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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2017 in Council Chambers with following members present: Mayor Gary Aiken, Deputy Mayor David Martin, Philip McDonough II, Joan L. Theriault, Jody R. Smith, Timothy C. Guerrette, and Nicole L. Cote.

Michael Gahagan, Interim City Manager.

Department Managers: Penny Thompson, Tax Assessor; Gary Marquis, Supt. of Parks and Recreation; Anastasia Weigle, Library Director; and Wanda Raymond, Finance Director.

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

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input.

- a) None.
- b) Mayor Aiken announced that Dennis Marker of Santaquin, Utah has been hired as Caribou's new City Manager and will be starting July 3, 2017. Currently he is Santaquin's Assistant City Manager. He and his wife Analee and their five children will be relocating to Caribou. Sometime in the future, the City will hold a Meet & Greet and introduce them to the citizens of Caribou.

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) Department Reports
  1. Police Department – April 2017
  2. Permit – April 2017
  3. Housing and FSS – April 2017
  4. Clerk and General Assistance – April 2017
  5. Library
- b) Approval of March and April Financials
- c) Approval of Quit Claim Deeds
  1. Barbara Tompkins – Quit Claim Deed
  2. Dwane Theriault, Jr. – Bill of Sale
- d) Approval of Rubbish Hauler License
  1. Pine Tree Waste
  2. Crown of Maine Sanitation
- e) Proclamation for Olof Nylander and Nylander Museum Day
  1. Sunday, May 28, 2017 – Exhibit A
- f) Notice of Election for June 13, 2017
  1. Notice of Election for Special Municipal Election
  2. Approve 8:00 a.m. opening time
  3. Appoint Jayne R. Farrin as Election Warden and Kalen Hill as Deputy Election Warden

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g) Approval of Warrant and Notice of Election for RSU #39

Council questions were answered by Finance Director Raymond, Supt. Marquis, and Library Director Weigle. Recently the Library received a monetary gift with no restrictions from The Roderick Living Trust in the amount of \$21,810.76. The full amount is being placed in an interest bearing CD.

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

Council Agenda Item #4: Tax Acquired Property Bids

15 Nancy Street        \$ 9,000  
45 River Road         \$14,000

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to approve the minimum bid amounts for 15 Nancy Street as \$9,000 and 45 River Road as \$14,000. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #5: Parks and Recreation Lawn Mower Bids

Gary's Yamaha	Exmark 60" Lazer E-Series with upgraded suspension seat	\$7,999.00
Gary's Yamaha	Exmark 6-" Lazer S-Series with Suspension seat	\$9,499.00
Bernaiche Sales and Service	Toro Model 74915	\$8,599.00
Bernaiche Sales and Services	Toro model 74926	\$8,999.00

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D Martin, to accept the low bid of \$7,999 from Gary's Yamaha for an Exmark 60" Lazer E-Series with upgraded suspension seat. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #6: Parks and Recreation Collins Pond Request

Last summer the City swapped land off Washburn Road known as the Pavilion with SW Collins for a parcel down behind 1 Vaughn Place off South Main Street near the Caribou Stream Bridge. As part of the swap, the City received money from Collins because the value of the City's land was more than the Collins' property. This money was placed in the Collins Pond Reserve. Supt. Marquis proposed to the Council the upgrading of the recently acquired land, and to move forward, Supt. Marquis requested Council approval to have the project engineered.

Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by P. McDonough, to authorize the engineering for the development of a park on the parcel down behind 1 Vaughn Place off South Main Street near the Caribou Stream Bridge. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Caribou Housing Agency's Section 8 Management Assessment Program

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has designated Caribou Housing Agency as a High Performer on the Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) for the fiscal year ending 2016 with an overall score of 100%.

Council Agenda item #8: Other Business

- A. Councilor Martin commented that he has received several complaints concerning a lot that hasn't been cleaned up after the building on the lot was torn down in 2015.
- B. Grimes Mill Cemetery Mowing Bid:

Anderson Law Care	\$2,000
Jody Smith	\$1,800

Councilor McDonough asked if the Cemetery Association is still taking care of the cemetery. In 2016, the person who had been mowing the grass was no longer physically able to do this and the City hired a local contractor to mow.

The City has contacted Maine Municipal Association about whether there is a conflict of interest for a Councilor to bid and it is not if the Councilor doesn't participate in the process. A Workers Compensation Certificate of Insurance must be filed with the City.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by T. Guerrette, to award the bid to the low bidder Jody Smith for \$1,800. (4 yes, P. McDonough, T. Guerrette, N. Cote, J. Theriault, 1 no, D. Martin, 1 abstention, J. Smith) So. Voted.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. (6 yes) So voted.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Regular City Council Meeting Monday, June 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary