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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2013 in Council Chambers with following members present: Mayor Gary Aiken, Deputy Mayor Kenneth G. Murchison, Jr., David Martin, Philip McDonough, II, Joan L. Theriault, David R. Genthner, Sr., and Aaron P. Kouhought.

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

Department Manager: Kathy Mazzuchelli, Caribou Parks & Recreation Superintendent.

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

Council Agenda Item #1: Presentation of Plaque to Former Councilor Mary Kate Barbosa.

Mayor Aiken presented a plaque and Councilor nameplate to former Councilor Mary Kate Barbosa.

Mayor Aiken thanked Ms. Barbosa for her years of service to the City of Caribou.

Council Agenda Item #2: Public Input.

Paul Theriault spoke to Channel 8 viewers regarding the RSU#39 Budget and urged audience members to please vote at the June 11, 2013 RUS#39 Budget Validation Referendum.

Paul Camping spoke about the RSU#39 budget and the replacement of the 2003 trail groomer and their effects on the City. (Exhibit A)

Carolyn Reschke stated that the new website was very nice and requested that Councilors email addresses be added. Also add a tab on City's website to provide information on big projects being done in the City (example, bio-mass project and Library roof). She suggested adding a list of jobs that could be done by volunteers which would not cost the city any money. Also recommended doing flower gardens around the City which could be done by volunteers.

Council Agenda Item #3: Declaration of Conflicts of Interest from the City Council regarding any agenda item.

None.

Council Agenda Item #4: Consider authorizing the minutes of the following meetings:

- a) April 22, 2013 Council Workshop
- b) April 22, 2013 Council Meeting
- c) April 29, 2013 Special Council Meeting

Motion made by J. Theriault, seconded by D. Martin, to accept the minutes of April 22, 2013 Council Workshop, April 22, 2013 Council Meeting, and April 29, 2013 Special Council Meeting as presented.

(6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #5: Consent Agenda.

- a) April 2013 Caribou Fire and Ambulance Report
- b) April 2013 Caribou Police Department Report
- c) Warrant and Notice of Election calling RSU#39 Budget Validation Referendum (Exhibit B)
- d) Appointments and Approvals for RSU#39 Election
- e) Lunch Wagon Application
- f) Proclamation Declaring National Nursing Home Week, May 12-18, 2013

Councilor McDonough asked regarding the 14 brush and grass fires for Caribou Fire Department and if, any assessed charges could be reimbursed to the City. Chief Scott Susi is checking to see if the City can be reimbursed.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by P. McDonough, to accept Consent Agenda with Business Items a, b, c, d, e, and f as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #6: Plan for Replacement of 2003 Trail Groomer.

Supt. Mazzuchelli introduced members of the Snowmobile Advisory Board and snowmobile club plus the Director of Park Maintenance Gary Marquis. Since 1990 trail groomers have been owned by the City of Caribou. Supt. Mazzuchelli provided a brief history of the current groomer and the changeover that occurred in 2009.

During the last couple years, the Snowmobile Advisory Board has been studying snowmobile grooming systems.

Supt. Mazzuchelli presented options for replacement of the 2003 trail groomer. Estimated cost to complete another changeover is \$94,296.38. The projected sale price of 2003 tractor unit is \$20,000.00 resulting in a total investment of \$74,296.38.

The Board has obtained two quotes for the purchase of new trail groomer:

Therault Equipment which would include a John Deere Tractor with a Gilbert RTS Groomer Conversion

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| kit w/drag: | quoted price | \$215,966.49 |
| | Less trade in | \$ 30,000.00 |
| | Actual cost | \$185,966.49 |

Crown Equipment which would include a T7-170 New Holland Tractor with a Soucy Trac kit and

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| mountain equipment drag: | quoted price | \$197,424.00 |
| | Less trade in | \$ 30,000.00 |
| | Actual cost | \$167,424.00 |

Using the quote from Crown Equipment, Supt. Mazzuchelli presented probable funding for the balance needed to complete the purchase of a new unit.

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| Price less trade in | \$167,424.00 |
| Reserve account | \$139,839.34 |
| Snowmobile club funding | \$ 20,000.00 |
| Remaining balance | \$ 7,584.00 |

Supt. Mazzuchelli stated that the Caribou Snowmobile Advisory Board has committed to engage in a pledge drive to raise the needed \$7,584.00.

Grant opportunities with Maine Department of Conservation Snowmobile In Aid Program offers Capital Equipment Grants able to apply after July 1, 2013 up until April 15, 2014. An application for a USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant will be submitted.

Supt. Mazzuchelli answered several Council questions.

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Mayor Aiken asked how many communities are involved in trail grooming and the number of Individuals that are involved and Supt. Mazzuchelli will research and prepare a list for the Councilors. No action taken.

Council Agenda Item #7: Chipseal, Shim and Patch Bids.

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| Chipseal bids: Aroostook Asphalt | \$ 3.35/gallon |
| Sunrise Materials | \$ 3.44/gallon |
| Shim & Patch bids: Lane Construction | \$74.30/ton |
| Trombley Industries | \$79.85/ton |

Councilor Martin stated that \$193,000 for chipsealing and the \$50,000 for shim and patch is a substantial amount of money for the City to commit to right now. Furthermore Council Martin stated that there aren't any problems with the bids, it's just that Council should have a plan B until the State Legislature decides on state revenue sharing.

Councilor McDonough questioned whether the City should be doing business as normal instead of having all these doubts regarding State Revenue sharing. Furthermore Councilor McDonough stated that we should have some sense of credibility in the system.

Mayor Aiken agrees with Councilor Martin's concerns. Mayor Aiken and Councilor Theriault questioned if the City could tentatively accept lowest bid but not to order until later date.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by K. Murchison to accept the low bids on Chipseal from Aroostook Asphalt at \$3.35 per gallon and Shim and Patch from Lane Construction at \$74.30 gallon. (3 yes, K. Murchison, A. Kouhoupt, P. McDonough, 4 no, G. Aiken, J. Theriault, D. Genthner, D. Martin) Motion failed.

Council Agenda Item #8: School Board using City Council Chambers (Councilor Request).

Mayor Aiken is requesting Council approval to offer the RSU#39 Board the use of City Council Chambers. This would allow their meetings to be broadcast to cable subscribers and recorded. The RSU#39 Board meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Motion by D. Genthner, seconded by P. McDonough, to offer the use of the City Council Chambers to RSU#39 Board. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #9: Setting Date for Housing Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Meeting set for Wednesday, June 12, 2013. Time and place to be determined.

Council Agenda Item #10: Introduction of Sign Ordinance.

K. Murchison introduced Ordinance #10, 2013 Series – an Ordinance Regarding Signs. P. McDonough recommended staff to make a change clarifying reference to US Flag Code.

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Council Agenda Item #11: Other Business.

None.

Motion made by D. Genthner, seconded by D. Martin to adjourn. (6 yes) So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Regular City Council Meeting, June 10, 2013 at 7 pm

Regular City Council Meeting, June 24, 2013 at 7 pm

Kalen Hill, Secretary Pro-Tem