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A Public Forum Workshop meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2013 in Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Gary Aiken, Deputy Mayor Kenneth G. Murchison, Jr., Joan L. Theriault, and David R. Genthner, Sr. Philip McDonough II was absent and excused. Aaron P. Kouhoup was absent.

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

Department Managers: Scott Susi, Fire Chief; Lisa Plourde, Housing Executive Director; William Tasker, Chamber of Commerce Director; Elizabeth A. O'Bar, Tax Assessor; and Steve Wentworth, Code Enforcement Officer.

Attending: Paul Theriault, Carolyn Reschke, and Shane McDougall.

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

### **PUBLIC FORUM WORKSHOP**

The Public Forum Workshops are a requirement of the 2012 City Charter. This change is to allow a better understanding of the budgets and to allow discussion between the Council, Department Managers, and the Public.

From the adopted City Charter:

**Expense Budget.** 5.06 [a] (3) (ii) On or before November 1st: The City Manager will have each City Department Head present a written detailed Expense Budget Report to both the City Council and the City's citizens in a public forum where both the City Council and Caribou's citizens can ask questions and provide input to the City Manager and each Department Head.

**Capital Expense Budget.** 5.06 [b] (3) (ii) On or before November 1st: The City Manager will have each City Department Head present their written detailed Capital Expense Budget Report to both the City Council and Caribou's citizens in a public forum where both the City Council and Caribou's citizens can ask questions and provide input to the City Manager and each Department Head.

The Mayor opened the Public Forum Workshop. He noted that this is the second Workshop where Councilors and audience members can ask Department Managers questions about their proposed 2014 budgets. As presented this budget is a 2.8 mil increase.

The proposed 2014 Expense Budget was presented. All questions from the Council and members of the public were answered by the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and the Department Managers.

- 22 Tax Assessment
- 30 Fire Department
- 31 Ambulance Department
- 23 Code Enforcement
- 50 Recreation
- 51 Parks Snowmobile
- 10 General Government

Councilor Martin requested a breakdown comparing projected revenue and budget expense for adding additional people to the Ambulance Department.

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Review of all department budgets is complete. On Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> the Council will hold a Budget Workshop to discuss how to move forward with the Budget process.

Workshop adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary