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In remembrance of September 11th, the Mayor requested that everyone stand for a moment of silence in recognition of the innocent men, women, and children that lost their lives in 2001.

Council Agenda Item #1: Roll Call

A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2017 in Council Chambers with following members present: Mayor Gary Aiken, Deputy Mayor David Martin, Philip McDonough II, Joan L. Theriault, Jody L. Smith, Timothy C. Guerrette, and Nicole L. Cote.

Dennis L. Marker, City Manager.

Department Manager: Gary Marquis, Supt of Parks & Recreation; Penny Thompson, Tax Assessor; Michael Gahagan, Police Chief; Scott Susi, Fire Chief; Christina Kane-Gibson, Event Planner; and Anastasia Weigle, Library Director.

Chris Bouchard of the Aroostook Republican and Spectrum covered the meeting.

Council Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Aiken led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Agenda Item #3: Public Input

There wasn't any Public Input.

Council Agenda Item #4: Declaration of Potential Conflicts of Interest

There weren't any Conflict of Interest to declare.

Council Agenda Item #5: Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes for August 14, 2017 Regular Council Meeting
- b. Minutes for August 28, 2017 Special Council Meeting
- c. August 2017 Financials
- d. Liquor License & Special Amusement Permit Renewal for A+W Properties dba The Warehouse
- e. Caribou Fire & Ambulance Report
- f. Caribou Police Report

Councilor Martin asked why the liquor license application requested the information that it does. The Clerk stated that the form used by the business is the State's liquor license application and not created by the City.

Councilor Theriault asked whether parking issues had been resolved at The Warehouse. The Police Chief stated that the City is in the process of reaching out to Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) about the situation.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda A-F as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #6: Bid Openings, Awards and Appointments

- a. Appointment of Nylander Museum Board Member – Carol Wolfington

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by T. Guerrette, to appoint Carol Wolfington to fill a vacancy on Nylander Museum Board with a term ending December 31, 2018. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Formal Public Hearings

There weren't any Formal Public Hearings scheduled for this evening.

Council Agenda Item #8: New Business & Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Official Proclamation Declaring September 2017 Child Cancer Awareness Month

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Martin, to adopt a Proclamation declaring September 2017 Child Cancer Awareness Month. (6 yes) So voted.

Councilor Theriault read the Official Proclamation (Exhibit A).

The mother of Zachary Gagnon thanked the Council for their proclaiming September 2017 Child Cancer Awareness Month. On October 22, 2016, 13-year Zachary lost his battle with cancer. In the past 2-1/2 years, ten Aroostook County children have been diagnosed with children cancer. Each year, throughout the United States, one in 285 children will be diagnosed with cancer.

- b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Abatement of Property Taxes for Multiple Properties (Totaling \$2,507.25)

<u>Location</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount to abate</u>
0 Dow Siding Road	Acct #288	\$98.36
0 Dow Siding Road	Acct #289	\$103.42
0 Broadway Street	Acct #4749	\$288.00
32 Fenderson Street	Acct #3030	\$2,017.47

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded J. Smith, to approve the abatement of property taxes for multiple properties totaling \$2,507.25. (6 yes) So voted.

- c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding EMS Capital Vehicles and Equipment Needs

Over a month ago, an ambulance was totaled in an accident. Since then the City has been going back and forth with the insurance company. It appears that the City only had liability coverage on this piece of equipment and will receive a total payout of \$24,000. The insurance company did come through for the expensive equipment that was on board. Once an ambulance is ordered, it takes approximately 6 months for delivery.

Council discussion centered around the number of ambulances needed by the City for long distance transfers and available for local calls. The Chief stated that he has looked at the data from January 1st to August 31st and that there would have been a \$208,000 loss to the City, if the City hadn't had a 5th ambulance. The loss for 2016 would have been \$223,000 and \$217,000 for 2015.

The Council questioned why the City only had liability on the ambulance. The Chief stated that it was that way to save money, but now the ambulances have full coverage. The full coverage started about two weeks ago. If the City had had full coverage at the time of the accident, the City would have received \$160,000 rather than the \$24,000 payout.

When asked by Council, the Chief commented that van style ambulances don't work very well on the interstate during the snowy winter months.

Costs for a New Ambulance:

New Ambulance	\$201,000
Credit for old Engine 1	- 10,000
Credit for wrecked ambulance	- 20,000
Capital Reserve	- 24,000

Currently the City is using a loaner ambulance, at no cost to the City, from the ambulance dealer. The dealer hopes to sell the City a new ambulance, if there isn't a sale then they will want their ambulance back.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by N. Cote, to purchase a new ambulance. (4 yes, D. Martin, N. Cote, J. Smith, T. Guerrette, 3 no, P. McDonough, J. Theriault, G. Aiken) So voted.

Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by D. Martin, to trade-in former Engine One for \$10,000 towards the purchase of a new ambulance. (5 yes, 1 no, P. McDonough) So voted.

The City will be able to continue using the loaner ambulance, at no charge, until the new ambulance is delivered. Insurance coverage has been reviewed line by line, item by item for the department's entire fleet and this is being done for the other departments also.

Council Agenda Item #9: Reports of Officers, Staff, Boards, and Committees

a. City Manager – Historical Expenses and 8 Month Budget Report

City Manager Marker has reviewed the budget and is projecting that the City will come in under budget for 2017. He noted that any department projected with a cost overrun; such as, economic development should be offset by additional revenue through the hard work of the Gary Marquis and Christina Kane-Gibson.

The City Manager will be continuing to review the budget and will provide any update to Council before the Charter established deadline of September 15th.

Council Agenda Item #10: Reports and Discussion by Mayor and Council Members

- Nomination papers are available for three Council seats, two RSU #39 seats, and one Jefferson Cary Board seat. The term of office for all seat is three years. Nomination papers are due by 5:00 p.m. September 22nd.
- City Clerk's Office is closed September 12th for training.
- Supt. Gary Marquis stated that he should have spoken to the Council under Council Agenda Item #6 Bid Openings, Awards and Appointments.

Supt. Marquis received one bid on the Grist Mill Park Project from Haney's Building Specialties out of Caribou. The bid was for \$34,175, which includes deck, earthwork, prepping and asphaltting the ramp. The bid is within the estimate range projected by Marquis. The money to complete this project are in the department's reserves.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by T. Guerrette, to accept the bid of \$34,175 from Haney's Building Specialties. (6 yes) So voted.

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Marquis has received a price \$5,630 for moving the fence near the National Guard area and a quick estimate of \$5,000 to pour the 21' x 42' concrete pad.

A new 30' flagpole was erected two weeks ago in memory of Joseph Sleeper.

Council Agenda Item #11: Executive Session (May be called to discuss matters under Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, §405.6)

6:48 p.m. Time in. Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by T. Guerrette, to move to executive session under MRSA Title 1 §405(6)(C). (6 yes) So voted.

7:54 p.m. Time out.

Council Agenda Item #12: Adjournment

Motion made by G. Aiken, seconded by D. Martin, to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. (6 yes) So voted.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary