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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 6:00 p.m. on Monday February 9, 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 Manager: Penny G. Thompson, Tax Assessor.

Natalie De La Garza, representing the Aroostook Republican; and Time Warner covered the meeting.

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input

None.

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) January 26, 2015 Council Meeting

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by S. McDougall, to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2015 Council Meeting as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- a) January Fire Department Report
- b) January Police Department Report
- c) January Library Report
- d) January Housing Department Report
- e) January 2015 Financials

Manager Bleess answered Mayor Aiken's questions concerning the January 2015 Financials. The Mayor asked about the Trail Groomer Reserve, Library Roof account, Drink Grant account, Nasiff Clean Up account, D. Cooper Memorial Fund, Deferred Ambulance Revenue, GG Health Insurance Line, Fire & Ambulance expenses and revenues, meals for prisoners line, and Public Works rock salt line.

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

Council Agenda Item #5: Consent agreement with Daniel Bourgoine

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith to approve a Consent agreement with Daniel Bourgoine which he agrees to demolish the house on Map 9, Lot 30. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #6: Investment Policy

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Martin, to accept the Investment Policy as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Parking Lot Ordinance

6:16 p.m. Public Hearing Opened.

Patrick Bennett, owner of a downtown office building, extended congratulations about the addition of Sitel to the City's business economy. He understands the net result of the ordinance change is to clear the way to allow for the additional parking needed by Sitel. Mr. Bennett stated that at times there is a scarcity of parking in the downtown area. He questions whether the addition of Sitel will create pressure on the other parking lots. He wonders if language has been developed to include in the deeds to revert the lots to the City if the business entity leaves Caribou.

Robby ~~Jandreau~~ *Jalbert*\* Site Director at Sitel, stated that Sitel has been here for 17 years and that they want to have partnerships in the area. They want to see Caribou grow, they are here to stay, and that they want to work with the downtown business owners. Parking is a huge issue and without it, Sitel's ability to move to town would be restricted. Sitel wants to be a good partner with the City, local business owners, and local citizens. Sitel will not allow employees to park on Sweden Street.

*\*amended per vote of the Council February 23, 2015.*

6:22 p.m. Public Hearing Closed.

Motion made by S. McDougall, seconded by P. McDonough, to adopt Ordinance No. 1, 2015 Series, An Ordinance amending Chapter 12 Traffic, Short Title: An ordinance amending downtown parking lot restrictions as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Councilor McDougall wants the Highway & Protection Committee to take the additional step to address other concerns with this ordinance.

Council Agenda Item #8: Introduction of an Ordinance Regarding Sale of City Property

Councilor Smith introduced Ordinance No 2, 2015 Series, An Ordinance regarding the Sale of Municipal Property.

A Public Hearing scheduled for February 23, 2015.

Council Agenda Item #9: Introduction of Nuisance Property Ordinance

Councilor McDonough introduced Ordinance No 3, 2015 Series, An Ordinance creating Chapter 8, Article V Nuisance Property Ordinance. Short Title: Nuisance Property Ordinance.

A Public Hearing scheduled for February 23, 2015.

Council Agenda Item #10: Other Business

- A. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to have marked the City vehicles that are not currently marked with the City's logo. (6 yes) So voted.
- B. Highway & Protection Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
- C. Pellet Boilers-Auger systems have been installed in the Fire Station and Recreation Center. The Library's auger system has been ordered and is expected to arrive this week. They are working on engineering a solution for the pellet boiler in City Office. The one at the Fire Station has been in place for about a month and has worked well except for one instance. The City continues to

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use the same pellets. There isn't much the City can do to fight the methodology used by Trane to calculate savings.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by T. Stewart, to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. (6 yes) So voted.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

City Council Workshop February 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting March 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary