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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 24, 2017 in Council Chambers with following members present: Mayor Gary Aiken, Deputy Mayor David Martin, Philip McDonough II, Joan L. Theriault, Jody R. Smith, Timothy C. Guerrette, and Nicole L. Cote.

Michael Gahagan, Interim City Manager.

Department Managers: Penny Thompson, Tax Assessor; Dave Ouellette, Public Works Director; and Scott Susi, Fire Chief.

Spectrum covered the meeting.

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input.

- a) Dwane Theriault – apologized for abruptly leaving the last Council Meeting. Mr. Theriault stated that he has money to pay the balance amount that was provided to him from Finance Director Wanda Raymond.
- b) Lloyd Tibbs – stated that he will not have the check from ACAP to help pay to purchase his former property by the 1st of May, but rather it will be available either by the 2nd or 3rd of May.
- c) Brian Colton – owner of Colton Associates in Presque Isle and resident of Caribou – Mr. Colton spoke in favor of having the City’s tax assessment data available online.

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

None.

Council Agenda Item #3: Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of the March 23, 2017 City Council Workshop Minutes
- b) Approval of the April 10, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes
- c) Approval of Quit Claim Deeds
 1. David Brown
- d) Approval of Rubbish Hauler Licenses
 1. Caldwell’s Sanitation, LLC
 2. City Sanitation
 3. McNeal’s Trucking

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to approve Consent Agenda Items A-D as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

The March Financials will be placed on the next Council agenda and the Mayor requested that the Finance Director be in attendance to answer any Council questions.

Council Agenda Item #4: Public Hearing – Retail Marijuana Ordinance

6:06 p.m. Public Hearing opened.

1. Charles Marcheterre – 17 Twilight Drive, Presque Isle – spoke in opposition to the adoption of the proposed ordinance and in support of recreational marijuana.

2. Maurice Womack – 15 Bog Road – representing Richardson Rentals – spoke in opposition to the adoption of the proposed ordinance and in support of recreational marijuana.
3. Arterious Drury – 9 Bog Road – spoke in opposition to the adoption of the proposed ordinance and in support of recreational marijuana.
4. Isia Riopelle – 10 Caribou Street – spoke in opposition to the adoption of the proposed ordinance and in support of recreational marijuana.
5. Derrell Richardson – 9 Bog Road – spoke in opposition to the adoption of the proposed ordinance and in support of recreational marijuana – Mr. Richardson sees an opportunity to expand his current business and increase the number of employees.
6. Bob Greene – Caribou resident - doesn't agree that marijuana is a drug but rather a medicine.
7. Bryan Morgan – 23 Bog Road – stated that recreational marijuana can bring jobs and people to Caribou.
8. Blue LaBeet-LaBillois – spoke in opposition to the adoption of the proposed ordinance and in support of recreational marijuana. She stated that marijuana can't be abused like other drugs. We need to get out of old thinking. She would rather see her grown children and grandchild smoke a bowl than take a drink. She loves Caribou and wants to see Caribou grow.
9. Sam Clark – sees potential to increase the City's tax base.
10. A woman spoke in support of medical marijuana.
11. Kayla Bosse – spoke in opposition to the adoption of the proposed ordinance. She stated that you cannot overdose on marijuana. She praised the Caribou Police Department. She is leaving her current job to get into the marijuana industry.
12. Cody Cosgrove – Sweden Street – spoke in opposition to the adoption of the proposed ordinance in support of recreational marijuana. He commented that marijuana helps him daily.

Councilor Martin praised those individuals that spoke and wish that they had attended and offered their testimony at the Planning Board level. Councilor Martin noted that his position on this ordinance is in the minority.

Councilor Theriault stated that her vote will be based on how the voters of Caribou voted last November concerning the legalization of marijuana and 62% of Caribou votes were "no".

7:04 p.m. Public Hearing closed.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to adopt Ordinance No. 4, 2017 Series An Ordinance Prohibiting Recreational Marijuana. (4 yes, P. McDonough, J. Theriault, J. Smith, Nicole Cote, 2 no, T. Guerrette, D. Martin) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #5: 2017 Bid results

Recommended:

Culverts	Paris Farmers	\$19,120.40
Street Paint	Franklin Paint	\$ 9,616.75
Shim & Patch	Soderberg Construction	\$ 64.00
Paving	Soderberg Construction	\$ 69.76
Sand	K&M Sand & Gravel	\$ 9.16

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½ Crush Stone	Lane Construction	\$	13.45
Chipseal	Soderberg Construction	\$	2.64

Public Works Director Ouellette stated that the City didn't receive any Salt bids as it is too early.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to accept the low bids as recommended by Staff. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #6: Woodland Code Enforcement

Tax Assessor Thompson will be attending the April 25th Woodland Board of Selectmen's meeting to give them the necessary 30-day notice required to terminate the current Woodland Code Enforcement Agreement. No action required, informational only.

Council Agenda Item #7: Online Tax Assessment Date for Caribou

--CAI Technology	Cost: \$4,900
--N. Harris Computer Corporation	Cost: \$2,670

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to accept the proposal from N. Harris Computer Corporation to place City of Caribou's assessing data online. (5 yes, 1 no, D. Martin) So voted.

The Mayor stated that funds to do this could come out of the revaluation account. Currently the balance in that account is \$50,500.

Council Agenda Item #8: Other Business

- A. Motion made by T. Guerrette, seconded by J. Theriault, to sell to Dwane Theriault his former property for \$4,648.07. (5 yes, 1 no, P. McDonough) So voted.
- B. Motion made by T. Guerrette, seconded by J. Theriault, to sell to Lloyd Tibbs his former property with the following payment arrangement schedule:
 - By May 5th - \$1,850 from Mr. Tibbs and ACAP
 - By June 5th - \$350 from Mr. Tibbs
 - By July 5th - \$350 from Mr. Tibbs
 - By August 5th - \$350 from Mr. Tibbs

(5 yes, 1 no, P. McDonough) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #9: Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)A for a personnel matter

7:25 p.m. Time in. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by N. Cote, to move to executive session, with Interim City Manager Gahagan, pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)A for a personnel matter. (6 yes) So voted.

7:33 p.m. Time out. Motion made by T. Guerrette, seconded by J. Smith, to move out of executive session. (6 yes) So voted.

The City Manger's contract was accepted as written.

7:34 p.m. Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by D. Martin to adjourn the meeting. (6 yes) So voted.

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Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Regular City Council Meeting Monday, May 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting Monday, June 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting Monday, June 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary