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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 7:00 p.m. on Monday October 27, 2014 in Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Gary Aiken, Deputy Mayor David Martin, Philip McDonough II, Joan L. Theriault, Shane McDougall, and Kenneth G. Murchison, Jr.

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

Department Managers: Penny G. Thompson, Tax Assessor; Gary Marquis, Supt. of Parks & Recreation; and David Ouellette, Public Works Director.

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

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input

None

Council Agenda Item #2: Declaration of Conflicts of Interest from the City Council regarding any agenda item.

None.

Council Agenda Item #3: General Assistance Ordinance Amendments

7:02 p.m. Public Hearing Opened.

The adoption of the proposed amendments to the Appendix B Food and Appendix C Housing will bring the City's General Assistance Ordinance into compliance which will allow the City to continue to be eligible for state reimbursement at the 50% rate.

7:03 p.m. Public Hearing Closed.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Martin, to adopt Ordinance No. 7 2014 Series An Ordinance amending Chapter 17 General Assistance Appendix B and Appendix C. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #4: Downtown Street Repairs for 2015

Available to the City is a state program to complete a 2 inch mill and fill for Herschel Street, Sweden Street, Record Street, and part of Hatch Drive. The estimate for the project is \$200,000 with a cost sharing ratio of 50/50. The proposed 2015 Budget includes \$125,000 in Economic Development funds for infrastructure which is more than the City's share.

There was Council discussion and Public Works Director Ouellette answered their questions.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by P. McDonough, to move forward and apply for the 50/50 cost sharing program with the state to complete a 2 inch mill and fill on Herschel Street, Sweden Street, Record Street, and part of Hatch Drive. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #5: Other Business

- a) Councilor McDonough requested a total compensation report for each department. This is to include salary and total benefit package including, sick and leave time. Council Consensus: Agreed the information would be helpful.
- b) Councilor McDonough requested a three year accounting of all Capital Improvements Reserve Accounts in the proposed 2015 Budget.
- c) Two buildings on Collins Street have been razed and the debris is going hauled off by Public Works. This is part of the City's efforts to clean up slum and blighted areas.

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- d) Issues around the replaying of the October 18th Candidate Forum have been resolved and replaying should start on the 28th.
- e) Birdseye site is scheduled to be auctioned off on the 29th.

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

7:23 p.m. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to move to executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to MRSA Title 1 §405(6)(A). (5 yes) So voted.

7:58 p.m. Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by P. McDonough, to move out of executive session. (5 yes) So voted.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by J. Theriault, to authorize health insurance buy out rate of \$8,000 contingent upon enough usage to provide fiscal savings to the city. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(C) to discuss Economic Development.

7:59 p.m. Motion made by K. Murchison, seconded by P. McDonough, to move to executive session to discuss Economic Development pursuant to MRSA Title 1 §405(6)(C). (5 yes) So voted.

8:17 p.m. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Martin, to move out of executive session. (5 yes) So voted.

No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Regular City Council Meeting, November 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting, November 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary