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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 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 Bleess, City Manager and Tony Mazzucco, Assistant City Manager were present.

Department Managers: Penny G. Thompson, Tax Assessor; Scott Susi, Fire Chief; and Gary Marquis, Supt. of Parks & Recreation.

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

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input

a) Caribou Friends of Scouting

Vaughn Keaton, Troop #186 Scoutmaster, stated the North Star District would like to hold the 2015 Winterama in Caribou. The outdoor event would be held February 20-22 in the area of the Scout Hall which is located in the Light Industrial Park. On behalf of Caribou Friends of Scouting, Mr. Keaton requested the assistance of the Public Works Department in moving snow for the event. When these types of events are held, the Katahdin Area Council adds a rider to their insurance to cover any potential liability issues.

Motion made by K. Murchison, seconded by J. Theriault, to allow the Public Works Department to assist Caribou Friends of Scouting in their preparations for the 2015 Winterama to be held February 20-22 in Caribou. (5 yes)

b) Jamie Bell, resident of Grimes Mill Road, discussed safety and noise issues with the shooting range on the Grimes Road. Mr. Bell submitted a petition signed by 27 individuals requesting that the range be shut down. Several questions from the Council were answered by Mr. Bell and the City Manager.

The Mayor recommended that the Council take Mr. Bell's concerns under advisement and turn it over to the City Manager and Police Chief for them to review and to bring back to Council any recommendations.

Council Agenda Item #2: 2013 Audit Presentation

Felch & Company representative Gregory Dickerson briefly reviewed the City's 2013 audit. The City received an unmodified opinion; which is the highest opinion the City could have received.

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) August 19, 2014 Special Council Meeting
- b) August 11, 2014 Special Council Meeting
- c) August 11, 2014 Council Meeting
- d) August 25, 2014 Council Workshop

Motion made by K. Murchison, seconded by P. McDonough, to accept the minutes of August 19, 2014 Special Council Meeting, August 11, 2014 Special Council Meeting, August 11, 2014 Council Meeting, and August 25, 2014 Council Workshop as presented. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #5: Consent Agenda

- a) August 2014 Financials
- b) August 2014 Police Department Report
- c) August 2014 Fire Department Report
- d) Approval of Beano or Games of Chance Licenses
Blanket Letters of approval dated January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017
 - 1. American Legion Post #15
 - 2. Caribou Senior Citizens Bingo
 - 3. Lister-Knowlton VFW Auxiliary
 - 4. Knights of Columbus
 - 5. Lister-Knowlton VFW Post 9389
- e) Proclamation for Caribou Heritage Day
 - 1. Alexander Cochran

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Martin, to approve the Consent Agenda with Business Items A, B, C, D, and E as presented. (5 yes) So voted.

Councilor Murchison read the Proclamation for Alexander Cochran into the record.

Council Agenda Item #6: Tax Acquired Property Policy

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by P. McDonough, to approve the revised Tax Acquired Property policy as presented. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Window Installation Bid

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded P. McDonough, to authorize the installation of new windows, insulation, and trim work around the windows at the Caribou City Office building. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #8: Demolition of Collins St. Property

Motion made by K. Murchison, seconded by P. McDonough, to award \$4,500 in demolition work to MJ Ouellette and Daughters, Inc. for the removal of two buildings on Collins Street. (5 yes). So voted.

Council Agenda Item #9: Sharing Services with Woodland

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to authorize the City Manager to sign a Contract allowing the City of Caribou to provide Code Enforcement Services for the Town of Woodland. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #10: Recreation Trail grant

Last spring, former Supt. Mazzuchelli addressed the Council about writing a recreation trail project grant to increase and fix the trails off from York Street, Armco Avenue, Lower Lyndon Street, and Broadway Street to connect with the existing B&A trail. Current Supt. Marquis presented updated costs for the proposed grant application. The plan is to apply for the maximum grant which is \$100,000. If approved, the split would be 80/20 with 20% being the City's share. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$161,397.50. Supt. Marquis suggested that the City's share could come out of the Land Acquisition/Easement, Recreation Collins Pond, Rails to Trails Program, TIF Funds plus in-kind services. The grant application is due November 14th.

Supt. Marquis answered several questions from the Council.

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Motion made by K. Murchison, seconded by D. Martin, to authorize the Supt. of Parks & Recreation Gary Marquis to submit on behalf of the City an application for a Recreation Trails Grant. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #11: Other Business

- a. Community Vision – Councilor Murchison complimented management for all the work that has been done on the City’s Comprehensive Plan.

Motion made by K. Murchison, seconded by J. Theriault, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. (5 yes) So voted.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Regular City Council Meeting, October 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Budget Workshop Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Budget Workshop Monday, October 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Budget Workshop Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting, October 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary