

February 13, 2017

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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2017 in Council Chambers with following members present: Mayor Gary Aiken, Deputy Mayor David Martin, Philip McDonough II, Joan L. Theriault, Jody R. Smith, and Timothy C. Guerrette.

Austin Bless, City Manager.

Department Manager: Penny Thompson, Tax Assessor; Michael Gahagan, Police Chief; and Gary Marquis, Supt. of Parks and Recreation.

Time Warner covered the meeting.

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input.

Roland Labbe, Jr. - 320 Washburn Street – requested additional time to pay back taxes and liens so that they can reacquire their mobile home.

Lloyd Tibbs – Wants to know what is going to happen with his former property so he will know what to do going forward.

The Manager Bless noted that in December 2015, the Council gave the former owners of this property and others an additional 15 months to pay all back taxes.

The Mayor stated that this will be discussed at the next Council meeting and that is in March.

Mr. Tibbs stated his opposition to waiting until the next Council meeting and for discussion to being on camera.

Councilor Martin stated that a decision had been made.

Mr. Tibbs wants to know what his other options are.

Councilor Martin offered that past practices has properties going out to bid with there being a minimum bid amount.

Manager Bless stated that there isn't any clause in State statute that would allow this type of discussion in executive session so it would be held in a meeting like this one or at a workshop.

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 January 23, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes
- b) Department Reports
 - 1. Caribou Police Department-January 2017
 - 2. Housing and FSS-January 2017
 - 3. Caribou Fire and Ambulance-January 2017
 - 4. Clerk and General Assistance-January 2017
- c) Approval of January 2017 Financials

- d) License Approvals
 - 1. Caribou Inn and Convention Center
 - i. Liquor License
 - ii. Special Amusement Permit
- e) Approval of Quit Claim Deed
 - 1. Antone Demoura – Map 4, Lot 20

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by P. McDonough, to approve Consent Agenda Items A-E as presented. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #4: Accepting Resignation of Councilor McDougall

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to accept the resignation of Councilor McDougall. (Exhibit A) (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #5: Filing Vacant Council Seat

The City will advertise that there is vacancy on the Council. It was noted that the State will be holding a Referendum election on June 13th.

Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by J. Theriault, to advertise, appoint, and fill the Council vacancy plus set the date for a Special Municipal election to be held June 13th in conjunction with a State Referendum election. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #6: Requests for Additional Time to Pay Taxes

Following the City tax acquired properties in November 2016, the Council gave all of the owners of record until January 31, 2017 to pay off all of the taxes. The City has received two letters concerning payments for Map 7, Lot 36-4-ON and Map 19, Lot 19.

Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by J. Theriault, to accept the check for payment in full, from Brock Toothaker, for Map 19, Lot 19 and to extend to February 17, 2017 the time for the former owners of Map 7, Lot 36-4-ON to pay \$2,800. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Building Permit Fees

Councilor McDonough introduced Ordinance No. 3, 2017 Series, An Ordinance Modifying Building Permit Fees.

Public Hearing was scheduled for the next Council meeting.

Council Agenda Item #8: Hancock Street Abandonment

Scott Englund, owner of Map 34, Lot 176, has requested that the portion of Hancock Street that borders his lot be discontinued. The City hasn't kept Hancock passable for a period of at least 30 consecutive years, starting January 1, 1987 and ending on January 1, 2017. It's more likely the road ceased being used in the mid 1960's when the bypass went through.

6:19 Public Hearing Opened.

No public input.

6:20 Public Hearing Closed.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded T. Guerrette, to approve and sign the Notice of Determination of Presumption of Abandonment for the portion of Hancock Street described as the portion abutting Map 34, Lot 179 and Limestone Street as having been unimproved for more than 30 years and is resumed abandoned pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A § 3028. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #9: Overweight Permit for route 89 Project

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to approve an Overweight Permit be issued to the MDOT Contractor for transporting construction equipment than exceed legal weight limits over municipal road. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #10: Other Business

- A. The Interim City Manager must be in Augusta on March 14th for City business. It was decided to cancel the March 13th Council meeting and to reschedule those items for March 13th to the 27th.
- B. The Personnel Committee will meet in Executive Session on March 15th at 6:00 p.m. to review City Manager resumes. MMA Dave Barrett will join via phone.
- C. Building Committee meeting will be scheduled for a date after February 22, 2017.

Council Agenda Item #11: Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(A) to discuss the appointment of an Interim City Manager

Time in: 6:25 p.m. Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by P. McDonough, to move to Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(A) to discuss the appointment of an Interim City Manager. (5 yes) So voted.

Time out: 6:37 p.m. Motion made by T. Guerrette, seconded by D. Martin, to move out of Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(A). (5 yes) So voted.

Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by J. Theriault, to appoint Chief Michael Gahagan as Interim City Manager effective March 4, 2017 and provide \$850.00 for administrative support. (5 yes) So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Regular City Council Meeting Monday, March 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. - Cancelled

Personnel Committee Meeting Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting Monday, March 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary