

June 8, 2015

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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 6:00 p.m. on Monday June 8, 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 Bless, City Manager was present.

Department Managers: Penny G. Thompson, Tax Assessor; David Ouellette, Public Works Director; Gary Marquis, Supt. of Parks & Recreation; and Lisa Shaw, Library Director.

Joshua Archer, representing the Aroostook Republican and Time Warner covered the meeting.

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input

Roger Felix, Commander of the Lister-Knowlton VFW 9389 and Wayne Little, Commander of American Legion Post #15 spoke out against the City of Caribou reducing the funding levels for flags and flag holders for the graves of veterans from \$300 to \$50 for each of the organizations. Each year the two organizations place roughly 750 flags out, flags cost approximately 80 cents apiece, and they have to replace nearly half of the flags each year. Commander Little returned the \$50 check to City Manager Bless. Mr. Felix stated that the name of a veteran should be associated with the Caribou Connector. Mr. Little stated his concerns with Sitel employees using the parking lot adjacent to the American Legion hall. He suggested that a sign be installed saying "no all-day parking". American Legion members are older and find it difficult to walk distances.

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

Councilor McDougall declared a conflict of interest with Agenda #8 Caribou Stream Bridge Project.

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

- a) May 11, 2015 Council Meeting

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2015 Council Meeting as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- a) April 2015 Financials
- b) May 2015 Fire Department Report
- c) May 2015 Library Report
- d) Approval of Licenses
 1. Lister-Knowlton VFW Post 9389 – add to current blanket letter the authority to have cards/cribbage daily 8 am to 4 pm until December 31, 2017.
 2. The Par & Grill LLC – Special Amusement and Liquor Licenses
- e) Election Warden Appointments
 1. Jayne R. Farrin, Warden for the June 9, 2015 RSU #39 Budget Validation Referendum
 2. Kalen Hill, Deputy Warden for the June 9, 2015 RSU #39 Budget Validation Referendum

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

Council Agenda Item #5: ATV Club Request

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by S. McDougall, to approve temporary access of 1.28 miles on the Bowles Road for a mud bog fundraiser to be held by the Caribou ATV Club on June 28th. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #6: Sale of Fire Truck

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by J. Smith, to accept the bid from Smith Farms, Inc. of Presque Isle in the amount of \$7,109. (5 yes, 1 no, S. McDougall) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Abatement Recommendation from City Attorney

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Martin, to abate personal property taxes for Allison Brown, account number 515 in the amount of \$752.06 and Central City Sheet Metal, account number 63 in the amount of \$1,967.76. (5 yes, 1 no, J. Smith) So Voted.

Council Agenda Item #8: Caribou Stream Bridge Project

Bids:

PNM Construction, Inc.	\$96,750
BMB Construction LLC	\$76,900

Funding Sources:

Grant	\$29,939.54
Collins Pond Recreation Trail Acct	\$19,420.00
RC2 TIF District	\$27,540.46

Motion made D. Martin, seconded by P. McDonough, to accept the low bid from BMB Construction LLC of \$76,900. (4 yes, 1 no, T. Stewart, 1 abstention, S. McDougall) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #9: VMS Request on Tax Repayment Agreement

Motion made by S. McDougall, seconded by P. McDonough, to continue with the original agreement that was executed April 22, 2015 between the City of Caribou and Virtual Managed Solutions (VMS) which applies payments to the past due personal property taxes first before real estate taxes. (4 yes, 2 no J. Smith and D. Martin) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #10: Credit Enhancement Agreement – Troy Haney

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded J. Smith, to approve as presented the Credit Enhancement Agreement between the City and Troy Haney d/b/a Haney's Building Specialties and to authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary documents. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #11: Credit Enhancement Agreement – Sitel

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to approve as presented the Credit Enhancement Agreement between the City and Sitel and to authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary documents. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #12: Slum and Blight Removal Grant Program

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to adopt and implement the proposed Slum and Blight Removal Grant Program as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #13: Façade Improvement Grant Program

The program would help to improve the look of commercial and mixed use buildings in the City's Downtown TIF District. Discussion.

Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by D. Martin, to table the adoption of a Façade Improvement Grant Program. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #14: Sexual Harassment Policy – Administration Ordinance

The Department of Justice is requiring additional changes to the City's current policy.

Councilor McDonough introduced Ordinance No. 9 , 2015 Series, An Ordinance amending Chapter 2 Administration, Short Title: An ordinance modifying the City's Harassment Policy.

Public Hearing to be held June 22, 2015.

Council Agenda Item #15: Other Business

A. Councilor McDonough recommended that a meeting be held with the Commanders of the VFW and American Legion to discuss veterans' graves.

B. Bids for Paint, Culverts, and Shim and Patch

Paint:

Franklin Paint Co. \$10,700

Sherwin Williams \$10,135

Culverts:

EJ Prescott \$ 7,618.40

Shurtleff \$ 7,604.07

Paris Farmers \$ 6,812.40

Shim and Patch:

Trombley \$ 74.50/ton

Lane \$ 77.50/ton

Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by P. McDonough, to accept the three low bids from Sherwin Williams, Paris Farmers, and Trombley. Discussion concerning the bid from Trombley and that it was received past the stated time for delivery. Motion was amended by J. Smith, seconded by P. McDonough, to accept the bids from Sherwin Williams, Paris Farmers, and Lane. (6 yes) So voted.

C. Secession Public Hearing will be recorded and replayed on the cable channel.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. (6 yes) So voted.

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Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Public Hearing on Secession, June 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Caribou Performing Arts Center

Regular City Council Meeting June 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting July 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary