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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 24, 2014 in Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Gary Aiken, Deputy Mayor David Martin, Philip McDonough II, Joan L. Theriault, David R. Genthner, Sr., Shane McDougall, and Kenneth G. Murchison, Jr.

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

Department Managers: Penny G. Thompson, Tax Assessor.

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

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input

Wilfred Martin requested that the Council hold a workshop meeting with Caribou citizens to discuss the City's sick leave and vacation time policy. He had questions about the City's Catastrophic Leave Program and unfunded liability. He stated that there is a lot of confusion among the Caribou citizens regarding the proposed amendment. There was a discussion between Mr. Martin and the Mayor concerning the proposed ordinance, unions, and a possible workshop meeting with Caribou citizens and Council.

Paul R. Camping, Grimes Road, stated that he is troubled by the generosity of the City's plan. He added that the City should give an honest day's pay for an honest day's work with reasonable benefits. He encouraged the Council to try to stop the population decline and to keep Caribou affordable.

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 10, 2014 Council Meeting

Motion made by D. Genthner, seconded by P. McDonough, to accept the minutes of March 10, 2014 as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- a) Appointment of Election Clerks
 - 1. Exhibit A-2-May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2016 Election Clerks

Motion made by K. Murchison, seconded by P. McDonough, to appoint Election Clerks for the two year period of May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2016 pursuant to MRSA Title 21-A Section 503. (6 yes) So voted.

- b) Approval of Quit Claim Deeds

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| 1. Map 11, Lot 46E | Carl Thibodeau |
| 2. Map 16, Lot 14A | Arlene Farley-Belanger |
| 3. Map 20, Lot 26 | Ronald A. Champagne |
| 4. Map 4, Lot 33A | Diane Plourde |

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by K. Murchison, to approve quit claim deeds. (6 yes) So voted.

c) Road Weight Limits

List of Roads: Albair Road, Bowles Road, Caribou Lake Road, George Watson Memorial Drive, Hardison Road, Maysville Road, Ogren Road, Old Washburn Road, Plante Road, Railroad Street, Richards Road, Vance Road, and West Gate Road.

Motion made by J. Theriault, seconded by P. McDonough, to accept the list of roads recommended by the Public Works Director for closure for all vehicles over 23,000 pounds, with the exception of fuel deliveries and emergency vehicles. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #5: Mini-Split Heat Pumps

Following the City's Code it would cost \$90 to obtain the necessary permits to install a Mini-Split Heat Pump (MSHP). In comparison, the permit fee to install an oil fired boiler is \$20. It is being recommended that the Council amend Section 5-301 of the City Ordinance to have a permit fee of \$20.00 for MSHPs to help encourage people to utilize them as a source of home heating.

Councilor McDonough introduced Ordinance No. 2, 2014 Series, An Ordinance amending Chapter 5 Fire Prevention, Short Title: An ordinance streamlining fees for Mini Split Heat Pumps.

Motion made by K. Murchison, seconded by J. Theriault, to set a Public Hearing date for March 10, 2014. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #6: Administration Ordinance changes

Motion made by K. Murchison, seconded by P. McDonough, to table action on proposed Administration Ordinance changes. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Other Business

- A. Nomination papers for the Council vacancy are available in the City Clerk's Office.
- B. MicMac property is exempted from real estate taxes. Councilor Martin wonders if the value of MicMac property is included in the City's overall valuation.
- C. Facilities, Inc. – Manager Bleess reported that there haven't been any changes and Facilities is not interested in signing a new Pay in Lieu of Taxes Agreement (PILOT). Councilor Martin wants to know what actions need to be taken because the City cannot continue to allow Facilities not to pay for services. Manager Bleess stated that there are a couple of bills before the State Legislature addressing these type of issues and he suggested that the City wait to see what happens with them before taking any action at the local level.
- D. Mayor wants Administration to complete a wage comparison study with locate employers; such as, Cary Medical, NMDC, S.W. Collins, and DFAS.

Council Agenda Item #8: Executive session pursuant to MRSA Title 1 Chapter 13 Section 405 (6)(C) to discuss disposition of publicly held property.

7:38 p.m. Motion made by K. Murchison, seconded by D. Genthner, to move to executive session with City Manager and Assistant City Manager pursuant to MRSA Title 1 Chapter 13 Section 405 (6)(C) to discuss disposition of publicly held property (6 yes) So voted.

8:21p.m. time out.

Motion made by K. Murchison, seconded by D. Martin to authorize the City Manager to negotiate on the sale of city property with final approval to come back to the Council. (6 yes, 1 no, G. Aiken) So voted.

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Council Agenda Item #9: Executive session pursuant to MRSA Title 1 Chapter 13 Section 405 (6)(E) to discuss pending or contemplated litigation.

8:22 p.m. Motion made by D. Martin, 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 pending or contemplated litigation. (6 yes) So voted.

8:30 p.m. time out.

No action taken.

Upcoming Meeting Date:

Special City Council Meeting, March 31, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting, April 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting, April 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary