

February 28, 2011

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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 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.

Steven R. Buck, City Manager, David Ouellette, Director of Public Works, and Michael J. Shrewsberry, Community Development Director.

Also attending the meeting were Philip J. McDonough II, Wilfred Martin, Joan Theriault, Paul Theriault, Freeman Cote, Doug Morrell, Priscilla Haney, Milo Haney, Wayne Belanger, James T. Cerrato, and Gary St. Peter.

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

Council Agenda item #1: Public Input

- a. Doug Morrell – Financial Points of Interest  
Citizens for Responsible City Management Chair Doug Morrell spoke about the City's cash position from 2007 to 2010, cash interest income from 2007 to 2010, and revenue sharing from 2006 to 2010. (See Exhibit A)
- b. Philip McDonough – Address Budget related items  
Citizens for Responsible City Management member Philip McDonough II offered several suggestions including all City vehicles remain at their respective departments at the end of the day, cars allowances be removed from department budgets and City vehicles be used to conduct City business, the City being paid for services provided for other groups/agencies, the selling or transferring of City owned parking lots, review longevity, compensation for unused sick pay, health insurance, retirement plans, and unions. (See Exhibit B)
- c. Wilfred Martin – Budget items and potential savings  
Wilfred Martin suggested that the Council look at vehicle inventory/replacement, review heavy equipment needs and whether it would be cheaper to lease or rent, questioned whether equipment logs are used to coordinate fuel usage and time of specific jobs, staggered twelve furlough days for a twelve month period, cross training, consolidation of departments, reduction of department heads, and privatization of some departments. (See Exhibit C)
- d. Milo Haney – Snow removal  
C & J Service owner Milo Haney addressed the Council with his concerns regarding snow plowing near his Mother-in-law's on the Brissette Road, Mrs. Ames' house on the Sawyer Road, and in the area of C & J Service. Mr. Haney's business is located on the corner of Access Highway and West Gate Road. Located near this intersection is a snowmobile trail that C & J Service pays to keep open. Starting with the winter of 2007-2008, the City of Caribou took over the plowing the West Gate Road from the State. Since then Mr. Haney has not be pleased with the City's plowing of the intersection and the performance of the Public Works Director and the snow plow operator.

Manager Buck used Google Earth to show this intersection and outlined the procedures the Public Works Departments has been using in maintaining this intersection. Public Works Director David Ouellette provided additional information on the technique and reasoning behind the plowing of the intersection. He stated that this is the only instance in 300 lane miles that is plowed outside normal procedures, which is to split snow between the two sides of the road. This is being done to accommodate Mr. Haney. Mr. Ouellette would like to see the snowmobile trail moved away from the intersection. It was decided that Mr. Ouellette and Mr. Haney will meet at this intersection on Tuesday where they will observe a plow truck navigating this intersection. (See Exhibit D)

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

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by MK Barbosa, to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2011 Council meeting without amendments (5 yes, 1 abstention, M. Goughan) So voted.

Council Agenda item #3: Public Hearing to receive written and verbal input on the proposed first time application for a Restaurant Liquor License for Gary St. Peter d/b/a Napolis Restaurant, LLC.

7:54 p.m. Public Hearing Opened.

Building owner Gary St. Peter is reopening Napolis Restaurant with the addition of a lounge. This is a first time application for Mr. St. Peter. Chief Gahagan has reviewed the application and recommends approval.

7:55 p.m. Public Hearing Closed.

Council Agenda item #4: Consider acting upon the Restaurant Class Liquor License for Gary St. Peter d/b/a Napolis Restaurant, LLC, pursuant to Title 28-A M.R.S.A. § 653.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to approve the Restaurant Class Liquor License application of Gary St. Peter d/b/a Napolis Restaurant, LLC, 6 Center Street. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #5: Consider authorizing a Special Entertainment Permit for Gary St. Peter d/b/a Napolis Restaurant, LLC.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by C. Bell, to approve the Special Entertainment Permit application of Gary St. Peter d/b/a/ Napolis Restaurant, LLC, 6 Center Street. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #6: Consider setting a Public Hearing date of March 14, 2011 to receive written and verbal input on the 2011 Capital Improvements Program, pursuant to Charter Section 5.09.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to set a Public Hearing of March 14, 2011 to receive written and verbal input on the 2011 Capital Improvements Program, pursuant to Charter Section 5.09. (5 yes, 1 no, M. Goughan) So voted.

Council Agenda item #7: Consider setting a Public Hearing date of March 14, 2011 to receive written and verbal input on the 2011 Municipal Budget, pursuant to Charter Section 5.08.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by C. Bell, to set a Public Hearing of March 14, 2011 to receive written and verbal input on the 2011 Municipal Budget, pursuant to Charter Section 5.08. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #8: Consider authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with the Maine Department of Transportation for the reconstruction and land exchange for the Otter Street Park n Ride.

The City has not received a plan for the replacement facility but rather a line drawing done by State Engineer Shawn Davis. Mr. Buck commented on the line drawing. City employee Gary Marquis has expressed concerns about the land in this area as being wet. The Parks & Recreation Department and Attorney Solman have reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement and have not noted any issues with the wording of the agreement. Any questions have to do the design of the facility and its functionality.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by C. Bell to authorize the City Manager to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with MDOT for the exchange of land and replacement facilities for the Otter Street Park and Ride facilities as part of the Caribou Connector construction once the City has an acceptable plan. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #9: Consider authorizing a Municipal Quitclaim Deed for taxes paid in full to Loren Gordon for Tax Map 27 Lot 2.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to authorize a Municipal Deed for taxes paid in full to Loren Goron for Tax Map 27 Lot 2. (6 yes) So voted

Council Agenda item #10: Consider authorizing a Game of Chance License for Cribbage four times per week for the American Legion Post #15, 65 Sweden Street.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by J. Boone, to authorize the Game of Chance License for Cribbage four times per week for the American Legion Post #15, 65 Sweden Street. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #11: Consider authorizing a Texas Hold'Em Game of Chance License for the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #15, 65 Sweden Street, for March 26, 2011.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to authorize a Texas Hold 'em Game of Chance License for the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #15, 65 Sweden Street, for March 26, 2011. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #12: Updates

The City Manager provided updated information on several topics including:

- Tiger Grant – \$10.5 million for rail repair has been encumbered at the Federal level.
- Tri-Community Landfill – has issued Request for Proposals for the construction of a dedicated leachate pipeline from the landfill to the Caribou Utilities District. This pipeline has several benefits including reducing the costs of the landfill, no longer trucking leachate over the road,

- allow for a timelier treatment of the leachate, lower the post closing costs of the landfill, and provide a revenue stream for Caribou Utilities District equivalent to an industrial user. The pipeline could be functional by late fall of 2011.
- Segment 4 Contract 2 – On March 24, 2011, a public informational meeting will be held at C-PAC from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Loring Job Corp – There are concerns about the loss of funding and the closing of the whole program. It is estimated the closing of Loring Job Corp would have a \$30 million impact with the loss of direct and indirect jobs and contract costs.

Council Agenda item #13: Other Business

- a. Other: Revised 2011 Woody Biomass Utilization Grant Funding Request  
Since the City Council resolution adopted February 14, 2011, Community Development Director Michael Shrewsberry has received from Trane, Inc. updated cost estimates to cover mechanical engineering. Mr. Shrewsberry requested that the grant application be increased to a total of \$150,000 with the City's match increasing from \$25,000 to \$30,000. The funding ratio is 80% Federal and 20% local funding.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by C. Bell, to revise the grant funding from \$25,000 to \$30,000 with the monies coming from the Community Development Grant Match account G-1-1-385. (5 yes, 1 no, M. Goughan) So voted.

- b. State Revenue Sharing – There was Council consensus regarding Manager Buck and his traveling to Augusta to testify before the Legislature Committee supporting State Revenue Sharing.

Meeting Dates previously set:

- Council Meeting - March 14, 2011 at 7:00PM Council Chambers 25 High Street
- Special Council Meeting - March 21, 2011 at 7:00PM Council Chambers 25 High Street for Budget Adoption
- Segment 4 Contract 2 Public Informational Meeting - March 24, 2011 at 6:00PM C-PAC
- Council Meeting – March 28, 2011 7:00PM Council Chambers 25 High Street

Council Agenda item #14: Adjourn

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary