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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2016 in Council Chambers with following members present: Mayor Gary Aiken, Deputy Mayor David Martin, Philip McDonough II, Joan L. Theriault, Shane McDougall, Jody R. Smith, and Timothy C. Guerrette.

Austin Bleess, City Manager and Jim Chandler, Assistant City Manager.

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

Chris Bouchard, representing the Aroostook Republican and Time Warner covered the meeting.

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input.

Gail Hagelstein voiced her support for the RSU #39's plan to close four energy inefficient buildings, transportation cost should reduce with there being only one new building, and a building that has not been on the tax rolls before will be added to the tax base. Ms. Hagelstein thanked the Council for their forward thinking and long-term planning for the City.

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) April 11, 2016 Council Minutes

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2016 Council Meeting as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- a) April 2016 Library Report
- b) April 2016 Fire Department Report
- c) April 2016 Police Department Report
- d) License Approval
 - 1. Lunch Wagon – The Happy Belly

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

Council Agenda Item #5: Land Option Agreement with RSU #39

RSU #39 Attorney David Kallin from the firm Drummond Woodsum reviewed the proposed Land Option Agreement between the City of Caribou and RSU #39 that will be exercised upon a successful referendum. The agreement includes the discontinuance and release of Park Street to the RSU #39, the relocation of Teague Park, conveyance of Learning Center property, Sincock School property, and Hilltop School property to the City, and the proposed development of senior housing at the Hilltop School site by a Developer. To move the project forward, Mr. Kallin requested that the Council authorize the City Manager to sign the proposed agreement.

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Motion made by S. McDougall, seconded by D. Martin, to approve the Land Option Agreement with RSU 39 as presented and to authorize the City Manager to sign. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #6: Closing of Roads for Winter Maintenance

Staff is recommending the Council close the following roads to winter maintenance:

- Brissette Road – 0.25 miles – portion of road
- McGraw Siding Road – 0.20 miles – portion of road
- Cedar Hill Lane – 0.10 miles – length of road
- Kelly Road – length of road

6:10 p.m. Public Hearing opens.

No input from the public. Councilor Smith asked whether the camp owner off Cedar Hill Lane had been notified of this hearing. The hearing was advertised and posted but abutters were not individually notified. Other Council questions were answered. Discussion.

6:13 p.m. Public Hearing closed.

Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by S. McDougall, to table action on the proposed closing of Cedar Hill Lane for winter maintenance until the owner of the camp has been notified. (6 yes) So voted.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by P. McDonough, to close Kelly Road for winter maintenance for a 10 year period. (6 yes) So voted.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Martin, to close McGraw Siding Road for winter maintenance for a 10 year period. (6 yes) So voted.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to close Brissette Road for winter maintenance for a 10 year period. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Plan for Nylander

Manager Bleess outlined two options for the Nylander Museum: Option 1: Move the collection and sell the building or Option 2: Set a work plan with the Nylander Board with goals to be met within specific timelines. The City Manager recommended Option 2 and believes the Council should support the Nylander Board in their attempt to revive the museum into a great community asset.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Martin, to support Option 2 with a formal plan drawn up the Nylander Board with incremental goals that should be met and presented to the City Council at or before the June 27th Council meeting. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #8: August City Council Meeting

Discussion. The August meeting will be held as scheduled on the 8th.

Council Agenda Item #9: Other Business

- a) Mayor Aiken read a Council Proclamation declaring the week of May 16th to 23rd, 2016 “Caribou High School Alumni Hall of Fame Week”.

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- b) Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by T. Guerrette, to allow Paul Johnston of 225 Lombard Road to repurchase his former property for all outstanding taxes including 2016 taxes, interest, and costs provided that he does this by 5:00 p.m. on June 13, 2016. (5 yes, 1 no, P. McDonough) So voted.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by S. McDougall, to adjourn the meeting. (6 yes) So voted.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Regular City Council Meeting June 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting June 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary