

May 9, 2016

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A workshop meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2016 in the Caribou Wellness Center with following members present: Mayor Gary Aiken, Deputy Mayor David Martin, Philip McDonough II, Joan L. Theriault, Shane McDougall, Jody R. Smith (4:35 p.m.) and Timothy C. Guerrette.

Austin Bleess, City Manager.

Department Manager: Gary Marquis, Supt. of Parks and Recreation.

RSU #39: Tim Doak, RSU #39 Supt. of Schools; David Kallin, RSU #39 Attorney from Drummond Woodsum; and Lyndon Keck, PDT Architects.

Others: Neal Griffeth, Carl Soderberg, Bruce Hagelstein, and Gail Hagelstein.

Item #1: Discussion with RSU #39 on Land Transfer Agreement

RSU #39 Attorney David Kallin, from the firm Drummond Woodsum, stated that the RSU hopes the Council, at this evening's Council meeting, will allow the RSU sufficient "Right, Title and Interest" to the Teague Park site so that RSU's building project can move forward. At this point, the RSU only needs to show the State and the National Park Service that the RSU can obtain sufficient "Right, Title and Interest" for the desired site if a successful referendum occurs. During this process, there has been discussions concerning Sincok School and economic development at Hilltop School. Mr. Kallin stated an agreement including these components could be signed, but at the very least the RSU #39 is requesting that a real estate transfer agreement be authorized by the Council agreeing to transfer Teague Park land to the RSU if a successful referendum occurs.

Councilors asked several questions and discussion occurred regarding the economic development section of the real estate transfer agreement and whether it should be included in the agreement or could the RSU dispose of Hilltop School rather than the City.

Currently there is a group of local investors, including Carl Soderberg and Neal Griffeth, interested in developing senior housing at Hilltop School.

Councilors Martin, Guerrette, and McDonough express their support for the Real Estate Transfer Agreement that includes Sincok School and the economic development component for Hilltop School.

Workshop adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

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