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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 6:00 p.m. on Monday April 27, 2015 in Council Chambers with following members present: Mayor Gary Aiken, Deputy Mayor David Martin, Philip McDonough II, Joan L. Theriault, Shane McDougall, Tiffany J. Stewart, and Jody R. Smith.

Austin Bleess, City Manager was present.

Department Managers: Penny G. Thompson, Tax Assessor; Michael Gahagan, Police Chief; Gary Marquis, Supt. of Parks & Recreation; and Wanda Raymond, Finance Director

Joshua Archer, representing the Aroostook Republican; and Time Warner covered the meeting.

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input

Larry Pelletier, 124 Lombard Road, offered his opinion on the unsightly appearance of a neighboring trailer and the land it sits on plus a nuisance barking dog. Mr. Pelletier stated that he had made similar complaints in 2014 and nothing had been done to correct the situation.

Council Agenda Item #2: Declaration of Conflicts of Interest from the City Council regarding any agenda item.

None.

Council Agenda Item #3: Consider authorizing the minutes of the following meeting:

- a) April 13, 2015 Council Meeting

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2015 Council Meeting with the following amendment to Council Agenda Item #12-1: change 186 to 184. (6 yes). So voted.

Council Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- a) March 2015 Financials
- b) Approval of CDBG Resolution
- c) Approval of Licenses
 - 1. Taxi Licenses
 - I. Mary Clayton dba Aroostook Cab Company
 - 2. Lunch Wagon
 - I. James Smith dba The Happy Belly
 - 3. Rubbish Haulers
 - I. Gils Sanitation
 - II. Rossignol Sanitation
 - III. Caldwell's Sanitation LLC
 - IV. Crown of Maine Sanitation
 - V. City Sanitation

Several questions from the Mayor were answered by City Manager Bleess and Finance Director Raymond. Manager Bleess suggested that questions be given ahead of time so the answers can be given at the meeting.

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Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault to approve the Consent Agenda with Business Items A-C as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #5: Secession Public Hearing – Paul Camping

City Manager Bless reported that earlier this evening the information requested by the Caribou Secession Committee (CSC) had been emailed to Secession representatives. CSC Spokesperson Camping stated that they anticipate having their report completed within two weeks. The Mayor would rather see Council set the date for the Public Hearing once the CSC has completed their report.

Because of its size and comfort the CSC would prefer holding the Public Hearing in the RSU #39's Caribou Performing Arts Center (C-PAC). They would be willing to share the cost of the facility. There was discussion concerning which day and time would be best for those planning to attend.

The CSC plans to put their report on the Bangor Daily News site. Also the Mayor commented that the report could be added to the City's website.

No action was taken on setting a date for the Secession Public Hearing.

Council Agenda Item #6: Nylander Museum Ordinance

6:22 p.m. Public Hearing Opened.

Jessica Feeley, Nylander Board Secretary, spoke in support of the proposed Ordinance changes.

6:25 p.m. Public Hearing Closed.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by S. McDougall, to adopt Ordinance No. 7, 2015 Series, An Ordinance amending Chapter 15, Section 15-101, Nylander Museum, Short Title: An ordinance regarding the Nylander Board of Trustees as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Administration Ordinance Changes

Councilor McDonough introduced Ordinance No. 8, 2015 Series, An Ordinance amending Chapter 2 Administration, Short Title: An ordinance modifying the City's Harassment Policy.

Public Hearing to be held May 11, 2015.

Council Agenda Item #8: Knox Memorial Fund

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by J. Smith, to transfer ownership of Knox Memorial Fund CD (G-1-183-00) to Cary Medical Center. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #9: Fire Truck Bids

Gas Motors	\$4,567.89
Moir Farms LLC	\$4,004.00
Brown Developments	\$3,500.00

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by P. McDonough, to reject all bids and to investigate selling to a fire station in Canada. (5 yes, 1 no, S. McDougall) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #10: Lawn Mower Bids

The City went out for competitive bid to all Caribou dealers for a front line zero turn mower with the lowest bid received from Bernaiche Sales and Service in the amount of \$7,522.91 with a \$1,000 trade in value for the 2002 Exmark zero turn mower. If approved, the \$7,522.91 would come from the Recreation Lawn Mower Reserve Fund.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Martin, to accept the low bid of \$7,522.91 for a zero turn mower with a \$1,000 trade in for the 2002 Exmark zero turn mower using money from the Recreation Lawn Mower Reserve Fund. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #11: Rails to Trails Grant

The Caribou Parks and Recreation Department has been awarded \$24,000 through the Recreation Trails Program (RTP) grant. Supt. Marquis proposed using this grant award plus \$19,420 from the Collins Pond Recreation Trail Reserve account and \$26,730 from the RC2 TIF District Account to construct a permanent bridge over Caribou Stream. A new bridge would be an engineered steel structure with concrete abutments. The old bridge would be repurposed. Supt. Marquis answered several questions from the Council.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by S. McDougall, to accept the \$24,000 RTP grant to construct a new bridge over Caribou Stream. (4 yes, 2 no, J. Theriault, T. Stewart) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #12: Other Business

1. Mr. Larry Pelletier answered several questions from Councilor McDonough about the Lombard Road property.
2. Brush removal is the week of May 11th.

Council Agenda Item #13: Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(C) to discuss economic development and real property.

6:52 p.m. Time In. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to move to Executive Session with City Manager Bleess and Troy Haney pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(C) to discuss economic development and real property. (6 yes) So voted.

7:20 p.m. Troy Haney left the executive session.

7:46 p.m. John Swanberg entered the executive session.

8:05 p.m. John Swanberg left the executive session.

8:34 p.m. Time Out. Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by D. Martin, to move out of Executive Session. (6 yes) So voted.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by J. Smith, to approve allowing CEGC to utilize \$100,000 of TIF RLF funds. (6 yes) So voted.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by P. McDonough, to approve transfer of 50% of proceeds of sale of 63 Sweden Street to CEGC. (6 yes) So voted. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by S. McDougall, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. (6 yes) So voted.

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Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Regular City Council Meeting May 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting June 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary