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A workshop meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 25, 2014 in Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Gary Aiken, Deputy Mayor David Martin, Philip McDonough II, Joan L. Theriault, Kenneth G. Murchison, Jr., and Shane McDougall.

Austin Bleess, City Manager was present.

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

Item #1: Discussion on Tax Acquired Property Policy

The current Tax Acquired Property Policy (TAP) was updated and adopted in March 2013.

At the August 11th meeting, the Council decided that the TAP needed to be reviewed once again. The Council wants to make sure that the policy is clear, reduce taxpayer confusion, and to streamline the process.

Proposed changes: eliminate section 5.2 altogether, allow Tax Collector and/or City Manager to place tax acquired properties out for bid without going to Council, and allow City Administration to determine whether or not to acquire a property or to waive foreclosure.

Council discussion.

Council Consensus: To move forward with the adoption of the proposed changes to Caribou's TAP at the next Council meeting.

Workshop adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary