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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2016 in Council Chambers with following members present: Mayor Gary Aiken, Deputy Mayor David Martin, Philip McDonough II, Joan L. Theriault, Shane McDougall, and Timothy C. Guerrette. Jody R. Smith was absent and excused.

Austin Bleess, City Manager.

Department Managers: Penny Thompson, Tax Assessor; Michael Gahagan, Police Chief; and Dave Ouellette, Public Works Director.

Joshua Archer representing the Aroostook Republican and Time Warner covered the meeting.

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input.

Pat Mahoney, River Road, spoke in support of the City building a pool so children will have the opportunity to learn to swim and have something to do.

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) June 13, 2016 City Council
- b) May 2, 2016 City Council Workshop
- c) April 13, 2016 City Council Workshop

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2016 City Council Meeting, May 2, 2016 City Council Workshop, and April 13, 2016 City Council Workshop as presented. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Acting City Manager – Assistant City Manager Jim Chandler during the temporary absence or disability of the City Manager.

Motion made by J. Theriault, seconded by P. McDonough, to approve Consent Agenda Item A as presented. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #5: Nylander Museum Plan

Nylander Board members Gail Hagelstein, Nelson Ketch, and Jessica Feeley updated the Council, provided a written work plan with a timeframe for completion for each goal, and answered questions from the Council. (Exhibit A – Work Plan)

Council Agenda Item #6: Dangerous Building – Nasiff Land LLC

In August of 2014 the City Council declared the buildings on the land owned by Nasiff Land LLC to be dangerous and ordered the removal of them. Since then only one building has been removed and that was done by the City with the costs applied to the 2015 property taxes. As of today, 2014 and 2015 taxes are outstanding with the 2014 tax lien maturing in November 2016. The City's Public Works

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Department doesn't have the equipment necessary to bring down the larger buildings, but according to the Public Works Director once the buildings are down the City would be able to haul the material away. According to Maine DEP all asbestos has been removed. Councilor McDonough requested that any questions concerning liability be answered because the property isn't owned by the City. Discussion.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by J. Theriault, to go out to bid to take down and haul away the freezer building by May 1, 2017. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Selling of Tax Acquired Property

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by T. Guerrette, to sell tax acquired properties:

Map 30, Lot 162B – Scott Englund - \$100.00

Map 31, Lot 21 – Ken and Kim Dufour - \$5,150.00

Map 34, Lot 176 – Scott Englund - \$50.00

Map 37, Lot 27 – 60 Woodland Road - Jeremiah Flannery - \$500.00 and sign a consent agreement stating the buildings will be removed by January 1, 2017 and to abate the remaining taxes on the property in the amount of \$2,319.23.

(5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #8: Ordinance to sell City Owned Property

Councilor McDonough introduced Ordinance No. 9, 2016 An Ordinance regarding the Sale of Municipal Property.

A Public Hearing will be held July 11, 2016.

Council Agenda Item #9: Setting 2016 Mill Rate and Tax Commitment

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by S. McDougall, to approve Revenue budget adjustments for property taxes, overlay, BETE, and Homestead Reimbursement lines as reflected on the Mil Rate Calculation Sheet, to set the 2016 Mil Rate at 22.90 for the commitment of the 2016 Property taxes, to set the 2016 Tax Commitment Date as July 1, 2016 for the Board of Assessors to commit the same to the Tax Collector, pursuant to MRSA Title 36 §505(1), to make the 2016 Property Taxes due and payable as of July 1, 2016, pursuant to MRSA Title 36 §505(2), to set the date for interest to begin accruing on any delinquent 2016 Property Taxes as October 1, 2016, pursuant to MRSA Title 36 §505(4), to set the rate of interest to be charged on delinquent 2016 Property Taxes at 7% the maximum rate set by the State, pursuant to MRSA Title 36 §505 (4), and establish a rate of interest for the overpayment and/or abatement of property taxes for 2016 at 4% less than 7% or 3%, pursuant to MRSA Title 36 §506-A (4 yes, 1 no, P. McDonough) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #10: Other Business

- A. The Mayor commented on the man lift parked behind City Office. He was told that the City is not paying rent on this piece of equipment.

Motion made by S. McDougall, seconded by T. Guerrette, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. (5 yes) So voted.

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Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Regular City Council Meeting July 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting August 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary