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

Steven R. Buck, City Manager was present.

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

Also attending the meeting were Planning Board Chair Philip J. McDonough II, Lois Faulkner, Craig Staples, and Karen Thibodeau.

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input

Lois Faulkner, of 10 Bradley Street, addressed the Council with her concerns with a pothole located at the intersection of Wright and Bradley Streets. Ms. Faulkner stated that the pothole is a safety issue, she has concerns that an accident might occur there, and she commented on area drainage problems. Ms. Faulkner wants to see this problem solved. Mayor Murchison acknowledged that there is an issue that needs to be resolved but that the solution may not be what some individuals are looking for.

This sub-division plan was developed in 1931 and the right of way is only 33 feet wide rather than the more traditional 50 foot right of way. The original plan does include a 90 degree corner. Over time the traveled section has moved towards the inside of the corner. This property owner does not want the portion of the pothole located on his property to be filled. One solution is to restore the road to its original 33 foot right of way, repair the end of the property owner's driveway, and to place two stop signs. The second solution is to make Wright Street a one way street. It was Council consensus that a communication will go out to the users of Wright and Bradley Streets requesting input on the two proposed solutions.

Council Agenda Item #2: Consider authorizing the minutes of the following meetings:

A. November 14, 2011 Council Meeting

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

Council Agenda Item #3: Consider acting upon Proposals for Banking Services for a three-year period.

The Investment Committee has reviewed the responses received from the Katahdin Trust, Key Bank, Savings Bank of Maine, and TD Bank, all of which have branches in Caribou. Two financial institutions, County Federal Credit Union and Aroostook Federal Savings and Loan, chose not to submit proposals. After reviewing the proposals, the Investment Committee unanimously recommends the acceptance of Savings Bank of Maine's proposal for banking services. This proposal includes the establishment of a municipal interest checking account that would have no fees or target balance. The interest rate is 30 day LIBOR (London Inter Bank Offer Rate) plus 10 basis points which is reset the first business day of each month and current average rate is .35%. All funds are collateralized above the FDIC insurance of \$250,000 by a Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston Letter of Credit. On line banking is available. Savings Bank of Maine will provide the City with checks, deposit bags, night depository bags, bill bands, and coin wrappers at no cost to the City.

Motion made by M. Williams, seconded by D. Martin, to enter into a contract for banking services with Savings Bank of Maine for a three year period. (5 yes, 1 abstention, K. Murchison) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #4: Review of Daycare Facilities Ordinance as developed by and recommended by the Planning Board.

The Manager reviewed the proposed Daycare Facilities Ordinance. The Ordinance covers licensing, local inspections, handling of complaints, outdoor play area requirements, requirements for loading and unloading areas, notification on scope of operation to be given to Police and Fire Departments, and Site Plan requirements. Existing Daycare Facilities would be exempted from the requirements of the proposed ordinance. Planning Board Chair Philip J. McDonough answered several questions from the Council.

Council Agenda Item #5: Consider setting a Public Hearing date of December 12, 2011 to receive written and verbal input on the proposed Daycare Facilities Ordinance.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by M. Williams, to set a Public Hearing date of December 12, 2011 to consider the adoption of the proposed Daycare Facilities Ordinance. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #6: Consider the review and authorization of Blanket Letters for Non-Profit Gaming Licenses issued in Caribou.

The proposed blanket letters would allow five local organizations to continue to license with the state for the current type of games at the current frequency without additional approval from the Council for a three year period.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by MK Barbosa, to authorize the presented Blanket Letters for the following: American Legion Post #15, 67 Sweden Street; Caribou Senior Citizens Bingo, 67 Sweden Street; Knights of Columbus, 357 Washburn Road; Lister-Knowlton VFW Post 9389; and Lister-Knowlton VFW Post 9389 Auxiliary for a three-year period from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Consider Licenses and Permits for the following:

- a) Safari Game of Chance for Caribou Senior Citizens Bingo, American Legion Post #15, 67 Sweden Street

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by C. Bell, to approve the Safari Game of Chance License for Caribou Senior Citizens Bingo, American Legion Post #15, 67 Sweden Street. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #8: Updates

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

- State Revenue Sharing – falling behind projections
- Caribou Connector – all four bridges are structurally complete.
 - Soderberg Construction has completed Contract One
 - Sargent Corporation is ahead of schedule and is expected to complete Contract Two prior to deadline
 - Otter Street Park ‘n Ride – The state will allow use of old facility until the new one is complete.
 - Snow Dump – This winter the City will use a parcel of land located off the Powers Road and owned by Soderberg Construction as a snow dump.
 - Contract Three – will go out to bid this winter.

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- Grimes Mill Road – The City has received the engineered assessment – There are two proposed options with one having an estimated cost of \$475,000 and the second option has an estimated cost of \$700,000. Public Works Director David Ouellette and the Manager will develop and write a monitoring program that will cover any triggering events that would require closing of the road.
- CIP – The 2012 CIP program is under construction and will be presented at the December 12th Council Meeting – Mr. Buck requested that it be a joint meeting with the CIP Committee.

Council Agenda Item #9: Other Business

- a. Other – During the November 8th election, campaign type materials were found in several voting booths. The material provided instructions on who to vote for and how to write-in candidates names. Councilor D. Martin and other Councilors asked several questions regarding the type of materials, how many of the items were collected, and if the City had any liability. The City Clerk estimated that she discovered ten such items and generally they had been left on the shelf in the booth. Throughout the day, the City Clerk and Deputy Clerk monitored the booths looking for any items left behind. Mr. Buck did not see any liability for the City.

Meeting Dates previously set:

- Council Meeting December 12, 2011 at 7:00PM Council Chambers
- Discussion of second meeting in December – December 26

The Council consensus was not to hold a second meeting in December

Council Agenda Item #10: Executive Session: Consider moving to Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing counter proposals from ongoing Mediation with Teamsters Local 340 Police and Fire and Ambulance Units, pursuant to Title 1 MRSA § 405 6 D.

7:58 p.m. Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin to move to Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing counter proposals from ongoing Mediation with Teamsters Local 340 Police and Fire and Ambulance Units, pursuant to Title 1 MRSA § 405 6 D. (6 yes) So voted.

Time Out: 8:17 p.m. A review of the counter proposals produced from mediation with the two Teamster Units was made and positions were given to the Manager to forward to the Units for their consideration.

Council Agenda Item #11: Executive Session: Consider moving to Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing contract proposals from AFSCME Local 220 Public Works, pursuant to Title 1 MRSA § 405 6 D.

8:18 p.m. Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to move to Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing contract proposals from AFSCME Local 220 Public Works, pursuant to Title 1 MRSA § 405 6 D. (6 yes) So voted.

Time Out: 8:34 p.m. A review of the counter proposal from the November 17, 2011 negotiation session with AFSCME was performed with the City developing a counter proposal. The Manager was directed to send the counter proposal to AFSCME for their consideration

Council Agenda Item #12: Adjourn

Adjourned 8:35 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary