.

Steven R. Buck, City Manager and Roy Woods, Fire Chief.

Also attending the meeting was James T. Cerrato.

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

Council Agenda item #1: Public Input. Milo Haney has withdrawn his formal request to address the City Council under Public Input Session.

Council Agenda item #2: Consider acceptance of the minutes of the March 14, 2011 Council meeting.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by MK Barbosa, to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2011 Council meeting as presented. (6 yes) So voted

Council Agenda item #3: Consider a review of the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Ordinance and consider setting a Public Hearing date.

City Manager Buck provided additional background information concerning development of a Property Assessed Clean Energy Ordinance. Caribou's adoption of a PACE Ordinance would allow qualifying Caribou property owners to access financing for energy saving improvements.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin to set a Public Hearing date of April 11, 2011 for the consideration of the PACE Ordinance adoption to provide for low interest loans for energy conservation programs through Efficiency Maine. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #4: Consider authorizing the 2011 updates to the City of Caribou Emergency Operations Plan.

Fire Chief Woods outlined the proposed updates to the City's Emergency Operation Plan and explained that this is an annual review. The proposed updates are generally minor and housekeeping in nature. The Plan does meet the new National Incident Management System (NIMS) requirements. It is important for the City to remain NIMS compliant as this may be a factor in any future grant awards.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by MK Barbosa, to authorize the 2011 Amendments to the City of Caribou Emergency Operations Plan and to file with the State. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #5: Consider a review of Licensing and Permit Fees Taxis, Rubbish Haulers, and Special Amusement permits.

City Clerk Jayne Farrin and Police Chief Gahagan have compiled a spreadsheet comparing license and permits fees for taxis, rubbish haulers and special amusement permits for several communities in Aroostook County. Based on this research, they are proposing changes to the City's licensing and permit fees. The Council had several questions concerning whether there is a need for the Police Chief to inspect the vehicles and the size of the proposed fee increase.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by MK Barbosa, to table until additional information has been obtained. (6 yes) So voted.

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Council Agenda item #6: Consider authorizing a Construction Overlimit Permit for pending pavement projects in Caribou, pursuant to 29-A MRSA § 2382.

The City Manager noted that is permit is for overweight non-divisible loads; such as, the transportation of equipment and not for the hauling of pavement products and material. Manager Buck recommends the signing of the permit.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by J. Boone, to issue a Construction Overlimit Permit for MDOT Project Pin No. STP-1798(900)X & 18093.00, mill and fill paving projects on Fort Street and the Route By-Pass. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #7: Consider authorizing Game of Chance Licensing for the following:

- a. VFW Auxiliary Bingo Game of Chance, 253 Van Buren Road

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to authorize the Bingo Game of Chance License for the VFW Auxiliary, 253 Van Buren Road. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #8: Consider setting a single Council meeting for April.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to authorize for one meeting for the month of April. (5 yes, 1 no, M. Goughan) So voted.

Council Agenda item #8A: Consider accepting a permanent Right-of-Way adjacent to the Caribou Light Industrial Park for recreational trail access.

An easement has been granted to the City of Caribou for permanent use as trail access to the City Park and Ride facilities off Otter Street. City Attorney Rick Solman has prepared the Easement Deed.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to accept an Easement off Lots 5 & 6 of the Caribou Light Industrial Park as a recreational trail system. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #9: Updates

The City Manager provided updated information on several topics including:

- The Manager extended condolences to the family of Richard Mattila. Mr. Mattila serviced the City as Manager from 1991 to 2001.
- The Manager extended condolences to the family of Daryl Gordon. Mr. Gordon was a pilot for the Warden Service and died when his plane crashed.
- The Manager recently attended a meeting with Rail America and potential rail customers. Rail America is one of the three possible rail operators. The rail bid will be awarded the first of April.
- Legislature Policy Committee – The Manager provided updated information on State Revenue Sharing.
- Tri-Community Landfill has awarded the construction of the dedicated leachate pipeline to Soderberg Construction. Construction will start this spring and hopefully be completed and operational by fall.
- Nylander Museum – The City is in contact with a Nylander descendant and he may be able to assist with future fundraising efforts.
- Public Works – There is a mechanic position opening in the Public Works Department.

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- C & J Convenience Store – The City continues to work with Mr. Haney regarding the snow removal process as it relates to C & J Convenience Store. This route has been assigned to a different driver who will be using a different truck that has a tighter turning radius and plowing practices have been changed.
- MMA Risk Management Services has invited the Council to attend a dinner on April 27th at the Crow's Nest in Presque Isle.
- Elected Official Workshop – A 2011 Elected Official Workshop will be held in Presque Isle on September 13, 2011.
- Administration is working towards the reuse of the CCH and Loran-C facilities.

Council Agenda item #10: Other Business

a. Presentation of Park n Ride updated Plans

The Manager provided an updated design of the new Park n Ride and noted the changes that have occurred including the layout of the access road, increasing the recreation trail width, and drainage. The Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by Manager Buck.

b. Update on the Caribou Connector

On March 24, 2011, a Public Informational Meeting was held at CPAC. Several DOT and Sargent Corporation representatives presented information and answered citizens' questions.

c. Upcoming 2011 elected Officials Workshop – Presque Isle

The workshop will be held September 13, 2011 in Presque Isle.

d. Other

A response to the questions raised by Citizens for Responsible City Management has been prepared by the City Manager. This response was meant to address their questions regarding the City's Cash Balance, Account 500-00, and Account 493-00 RSU 39 Commitment. A discussion took place.

Meeting Dates previously set:

- Council Meeting April 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers 25 High Street
- Veterans Memorial Park Association March 31, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. Council Chambers 25 High Street
- Charter Commission March 30, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Council Chambers 25 High Street
- CCC&I Recognition Dinner
- Other as set by Council – Union Negotiations – Will be held in April

Council Agenda item #11: Adjourn

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by J. Boone to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary