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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2014 in Council Chambers with the following members present: Deputy David Martin, Philip McDonough II, Joan L. Theriault, David R. Genthner, Sr., Shane McDougall, and Kenneth G. Murchison, Jr. Mayor Gary Aiken was absent and excused.

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

Department Managers: Kathleen Mazzuchelli, Supt. of Parks & Recreation and Scott Susi, Fire Chief.

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

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input

Diane Gove, River Road resident, spoke in favor of plowing sidewalks including the sidewalk on the Fort Fairfield Road Bridge. She showed a photograph of the snow covered sidewalk on the bridge. She recognizes the City's need to reduce budgets but expressed her concerns for public safety. Ms. Gove suggested that it is time for the City to shut off the Christmas lights.

Milo Haney spoke about the Park 'n Ride and how it looks like a small city in the woods. Mr. Haney questioned whether the City is paying for the nine big lights. He was informed that Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) installed and pays for the lights. Mr. Haney spoke in opposition to agenda #8 with the proposed closing of city streets for the ski sprints.

Wilfred Martin stated that he was here on behalf of Mrs. Milton, as he supports her goal of becoming a City Councilor. Mr. Martin requested clarification as to how a vacancy on the Council is to be filled. Manager Bless read aloud City Charter Section 2.06 (d) *Filling of vacancies*.

Council Agenda Item #2: Appointment and Swearing in of City Councilor

Deputy Mayor Martin informed the public that the Council held a workshop at 6:00 p.m. at which two individuals were interviewed for the Council vacancy. The individual appointed this evening will serve until someone is elected at a Special Municipal Election to be held in June.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to appoint Kenneth G. Murchison, Jr. to fill the Council vacancy until a Special Municipal Election is held in June. (5 yes) So voted.

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Kenneth G. Murchison, Jr.

Council Agenda Item #3: Declaration of Conflicts of Interest from the City Council regarding any agenda item.

None.

Council Agenda Item #4: Consider authorizing the minutes of the following meetings:

- a) December 3, 2013 Workshop Minutes
- b) December 9, 2013 Meeting Minutes
- c) January 2, 2014 Organizational Meeting Minutes

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault to accept the minutes of December 3, 2013 and December 9, 2013 as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault to accept the minutes of January 2, 2014 as presented. (5 yes, 1 abstention, K. Murchison) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #5: Consent Agenda

- a) December Fire Department Report
- b) Year End Fire Department Report
- c) November and December Police Department Report
- d) Liquor and Special Amusement Licenses-Pizza Hut
- e) Appointment to Planning Board-Jeff Michaud

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

Council Agenda Item #6: Pawn Broker License

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to approve the Pawn Broker License for Christopher Gura D/B/A City Jewelry and Loan. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Fire Contracts

Proposed fire service contracts:

Woodland	\$57,674.30
Westmanland	10,205.40
New Sweden	31,807.48
Connor Township	26,054.11
Madawaska Lake	1,125.51

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by P. Murchison, to authorize the issuance of the 2014 Inter Local Fire Agreements. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #8: Closing Streets for Ski Sprints

A Caribou Downtown Ski Festival will be held February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. This Festival is the first event in a series of planned activities being called "Frozen Fridays". A variety of snow events will take place including ski sprints. The festival organizers would like to hold the ski sprints on Sweden Street and are requesting the closing of Sweden Street, Record Street, and the North Mall Parking Lot. It will cost approximately \$1,200 to haul in and remove snow. This expense would be an appropriate use of TIF money.

There was discussion among the Councilors with questions being answered by Supt. Mazzuchelli and City Manager Bleess.

Motion made by S. McDougall, seconded by K. Murchison, to approve the closing of streets and parking lot for the Ski Sprints. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #9: Fire Permit Fees

Councilor McDonough spoke against this agenda item. Fire Chief Susi answered several questions from the Council.

Motion made by K. Murchison, seconded by J. Theriault, to establish \$10.00 a burn permit fee. (5 yes, 1 no, P. McDonough) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #10: Personnel Committee Meeting

A Personnel Committee Meeting was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. January 27, 2014.

Council Agenda Item #11: Other Business

The Clerk's Office and the Police Department sponsored a raffle for all dog owners that licensed their dogs before January 1, 2014. The prize is a \$50.00 veterinarian gift certificate. The raffle

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was to encourage dog owners to license their dogs. The Deputy Mayor Martin drew the winning dog tag number and the winners are Lisa and Brad Theriault.

Councilor McDonough asked if there was going to be a Winter Carnival held in Caribou this year. Assistant City Manager Mazzucco explained that there are plans in the works to hold winter carnival type activities throughout the month of February.

The subject of Spring Cleanup will be added to the next Council agenda.

Council Agenda Item #13: Executive session pursuant to MRSA Title 1 Chapter 13 Section 405 (6)(E) to discuss Union Negotiations with Teamsters Local 340 and Police Sergeants.

7:45 p.m. Motion made by S. McDougall, seconded by P. McDonough, to move to executive session with City Manager and Assistant City Manager pursuant to MRSA Title 1 Chapter 13 Section 405 (6)(E) to discuss Union Negotiations with Teamsters Local 340 and Police Sergeants. (6 yes) So voted.

8:27 p.m. time out. Motion made by S. McDougall, seconded by P. McDonough, to come out of executive session (6 yes) So voted.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by K. Murchison, to approve Fire Department Union Contract as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Motion made by S. McDougall, seconded by P. McDonough, to approve Police Sergeants Contract as proposed. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item#12: Executive session pursuant to MRSA Title 1 Chapter 13 Section 405 (6)(D) to discuss Economic Development.

8:30 p.m. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to move to executive session with City Manager and Assistant City Manager pursuant to MRSA Title 1 Chapter 13 Section 405 (6)(D) to discuss Economic Development. (6 yes) So voted.

8:44 p.m. time out. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by S. McDougall, to come out of executive session (6 yes) So voted.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Genthner, to allow the City Manager to sign an agreement with Watercooler Casting with the changes as requested. (6 yes) So voted.

Motion made by K. Murchison, seconded by P. McDonough, to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting Date:

Regular City Council Meeting, January 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting, February 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary