

October 15, 2012

12-30 wksp.

A Public Forum Workshop meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2012 in Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Kenneth G. Murchison, Jr., Deputy Mayor David Martin, Mary Kate Barbosa, John R. Boone, Philip McDonough II, Gary Aiken, and Joan L. Theriault.

Margaret N. Daigle, Interim City Manager, and Department Managers.

Attending: Paul Theriault, John Swanberg, Mark Reschke, Carolyn Reschke, Milo Haney, Freeman Cote, Jan Murchison, and Doug Morrell.

Natalie Bazinet, representing the Aroostook Republican and Time Warner covered the meeting.

### **PUBLIC FORUM WORKSHOP**

The Public Forum Workshops are a new requirement of the 2012 City Charter. This change is to allow a better understanding of the budgets and to allow discussion between the Council, Department Managers, and the Public. Other Public Forum Workshops will be held October 22<sup>nd</sup> and October 29<sup>th</sup>.

From the adopted City Charter:

**Expense Budget.** 5.06 [a] (3) (ii) On or before November 1st: The City Manager will have each City Department Head present a written detailed Expense Budget Report to both the City Council and the City's citizens in a public forum where both the City Council and Caribou's citizens can ask questions and provide input to the City Manager and each Department Head.

**Capital Expense Budget.** 5.06 [b] (3) (ii) On or before November 1st: The City Manager will have each City Department Head present their written detailed Capital Expense Budget Report to both the City Council and Caribou's citizens in a public forum where both the City Council and Caribou's citizens can ask questions and provide input to the City Manager and each Department Head.

Mayor Murchison opened the Public Forum Workshop and noted that this is new procedure for the City under the 2012 City Charter. Interim City Manager Daigle commented that questions can come from the Council and the public. She sees this new format as a "casual conversation" between the Council, Department Managers, and the public. This evening the Department Managers will give an overview of their proposed 2013 budgets.

The following Department Budgets and Capital Expense Budgets were reviewed. All questions from the Council and members of the public were answered by the Interim City Manager or the Department Managers.

- General Government
- Community Development
- Health and Sanitation
- Municipal Buildings
- General Assistance
- Tax Assessment
- Library
- Nylander Museum
- Fire Department
- Ambulance Department
- Police Department
- Emergency Management
- Public Works Department (Budget Expense only)

Workshop adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary