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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2011 in Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Kenneth G. Murchison, Jr. Deputy Mayor Christopher A.R. Bell, David Martin, John R. Boone and Miles R. Williams. Mary Kate Barbosa, and R. Mark Goughan were absent and excused.

Steven R. Buck, City Manager, Michael Shrewsberry, Community Development Director, Roy Woods, Fire Chief, and David Ouellette, Director of Public Works were present.

Also attending the meeting were Caribou Veterans Memorial Park Committee Officers: President Carroll P. St. Peter, Treasurer John W. Wallace, and Vice-President Douglas Michaud.

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 May 9, 2011 Council meeting.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by M. Williams, to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2011 Council meeting. (4 yes, 1 abstention, Kenneth G. Murchison, Jr.) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #3: Consider the adoption of the Aroostook County Multi Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Over a year ago Public Works Director David Ouellette started to work with Aroostook County to develop a revised version of the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The new plan is for a five year period and involves multiple agencies and forty-nine communities. The Plan has received initial approval with Caribou's portion including the upsizing of three culverts located on the Madawaska Road, Plante Road, and Ogren Road. Any grant monies would be at 75/25 split. Fire Chief Woods recommends the approval of a Resolution adopting the 2010 Aroostook County Multi Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. (See Exhibit A)

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to authorize the acceptance of Caribou's portion of the Aroostook County Multi Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and so support the overall Plan and its submission. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #4: Consider a request from the Caribou Veterans Memorial Park Committee to cost share survey expenses for City property Tax Map 31 Lot 199 off Lyndon and Nylander Streets.

John Wallace stated that the Committee will finance the survey expenses as long as the City provides a Memorandum of Understanding outlining the use of the proposed site off Lyndon and Nylander Streets.

Motion made by M. Williams, seconded by D. Martin, to allow the City Manager to work with members of the Caribou Veterans Memorial Park Committee to develop a Memorandum of Understanding concerning the Veterans Park location in the City of Caribou. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #5: Consider placing to bid tax acquired property Tax Map 30 Lot 162A.

The Tax Collector is recommending that this property be put out to bid with a minimum bid of \$2,377.81. This amount would clear Caribou's tax liens and Caribou Utilities liens.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by M. Williams, to place Tax Map 30 Lot 162 A, 20 Elm Street, to public bid with minimum bid of \$2,377.81. (5 yes) So voted.

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Council Agenda Item #6: Consider authorizing employee funded VSP Vision Plan and MMEHT Dental Plan elective offerings.

MMEHT has removed the minimum participation requirement for two supplemental insurance programs providing eye and dental coverage. HR Director Corlene Singletary is requesting that these two programs be offered to employees with participation being voluntary and total cost paid by the employee.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by M. Williams, to allow the offering of the voluntary supplemental vision and dental plan policies at the employee's expense as outlined. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Consider nominations for the Slate of Officers for the 2011 Maine Municipal Association's Executive Committee openings.

No action was taken.

Council Agenda Item #8: Consider the renewal of a Safari Game of Chance License for Caribou Senior Citizens Bingo, American Legion Post hall Post #15 Sweden Street.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to renew the Safari Game of Chance License for Caribou Senior Citizens Bingo, American Legion hall Post #15, Sweden Street. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #9: Consider the renewal of a Bingo Game of Chance License for the Knights of Columbus 1870, 357 Washburn Road.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by C. Bell, to renew the Bingo Game of Chance License for the Knights of Columbus 1870, 357 Washburn Road. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #10: Consider authorizing a FY 2012 Transit Bonus Payment Program application to the Maine Department of Transportation.

This is an annual process in which the City may apply for this funding provided that any funds are passed to a qualified regional transportation; such as, Aroostook Regional Transportation System, Inc. (ARTS). As in the past, ARTS requests the City apply for \$15,000. In 2010, ARTS received \$4,133.00 from this program.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by M. Williams, to authorize the City Manager to sign and apply for \$15,000.00 to the Transit Bonus Payment Program with said funds to be awarded to the Aroostook Transportation System. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #11: Updates

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

- State Revenue Sharing - The Manager provided detailed information on the future of State Revenue Sharing.
- Police Department – The Manager read a letter from a local financial institution expressing their appreciation for assistance with a disruptive customer. Officer Mark Gahagan was able to handle the situation professionally.
- Maine Military Authority has received a \$3.2 million contract from the U.S. Army to refurbish 80 communication Humvees. This will provide enough work for the approximately 200 MMA employees through 2012.
- Changes to MUBEC are being proposed through LD1253.
- Excise Tax – It does not appear that any changes will occur during this Legislative Session.

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- The Charter Commission has completed its work and a public hearing will be held June 14<sup>th</sup> at PCAC. The Charter Commission plans to submit their report to the Council no later than September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Council Agenda Item #12: Other Business

- a. Updates on the Caribou Connector – Several photographs were shared with the Council and the public.
- b. Update on the Airport Obstruction Removal Project – The FFA grant package has been received, reviewed, and signed by the City Manager. The grant package has been returned.
- c. Other
  - Grimes Mill Road – Public Works Director Ouellette continues to monitor the road. There has not been any further movement of the road.

Meeting Dates previously set:

- RSU Budget Meeting May 25, 2011 at 7:00PM Caribou Middle School
- Council Meeting June 13, 2011 at 7:00PM Council Chambers
- RSU budget Referendum Election June 14, 2011
- Charter Commission Public Hearing June 14, 2011 CPAC

Council Agenda Item #13: Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary

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