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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 6:00 p.m. on Monday March 23, 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; Michael Gahagan, Police Chief; and Gary Marquis, Supt. of Parks & Recreation.

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

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input

Robert Kerber, President of the Caribou Snowmobile Club, introduced officers and directors of the club including Kurt Dumond, Gary Marquis, Vice-President Tom Ayer, Treasurer Lyle Gengler, and Dwight Stickle. The club gave a \$3,000 donation to the City of Caribou Snowmobile Trail Groomer Account. The money was raised at the club's very successful snow drags that was held in January. Mr. Kerber stated that Caribou has the best groomed trail in the County and snowmobiling is the basis of the City's winter economy. The club plans to hold grass drags in the fall and, once again, the snow drags next winter.

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) March 9, 2015 Council Meeting

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2015 Council Meeting as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- a) February 2015 Police Department Report
- b) Approval of Quit Claim Deeds
 - 1. Iona G. Forbes – Map 35, Lot 137 – 28 Hammond Street
- c) Road Weight Limits

Councilor McDonough asked about the logging operation on the City's old dump and the timing of roads being posted. Manager Bless stated that logging should be complete by the end of March, which is before the roads will be posted. Councilor McDonough questioned the need to continue to post Richards Road and Railroad Street.

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

Council Agenda Item #5: Mobile Home Park Ordinance

6:07 p.m. Public Hearing opened.

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Councilor McDougall noted that a great deal of work had been done developing this ordinance.

No public input.

6:07 p.m. Public Hearing closed.

Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by P. McDonough, to adopt Ordinance No. 6, 2015 Series, An Ordinance amending Chapter 13, Section 13-408, Mobile Home Parks, Short Title: Manufactured Housing Ordinance as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #6: Downtown Parking Lot Ordinance

6:08 p.m. Public Hearing opened.

No public input.

6:08 p.m. Public Hearing closed.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by S. McDougall, to adopt Ordinance No. 4, 2015 Series, An ordinance amending Chapter 12 Traffic, Short Title: An ordinance amending downtown parking lot restrictions as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Snow Removal Ordinance

6:09 p.m. Public Hearing opened.

No public input.

6:10 p.m. Public Hearing closed.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to adopt Ordinance 5, 2015 Series, An ordinance amending Chapter 11 Streets, Short Title: An ordinance amending snow removal as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #8: Other Business

1. When asked about the pay grade for the new Event Planner, Manager Bleess stated it is at a level 7 and will be an exempt employee.

Council Agenda Item #9: Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(D) to discuss union negotiation with New England Benevolent Association Local 605.

6:15 p.m. Time In. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to move to Executive Session with City Manager Bleess and Police Chief Gahagan pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(D) to discuss union negotiation with New England Benevolent Association Local 605. (6 yes) So voted.

6:58 p.m. Time Out. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to move out of Executive Session. (6 yes) So voted.

Discussion was held. No action taken.

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Council Agenda Item #10: Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(A) to discuss a personnel issue.

6:59 p.m. Time In. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to move to Executive Session with City Manager Bleess pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(A) to discuss a personnel issue. (6 yes) So voted.

7:24 p.m. Time Out. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Martin, to move out of Executive Session. (6 yes) So voted.

Council consensus: to hire for the Assistant City Manager position.

7:25 p.m. Time In. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Martin, to move to Executive Session with City Manager Bleess pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(E) to discuss a legal issue. (6 yes) So voted.

7:40 p.m. Time Out. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to move out of Executive Session. (6 yes) So voted.

No action taken.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by S. McDougall, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. (6 yes) So voted.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Cary Board of Directors Meeting March 25, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Regular City Council Meeting April 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary