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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 27, 2010, in Council chambers with the following members present: Deputy Mayor Karla M. Bell, R. Mark Goughan, David Martin, Christopher A. R. Bell, and John Boone. Mayor Kenneth G. Murchison, Jr. and Mary Kate Barbosa were absent and excused.

Steven R. Buck, City Manager and Corlene Singletary, Human Resource Director.

Also attending the meeting were Douglas Michaud, Peter F. Miesburger, Philip D. Shaw, Jim Cerrato.

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

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

Council Agenda item #2: Consider acceptance of the minutes of the September 13, 2010 Council meeting.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by C. Bell, to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2010 Council Meeting as printed. (4 yes, 1 abstention, J. Boone) So voted.

Council Agenda item #3: Consider a review and authorization of an employee loan program against individual retirement accounts under Valic.

Human Resource Director Corlene Singletary updated the Council regarding a Valic Workshop that was held September 22nd between Valic and City representatives. Valic Regional Manager Gregg Libutti provided details on the Valic 457 loan program which is available for all purposes not just hardships. Unlike the ICMA program there are fees associated with Valic's loan program.

Council Agenda item #4: Consider authorizing a recommendation from the Airport Committee for the selection of Airport Engineering Services for the next five years.

The City Manager outlined the process used by the Airport Committee in the development of their recommendation. The Airport Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for airport engineering was posted to qualified firms on July 20, 2010 and submittals were due August 20, 2010. The three firms that submitted proposals were:

- B.R. Smith Associates, Presque Isle, Maine
- McFarland Johnson, Concord, NH
- Stantec, Limestone, Maine

After reviewing and scoring the proposals, the Airport Committee recommends Stantec.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to accept the Airport Committee's recommended selection of Stantec for the next five year period to provide engineering consulting services for the Caribou Municipal Airport. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #5: Consider entering into a Contract to provide Code Enforcement Services to the Aroostook Band of Micmacs for Trust Lands within the municipal bounds of Caribou.

The Aroostook Band of Micmacs is developing a portion of their Trust Lands along the Presque Isle Road. With this development the Micmacs intend to follow all Federal, State and local laws even though they are a Federally Recognized Tribe and their Trust Lands are considered a sovereign nation. The Band is interested in contracting with the City of Caribou for Code Enforcement Inspection Services for Tribal Lands held within Caribou boundaries.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by C. Bell, to authorize the City Manager to finalize a Contract for Services to the Aroostook Band of Micmacs for Code Enforcement Inspections and to implement such Contract upon completion. (4 yes, 1 no, M. Goughan) So voted.

Council Agenda item #6: Consider authorizing Municipal Quitclaim Deeds for taxes paid in full to:

a. Carol Pierson Tax Map 35 Lot 102

Motion by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to issue a Municipal Quitclaim deed for taxes paid in full to Carol Pierson Tax Map 35 Lot 102. (5 yes) So voted.

b. Vera Brown Tax Map 25 Lot 103

Motion by D. Martin, seconded by C. Bell, to issue a Municipal Quitclaim deed for taxes paid in full to Vera Brown Map 25 Lot 103. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #7: Consider a request from the VFW Post #9389 to raise the flag receptacles and to annually place and remove the flags in Caribou's downtown.

The VFW Post #9389 representative Peter F. Miesburger spoke about their plan to reposition the flag pole supports by placing them further up the poles. The VFW plans to display flags from Memorial Day to Veterans' Day. A signed release has been obtained from Maine Public Service.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to direct the City Manager to work with the VFW Post #9389 to reposition the flag pole supports and for Public Works to place and remove the VFW's inventory of flags on these poles one time per year, spring and fall. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #8: Consider the renewal of a Bingo Game of Chance License for the VFW Post #9389 Auxiliary, 253 Van Buren Road.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to renew the Bingo Game of Chance License for the VFW Post #9389 Auxiliary, 253 Van Buren Road. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #9: Consider authorizing Voting Delegates Credentials for the 2010 MMA Annual Meeting.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by J. Boone, to appoint Steven Buck as the Voting Delegate and Chief Roy Woods as the Alternate for the 2010 MMA Annual Meeting. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #10: Updates

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

- Highway Simplification Study – this would change municipal and state responsibilities regarding road.
- Truck weight limits exemptions have been made permanent.

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- Medicare reimbursement
- Data Recovery – The data sets for Ambulance and General Assistance have been successfully recovered. The Ambulance Department has started processing claims.
- Technology Center – Administration continues to work on reuse plans for Loran C. Station and the CCH Building.
- Caribou Connector – Contracts will be awarded this fall plus a groundbreaking ceremony will be held.
- LED – the downtown conversion is complete – the airport conversion has not been completed as the contractor is waiting on fixtures.
- RSU #39 transfer and audit information will be put on a future Council Workshop Agenda.
- South Main Street – the status of this highway project.
- High Street – a state survey crew were working on High Street today. The Council Highway Protection Committee will review the plans for this project.

Council Agenda item #11: Other Business

A. First Read: Resolution for the naming of the Caribou Connector, Segment 4

At some point the City may be asked to suggest a name for the Caribou Connector. Community Development Director Mike Shrewsberry has prepared a sample resolution for the Council to review. Councilor C. Bell made a recommendation that this go to the Council Highway Protection Committee to formulate a plan for the naming of the Caribou Connector.

B. Review and any pending actions on the Medical Marijuana Dispensary Draft Ordinance
The Council reviewed the sixth draft and discussed holding a public hearing. This draft includes changes to account for a mobile dispensary.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin to hold a public hearing on October 25, 2010 to hear testimony from the public regarding the proposed Medical Marijuana Dispensary Ordinance. (5 yes) So voted.

C. Other - None

Meeting Dates previously set:

Council Meeting – October 11th, 2010, 7:00PM Council Chambers 25 High Street

Council Meeting – October 25th, 2010, 7:00PM Council Chambers 25 High Street

Council Workshop – October 25th, 2010 following Council meeting

Other as set by Council

Council Agenda item #12. Adjourn

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by J. Boone, to adjourn. (5 yes) So voted.

8:18 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary