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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 25, 2013 in Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Gary Aiken, Deputy Mayor Kenneth G. Murchison, Jr., David Martin, Philip McDonough II, Joan L. Theriault, and David R. Genthner, Sr. Mary Kate Barbosa was absent and excused.

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

Department Managers: Scott Susi, Fire Chief; William Tasker, Director Chamber of Commerce; and Kathleen A. Mazzuchelli, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation; Elizabeth O'Bar, Assessor, were present.

Also attending: R. Mark Goughan and five other Caribou citizens.

Lisa Wilcox, representing the Aroostook Republican and Time Warner covered the meeting.

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input

R. Mark Goughan provided a brief history of Maine Department of Transportation's (MDOT) plan to repair Route 161-Fort Fairfield Road. It appears that repairs have been delayed because of funding. Mr. Goughan commented that the project has taken so long that there have been three different head engineers. The public needs a safe road between Caribou and Fort Fairfield. Mr. Goughan requested that the City Council send a letter to MDOT supporting the completion of repairs to Route 161.

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

Councilor Theriault declared a conflict of interest with agenda item 9.

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

- a) February 11, 2013 Council Meeting
- b) February 12, 2013 Council Workshop

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by D. Genthner, to accept the minutes of February 11, 2013 Council Meeting and February 12, 2013 Council Workshop as presented. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- a) January 2013 Financials
- b) Approval of Quit Claim Deeds
- c) Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit
- d) Confirmation of Acting City Manager Appointment
- e) Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to approve the Consent Agenda with Business items A, B, C, D, & E as presented. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #5: Downtown TIF CEA

Developer Dana Cassidy has met with Manager Bless about a Credit Enhancement Agreement (CEA) for his Bennett Drive businesses. The City Manager has reviewed the Downtown TIF Program guidelines and it does not allow for any new CEAs. Currently 100% of the captured assessed value is applied to the District Development Program.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Genthner, to table the Downtown TIF CEA agenda item and to hold a Council Workshop to discuss the topic. (5 yes) So voted.

Councilor Murchison suggested seeking help from the experts at NMDC.

The date for a Council Workshop will be set once the City Manager has spoken with NMDC representatives concerning their availability.

Council Agenda Item #6: Expense Budget

Mayor Aiken would like to move this agenda item to the end of the meeting following the Executive Session or table until the next Council Meeting. He noted that the Executive Session could affect some items in the Expense Budget.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by K. Murchison, to table until the next Council Meeting. (5 yes)

Council Agenda Item #7: Acceptance of Wood Pellet Bids

Bids:

Daigle Oil Company	\$200/ton 8,400 BTU's, 4-5% moisture, 0.5% ash
Maine Woods Pellet Co LLC	\$225/ton 8,250 BTU's, 5% moisture, 0.6% ash

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Martin, to accept the bid from Daigle Oil at \$200/ton 8,400 BTU's, 4-5% moisture, 0.5% ash. (5 yes) So voted.

It is estimated that the City will need annually 219 tons. Manager Bless anticipates that the Daigle Oil Company will work with the City to finish out the 2013-2014 heating season and then the City will go out to bid for the following heating season.

Council Agenda Item #8: Acceptance of Property Bids

Bids:

Map 20, Lot 17B – 219 Albair Road

Scott Martin	\$2,150
Carl Pinette	\$3,500
Jason Doody	\$2,500

Map 36, Lot 97 – 0 Mayo Street

Jane Hunter	\$600
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Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Genthner, to accept the \$3,500 bid from Carl Pinette for Map 20, Lot 17B – 219 Albair Road and the \$600 bid from Jane Hunter for Map 36, Lot 97 – 0 Mayo Street. (5 yes) So voted.

Administration is in the process of reviewing the City's current Tax-Acquired Property Policy. Mayor Aiken recommends that this be completed before any decision is made regarding disposition of the remaining 12 unsold parcels.

Council Agenda Item #9: Special Election for Council Seat filled by Councilor Theriault

On February 11, 2013, this agenda item was tabled until the City Manager had spoken with former Charter Commission members as to the intent of Section 2.06(d) and it had been reviewed by legal counsel.

Manager Bless reported that it was the intent of the Charter Commission in drafting 2.06(d) to hold the election in June. According to the City Attorney, Council is not required to call a special election to fill a vacancy.

Motion made by D. Martin to hold the election in June in conjunction with the RSU #39 Budget Validation Referendum. Motion died for the lack of a second.

Motion made by K. Murchison, to D. Genthner, to hold the election in November to fill the Council seat now held by Councilor Theriault. (4 yes, 1 no, D. Martin, 1 abstention, J. Theriault) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #10: LED Street Lights

The City has received an estimate from Trane for the installation of LED Street lights throughout the City. The \$1,460,092 estimate provides for 575 LED fixtures, wooden poles assemblies, overhead cable, and other necessary items. There would be a 15 year payback. Councilor Murchison suggested contacting the Town of Fort Fairfield as they have experience converting to LED lights. Councilor Martin expressed his frustration with Maine Public Service and that to date not one of the street lights the City wants turned off has been turned off.

Council Agenda Item #11: Other Business

None.

Council Agenda Item #12: Executive Session to discuss Labor Negotiations with NEW ENGLAND POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL 605 pursuant to MRSA Title 1 Chapter 13 Section 405(6)(D).

7:37 p.m. Motion made by K. Murchison, seconded by P. McDonough, to move to Executive Session with City Manager Bless and Assistant City Manager Mazzucco to discuss Labor Negotiations with NEW ENGLAND POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL 605 pursuant to MRSA Title 1 Chapter 13 Section 405. (5 yes) So voted.

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7:58 p.m. Time Out.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by K. Murchison, to counter offer a proposal to the NEW ENGLAND POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL 605 and authorize the City Manager to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Unit upon the Unit's acceptance of the counter offer. (5 yes) So voted.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Genthner, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

City Council Workshop, March 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. (Tentative)

Regular City Council Meeting, March 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

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Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary