

A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 6:00 p.m. on Monday January 12, 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; Wanda Raymond, Finance Director; and Lisa Plourde, Housing Director.

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

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input

- a) Daniel Bourgoine – Attorney Patrick Bennett spoke on behalf of Mr. Bourgoine. They are requesting leniency regarding the tax foreclosed properties located at 679 Fort Fairfield Road and 512 East Presque Isle Road. Both Mr. Bourgoine and Mr. Bennett were not aware the City's Tax Acquired Policy had been changed by the City Council. Mr. Bourgoine is requesting that he be allowed to reclaim his former properties.
- b) Clinton St. Peter – Spoke on behalf of a family friend. The property located at 1 Wright Street was foreclosed by the City for nonpayment of taxes. Mr. St. Peter stated that he is willing to pay all taxes owed by Lori McCarthy.
- c) Joseph McDougall – His former 11 Lower Washington Street was foreclosed by the City for nonpayment of taxes. He requested leniency and a year to get caught up. He stated that he has been paying to maintain a section of Patten Street over the past 10 years or so. Mr. McDougall requested a tax break because he has been maintaining a road. The Council asked several questions concerning Patten Street.
- d) Kent Forbes – Resident of the Fort Fairfield Road – expressed his public safety concerns regarding the lack of lighting and sidewalks not being plowed on the Fort Fairfield Bridge. He requested that the Council reconsider their decision not to plow one of the sidewalks on the bridge.
- e) Wilfred Martin – Mr. Martin stated that he had heard that someone's tax payment was refused and he supposes the Council will make everyone happy regarding this.
- f) Nathan R~~ossignol~~ Haney\* – Former owner of 913 Madawaska Road – the taxes not being paid was an oversight and he requesting leniency. Currently his disabled sister lives there.  
*\*amended per vote of the Council January 26, 2015.*
- g) John Barretto – 15 Prospect Street – He thought the taxes were paid and requested an extension.
- h) Jayne R. Farrin – The City Clerk spoke about dog licensing. The Mayor pulled the winning dog tag number from the 604 dogs that were licensed before January 1, 2015. The winner of a \$50.00 gift certificate to the vet of their choice was Shelby Dobson of 48 Grimes Road and her dog Oliver.

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) December 1, 2014 Special Council Meeting
- b) December 8, 2014 Council Meeting
- c) January 2, 2015 Organizational Council Meeting

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2014 Special Council Meeting, December 8, 2014 Council Meeting, and January 2, 2015 Organizational Council Meeting as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- a) November 2014 Police Department Report
- b) December 2014 Police Department Report
- c) December 2014 Fire and Ambulance Department Report
- d) December 2014 Library Department Report
- e) November 2014 Financials
- f) Confirmation of Acting City Manager Appointment
  - 1. Michael Gahagan, Police Chief
- g) Approval of Licenses
  - 1. Pawnbroker – Rose Cameron d/b/a Cameron's Gun Shop

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

Council Agenda Item #5: Tree Harvesting

Two companies have expressed interest in harvesting trees on the site of the old landfill. Administration has spoken to Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) and they don't foresee any issue with this activity as it relates to the old landfill.

The projected revenue ranges from \$34,383 to \$44,710. The stumpage rate is the same for both Martin Forest Products of Caribou and North Ridge Services d/b/a Lew Rioux Company of Frenchville.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by T. Stewart, to table for additional information. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #6: Authorizing additional expenditure for Compensated Absences

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by P. McDonough, to approve to spend an extra \$60,000 in the Compensated Absences Line E70-01-043-01 which is deposited into the reserve line G 1-417-00. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Dangerous buildings at Nasiff Land LLC site

The City has received a report on the structural soundness of the buildings at the Nasiff Land LLC site. The engineer has determined that all of the buildings, with the exception of the guard shack, are unsafe and dangerous. Building #6 is considered unstable and susceptible to partial or total collapse at any time.

Motion made by J. Theriault, seconded by P. McDonough to authorize the City Manager to have Building #6 on the Nasiff Land LLC site demolished as soon as possible and to submit all bills to the land owner for payment. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #8: Authorizing Sale of Tax Acquired Property

Property 2: Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by J. Theriault, to reject the submitted bid for Map 5 Lot 48 and to allow Daniel Bourgoine to reclaim his former properties located at Map 5 Lot 48 and Map 9 Lot 30 contingent that he pays \$6,022.91 which is the total amount owed by the close of business on January 16, 2015 and that the house located on Map 9 Lot 30 is to be knocked down by July 1, 2015. (4 yes, 2, no, Shane McDougall, P. McDonough) So voted.

Councilor Martin left the Council Chambers.

Property 5: Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by P. McDonough, to accept the high bid of \$313.00 from Wade Synder for the property located at Map 15 Lot 49. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Martin returned to Council Chambers.

Properties 6, 14, & 19: Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by T. Stewart, to reject all submitted bids. (5 yes, 1 no S. McDougall) So voted.

Property 16: Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by J. Theriault, to reject submitted bid for Map 32 Lot 35 and to allow Lori L. McCarthy to reclaim her former property contingent that her taxes of \$3066.60 plus the \$60.65 due the Caribou Utilities District is paid by the close of business on January 16, 2015. (4 yes, 2 no, S. McDougall, P. McDonough) So voted.

Property 10: Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by J. Theriault, to allow Nathan Haney to reclaim his former property at Map 21 Lot 3 contingent that his taxes of \$3,025.99 is paid by the close of business on January 16, 2015 (5 yes, 1 no, P. McDonough) So voted.

Property 12: Motion made by T. Stewart, seconded by J. Smith, to investigate the status of the road at 11 Lower Washington Street. (6 yes) So voted.

15 Prospect Street: John Barretto is the new owner of 15 Prospect Street and because of this he has until January 30, 2015 to pay the 2012 taxes. No action required.

Council Agenda Item #9: Other Business

- A. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to plow one of the sidewalks on the Fort Fairfield Bridge. (6 yes) So voted.
- B. Administration was directed to contact Caribou school principals to see if they have received complaints about the non-plowing of sidewalks, have the Public Works Director Ouellette look at it and determine the best ways to handle any complaints.
- C. The City of Caribou is featured in the current Yankee Magazine.
- D. Motion made by S. McDougall, seconded by D. Martin, to accept the Committee List as presented. (6 yes) So voted. (Exhibit A)

Council Agenda Item #10: Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(C) to discuss economic development

7:48 p.m. Motion made by J. Theriault, seconded by J. Smith, to move to executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(C) to discuss economic development. (6 yes) So voted.

8:13 p.m. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to move out of executive session. (6 yes) So voted.

No action taken.

Council Agenda Item #11: Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(A) to discuss a personnel issue

8:14 p.m. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to move to executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(A) to discuss a personnel issue. (6 yes) So voted.

8:45 p.m. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to move out of executive session. (6 yes) So voted.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by P. McDonough, to uphold the City Manager's decision. (6 yes) So voted.

Meeting declared adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Regular City Council Meeting January 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary

**2015 Council Committees, Caribou Committees and Boards**

**EXHIBIT A**

**Personnel**

*Phil McDonough, Chair  
All Council*

**Highway/Protection**

*Phil McDonough, Chair  
Jody Smith  
Joan Theriault*

**Airport**

*Phil McDonough, Chair  
Joan Theriault  
Shane McDougall*

**Cary Medical Center Directors**

*Michael Quinlan (2017)  
Doug Plourde (2017)  
James Mockler (2017)  
Rob Kieffer (2015)  
Sherry Dumont, D.O. (2015)  
Sue White (2015)  
Gregg Collins (2016)  
David Sleeper (2016)  
Carl Flynn M.D. (2016)  
Austin Bleess, Ex-Officio  
Betty Hatch, Ex-Officio*

**Hospital District**

*Doug Plourde (2017)  
Norman Collins (2015)  
David Wakem (2016)*

**Nylander Board of Trustees**

*Vacant (2016)  
Vacant (2016)  
Kimber Noyes (2016)  
Philip Bosse (2015)  
Vacant (2015)  
Jessica Feeley (2017)  
Vacant (2017)*

**Public Safety Complex Study Committee**

*Gary Aiken  
Shane McDougall  
Chief Michael Gahagan  
Chief Scott Susi  
Austin Bleess  
Vacant  
Vacant*

**Investment**

*Gary Aiken, Chair  
Dave Martin  
Tiffany Stewart*

**NMDC**

*Austin Bleess  
Gary Aiken*

**Nylander Board**

**Library Board**

*Ryan Scheiber (2019)  
Gillian Sleeper (2015)  
Marty Belanger (2015)  
Janine Murchison (2016)  
Robert Thompson (2017)  
Patrick Bennett (2017)  
Gail Hagelstein (2018)*

**Caribou Utilities District**

*David Belyea (2017)  
W. Louis Greenier (2015)  
Scott Willey (2015)  
Nancy Solman (2016)  
Janine Murchison (2016)*

**C.E.G.C.**

*Gary Aiken  
Austin Bleess*

**Capital Improvement**

*City Council  
Austin Bleess, Ex-Officio  
Wanda Raymond, Ex-Officio*

**Tri-Community Landfill**

*Shane McDougal  
Ken Murchison  
Austin Bleess*

**Municipal Buildings**

*Dave Martin, Chair  
Joan Theriault  
Jody Smith  
Tiffany Stewart*

**Chamber Board Liaison**

*Joan Theriault*

**Planning Board Liaison**

*Phil McDonough*

**Planning Board**

*Robert White (2017)  
Philip Cyr (2017)  
Matthew Hunter (2015)  
James Cerrato (2015)  
Philip J. McDonough III (2016)  
Grahm Freme (2016)  
Todd Pelletier (2016)*

**Board of Assessors**

*Romeo J. Parent (2017)  
John Weeks (2015)  
Michael Quinlan (2016)*

**Recreation Commission**

*Troy Barnes (2015)  
Andrew Scott (2017)  
Susan White (2017)  
Mark Shea (2015)  
Jane Mavor-Small (2016)  
Gary Marquis, Ex-Officio  
Austin Bleess, Ex-Officio*

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

*Donald Cote (2015)  
Lewis Cousins (2016)  
George Howe (2016)  
Robert Ouellet (2017)  
Kevin Tingley (2017)*