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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2013 in Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Gary Aiken, Deputy Kenneth G. Murchison, Jr., David Martin, Philip McDonough II, David Genthner, Sr., and Joan L. Theriault. Aaron P. Kouhoup was absent.

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

Department Manager: William Tasker, Chamber of Commerce Director.

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

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input

Mark Nadeau has purchased two trailers located in the Washburn Trailer Park. He was unaware of the approximately \$1700 owed for back taxes. Mr. Nadeau asked the Council to abate 70% of the back tax amount which would leave him paying the balance. He is trying to clean up the trailer park, the trailers need to be torn down and disposed of.

The trailers have not been occupied for at least three years and the Councilors asked Mr. Nadeau several questions.

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 meetings:

- a) October 15, 2013 Council Meeting

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by K. Murchison to accept the minutes of the October 15, 2013 Council Meeting as presented. (5 yes) So voted.

- b) October 16, 2013 Council Workshop

Motion made by K. Murchison, seconded by D. Martin to accept the minutes of the October 16, 2013 Council Workshop as presented. (4 yes, 1 abstention, P. McDonough) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda:

Mayor Aiken wants the auditing firm to attend so they can directly answer any Council questions prior to approving the audit.

- a) Approval of 2012 Financial Audit

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by P. McDonough to approval of 2012 Financial Audit. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #5: An Ordinance regarding Seasonal Certificates of Occupancy for Mobile Homes.

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7:07 p.m. Public Hearing opened.

No public input

The Council discussed among themselves a variety of safety issues including snow load, fire hazards and energy efficiency.

7:22 p.m. Public Hearing closed

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Genthner to table the seasonal mobile home occupancy until further questions are answered. (Did not pass) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #6: Livestock Ordinance

7:24 p.m. Public hearing opened.

No Public input

The Council wants to make sure that this will not affect the agricultural area and to preserve the farm land heritage.

7:27 p.m. Public hearing closed.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by J. Theriault to accept the livestock ordinance. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Introduction of Chamber of Commerce Ordinance.

Councilor McDonough introduced an ordinance amending section 10-103 Chamber of Commerce.

The City Council of the City of Caribou, County of Aroostook, State of Maine, pursuant to the requirements of the City of Caribou Charter, Section 2.11 (1) does ordain the following:

Section 1: Sec. 10-103 of Chapter 10 Planning is repealed effective December 31, 2013.

The public hearing for the ordinance will be held November 25, 2013 and after the public hearing the Council can take action on it.

Council Agenda Item #8: Zoning modifications

The Planning Board is proposing two modifications to the Zoning Map for the City of Caribou.

- 1) 82 Glenn Street, Map 35 Lot 49A: to rezone from C-2 to R-1
- 2) 14 Carroll Street, Map 11 Lot 5-E: to rezone from R-2 to C-2.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by P. McDonough to approve zone changes recommended by the Planning Board. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #9: Other Business

Councilors to decide on abatement of taxes on two trailers purchased by Mr. Nadeau to remove and dispose of that are at Washburn Trailer Park.

Motion by J. Theriault, seconded by P. McDonough to abate the taxes 100% instead of 70% on two trailers. (5 yes) So voted.

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Council Agenda Item #10: Executive session pursuant to MRSA Title a Chapter 13 Section 405(6) (D) to discuss Labor Negotiations with Police Benevolent Association Local 605.

7:38 p.m. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Genthner, to move to executive session to discuss Labor Negotiations with Police Benevolent Association Local 605. (5 yes) So voted.

8:38 p.m. time out. Motion made by K. Murchison, seconded D. Martin, to move out of executive session. (5 yes) So voted.

No action taken.

Motion made by D. Genthner, seconded by K. Murchison, to adjourn. (5 yes) So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Regular City Council Meeting, Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 7:p.m. (Due to Veteran's Day)

Regular City Council Meeting, November 25, 2013 at 7:p.m.

Kalen Hill, Secretary Pro-Tem