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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 8, 2014 in Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Gary Aiken, Deputy Mayor David Martin, Philip McDonough II, Joan L. Theriault, Shane McDougall, Kenneth G. Murchison, Jr., and Tiffany J. Stewart.

Austin Bleess, City Manager and Tony Mazzucco, Assistant City Manager were present.

Department Managers: Penny G. Thompson, Tax Assessor; David Ouellette, Public Works Director; Scott Susi, Fire Chief; and Wanda Raymond, Finance Director.

Councilor-Elect Jody R. Smith attended.

Paula Brewer, representing the Aroostook Republican; and Time Warner covered the meeting.

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input

Wayne Vaughn – former owner of 53 Katahdin Avenue – requested additional time to pay the taxes on his former City of Caribou property.

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 meetings:

- a) November 24, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes
- b) October 14, 2014 Special Council Meeting Minutes

Motion made by J Theriault, seconded by P. McDonough, to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2014 Council Meeting and October 14, 2014 Special Council Meeting as presented. So voted.

Council Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- a) November 2014 Parks and Recreation Department Report
- b) November 2014 Fire and Ambulance Department Report
- c) November 2014 Library Department Report
- d) Approval of Licenses
  - 1. Liquor Licenses: Capital Pizza Huts and American Legion Post 15
  - 2. Special Amusement Licenses: Capital Pizza Huts and American Legion Post 15

The November 2014 Parks and Recreation Department Report wasn't provided.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Martin, to approve the Consent Agenda with Business Items B, C, & D as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #5: Junk Yard Permits

7:03 Public Hearing Opened.

No members of the public spoke.

7:04 Public Hearing Closed.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by P. McDonough, to renew the Junk Yard Permits for John Gilbert, Mark Nadeau, and American Iron & Metal, Co. Inc. (AIM). (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #6: Drumlin Environmental

Richard Fortin of Drumlin Environmental LLC with Nicholas Hodgkins of the Maine Dept. of Environmental (MDEP) addressed the Council about the Site Management Plan that has been developed for the Former L.B. Carter Bulk Plant Site. The current landowner is Canadian Pacific. The site is approximately .2 of an acre of undeveloped land along the River Road. The plan has been approved by the MDEP and the work is in its final stages.

Mr. Hodgkins stated that there is a long history of petroleum products being used on this parcel. MDEP has studied both deep and shallow ground water plus soils. The Site Management Plan addresses the issues that have been identified by MDEP.

The Council asked several questions.

Council Agenda Item #7: Tax Acquired Property

Council asked Wayne Vaughn several questions about his former Katahdin Avenue property. Mr. Vaughn stated that the property is occupied and is rented.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by P. McDonough, to place the proposed list of properties out to bid with the exclusion of property 4 and to combine properties 11 and 20. (3 yes, J. Theriault, D. Martin, P. McDonough, 4 no, T. Stewart, K. Murchison, S. McDougall, G. Aiken) Motion failed.

Motion made by K. Murchison, seconded by T. Stewart, to place the proposed list of properties out to bid with the exclusion of property 4 and property 11, if all back taxes and the amount due the Caribou Utilities District is paid by Friday (12<sup>th</sup>). (4 yes, T. Stewart, K. Murchison, S. McDougall, G. Aiken, 3 no, J. Theriault, D. Martin, P. McDonough) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #8: Public Safety Complex Study Committee

Assistant City Manager Mazzucco noted that the new Comprehensive Plan indentifies the most critical capital investment for Caribou over the next ten years to be a new police station. Mr. Mazzucco recommends the formation of a committee to study and develop recommendations to be presented to the Council.

Motion by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to form a Public Safety Complex Study Committee consisting of two Councilors, City Manager, Fire and Police Chiefs, one member of the Planning Board, and Community Members. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #9: 2015 Council Organizational Meeting

The 2015 Council Organizational Meeting will be held Friday, January 2, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Council Agenda Item #10: Other Business

- A. Because of pending inclement weather, Councilor McDonough suggested postponing Transportation & Safety meeting scheduled for the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Council Agenda Item #11: Executive Session to discuss a legal matter pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(E).

7:59 p.m. Motion made by K. Murchison, seconded by D. Martin, to move to executive session with City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and Councilor-Elect Smith to discuss a legal matter pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(E). (6 yes) So voted.

8:28 p.m. Motion made by K. Murchison, seconded by D. Martin, to move out of executive session. (6 yes) So voted.

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No action taken.

Motion made by K. Murchison, seconded by P. McDonough, to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.  
(6 yes) So voted.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Organizational City Council Meeting, January 2, 2015

Regular City Council Meeting January 12, 2015

Regular City Council Meeting January 26, 2015

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary