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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 6:00 p.m. on Monday May 11, 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 Manager: Penny G. Thompson, Tax Assessor.

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

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input

Vicki Conley, Caribou ATV Club President, stated that the club will be holding an ATV racing event on June 28<sup>th</sup>. This fund raising event will be held on private property. The club is requesting permission for ATVs to run along the Bowles Road for 1.28 miles. Side by side ATVs that are 60" wide or larger would have to be trailered in. Mayor Aiken suggested that it be first reviewed by the Police Chief.

Milo Haney asked for a 30 day extension on paying personal property taxes. He will be meeting with the Board of Assessors on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Paul R. Camping, Secession Committee stated they have completed the report and are ready for the Public Hearing. The report is being reviewed by their professional team made up of an attorney and CPA, so any day, any time and place is acceptable for the hearing.

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) April 27, 2015 Council Meeting

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2015 Council Meeting as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- a) Thursdays on Sweden
- b) April 2015 Police Department Report
- c) April 2015 Fire Department Report
- d) April 2015 Library Report
- e) RSU Budget Referendum
  - 1. Countersigned Warrant and Notice of Election for June 9, 2015
- f) Planning Board Resignation and Appointments
  - 1. Accepted Planning Board resignations: Jim Cerrato and Graham Freme
  - 2. Appointed to Planning Board: Michele Smith

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

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Council Agenda Item #5: Secession Public Hearing – Paul Camping

Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by P. McDonough, to schedule the public hearing for 6:00 p.m on June 11<sup>th</sup> with an alternate date of June 16<sup>th</sup> at Caribou Performing Arts Center. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #6: Milo Haney Request

Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by D. Martin, to have Mr. Haney pay 2012 & 2013 under original agreement and authorize 30 day extension on 2014 taxes with a waiving of the interest. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Administration Ordinance Changes

6:22 p.m. Public Hearing Opened

No public input.

6:23 p.m. Public Hearing Closed

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault to adopt Ordinance 8, 2015 Series, An Ordinance amending Chapter 2 Administration, Short Title: An ordinance modifying the City's Harassment Policy as presented. (6 yes) So Voted.

Council Agenda Item #8: 16 Sincok Street

This property has several code violations and is a dangerous building. Owner of this property, which burnt last fall, now resides in Florida. City Manager Bleess asked Council to begin the Dangerous Buildings proceedings on this property.

Motion made P. McDonough, seconded by D. Martin to initiate Dangerous Buildings proceedings pursuant to Title 17 §2851-2859 for the buildings located at 16 Sincok Street, Map 18 Lot 139 and to set a public hearing for June 22, 2015. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #9: City Investments

The investment committee is recommending that we invest \$3 million of the money we will be receiving back from Maine State Retirement System into 5 year CDs with Aroostook County Federal Savings & Loan at an interest rate of 3%.

The remainder of the funds coming back from Maine State, which as of November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 was \$453,556, would be placed into the G1-417-00 Compensated Absences account. That would bring the amount in the account to \$505,913. The cumulative total for vacation and sick bank payouts as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014, was \$598,675.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by J. Theriault, to invest \$3 million into 5 year CDs with Aroostook Savings and Loan with interest rate of 3%. (6 yes) So voted.

There was discussion as to what should be done with the balance of the funds which is approximately \$453,556. There was discussion about offering to non-union employees the opportunity to receive a buyout of sick and vacation time that is on the City's books.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by J. Smith, to put the balance into the Undesignated Fund Balance account and to offer the buyout to non-union employees. (6 yes) So voted.

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Council Agenda Item #10: Fire Truck

According to FEMA the fire truck must be permanently removed from emergency service. A grantee that certifies it will remove the vehicle from service, but then sells it to another fire department, or otherwise doesn't remove the vehicle from service, is considered to be in default of the grant agreement. Manager Bless suggested that the truck be put out to bid with a minimum bid of \$7,000.

Motion made by J. Theriault, seconded by J. Smith to put out to bid with a minimum of \$7,000. (4 yes, 2 no (P. McDonough, S. McDougall) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #11: Municipal Building

Manager stated with proceeds from the sale of 63 Sweden Street, we would like to use the funds to make some needed improvements to the Caribou Municipal Building.

Some of the suggested improvements include repairing the brick façade, reconfiguring the main floor by moving housing and assessing to the main floor, moving vehicle registration to the clerk's office.

Another option is to move council chambers and create offices out of the current council chambers.

Carpets should be replaced on the main floor and look into putting heat pumps for the building.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Martin, to put the money from the sale of 63 Sweden Street in the Municipal Building Fund line. (6 yes) So voted.

The Municipal Building Committee will meet and review options.

Council Agenda Item #12: Other Business

None.

Council Agenda Item #13: Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(C) to discuss economic development and real property.

6:45 p.m. Time In. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. D. Martin, to move to Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(C) to discuss economic development and real property. (6 yes) So voted.

7:36 p.m. Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by D. Martin, to move out Executive Session. (6 yes) So voted.

No action taken.

7:37 p.m. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to adjourn meeting.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Regular City Council Meeting June 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Kalen Hill, Secretary Pro-Tem