

January 25, 2016

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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2016 in Council Chambers with following members present: Mayor Gary Aiken, Deputy Mayor David Martin, Philip McDonough II, Joan L. Theriault, Shane McDougall, Jody R. Smith, and Timothy C. Guerrette.

Austin Bleess, City Manager and Jim Chandler, Assistant City Manager.

Department Managers: Lisa Plourde, Housing Director; Wanda Raymond, Finance Director; Scott Susi, Fire Chief; and Gary Marquis, Supt. of Parks and Recreation.

Chris Bouchard, representing the Aroostook Republican covered the meeting.

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input

Milo Haney – owner of C & J Service Center – Mr. Haney will be applying to the State for Community Development Block Grant funding and, if approved, will allow him to install new tanks and pumps at his Access Highway business. The grant would require a 50% match from Mr. Haney and the estimated cost of the project is \$150,000. Five people will lose their jobs if Mr. Haney is unsuccessful in obtaining this grant. Mr. Haney is seeking the City of Caribou's support for his grant application.

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) January 11, 2016 City Council Meeting
- b) January 12, 2016 City Council Workshop

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2016 Council Meeting and January 12, 2016 Council Workshop as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- a) 2015 End of Year Financials and Department Overages

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by P. McDonough, to approve Consent Agenda Items with business items A as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #5: Woodland Code Enforcement Agreement

The Mayor suggested a small increase from \$40.00 to \$45.00 and that is reviewed each year. For 2015, it took approximately 46 hours of staff time to provide the service. Councilor Martin would like to see the fee to be higher than \$45.00.

Motion made by S. McDougall, seconded by J. Smith, to set the Woodland Code Enforcement Services at \$45.00. (5 yes, 1 no, D. Martin) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #6: Workshop on Housing Agency

A Council Workshop to discuss the Housing Agency was set for Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Council Agenda Item #7: Other Business

- a. Thursday, January 28, 2016 – MMA training for newly elected officials is being held in Caribou.
- b. February 8, 2016 Council agenda will include continued discussion concerning parking lots.
- c. Caribou Snowmobile Club had a great day on the 24th when they held their snowmobile drag races with an estimated turnout of 500.
- d. Winter Carnival will be held February 12th to 14th.

Council Agenda item #8: Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(E) for consultations with legal counsel.

6:18 p.m. Time in. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to move to executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(E) with Manager Bleess, Assistant Manager Chandler, and City Attorney Rick Solman to consult with legal counsel. (6 yes) So voted.

6:46 p.m. Time out. Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by T. Guerrette, to move out of executive session. (6 yes) So voted.

No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Regular City Council Meeting February 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting March 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary