

A special meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 2016 in Council Chambers with following members present: Mayor Gary Aiken, Deputy Mayor David Martin, Philip McDonough II, Joan L. Theriault, Shane McDougall, Jody R. Smith, and Timothy C. Guerrette.

Austin Bleess, City Manager and Jim Chandler, Assistant City Manager.

Department Manager: Penny Thompson, Tax Assessor; Dave Ouellette, Public Works Director; Scott Susi, Fire Chief; and Gary Marquis, Supt. of Parks & Recreation.

Chris Bouchard representing the Aroostook Republican and Time Warner covered the meeting.

Public Input:

Gregg Collins – spokesperson for Solar Slopes subdivision residents – spoke in opposition to chipsealing and in support of having a structural asphalt pavement applied to the streets within the subdivision. Chip seal should not be the pavement of choice within the compact area. There are 20 homes paying an average over \$4,400 per property owner so collectively pay \$89,000 to \$90,000 in taxes. Mr. Collins recommends the city place down a 2" binder and then let it sit for a year or two and then place a one inch finish coat.

Shawn Laferriere – 15 Alpha Street – Cary Medical Center Chief of Staff – Dr. Laferriere stated that the hospital's new recruits haven't been purchasing homes in the subdivision. He suggested it is because it is dark in town and the streets are not well maintained.

Council Agenda Item #1: Declaration of Conflicts of Interest from the City Council regarding any agenda item.

None.

Council Agenda Item #2: Ordinance regarding sale of municipal property

Councilor Smith introduced Ordinance No. 11, 2016 Series An Ordinance regarding the sale of Municipal Property.

Public hearing will be held September 12, 2016.

Council Agenda Item #3: Chip sealing vs. paving on Solar Drive

The City has received an updated estimate of \$14,782 to chip seal Solar Drive, Alpha Street, and Beta Street. Discussion points:

- Chip seal has an average lifespan of 7 years
- It was been approximately 10 years since these roads were chip sealed
- Purpose of chip seal is to keep water out of the road
- Currently the City uses a latex modified chip seal
- The estimate to pave is \$59,939
- Chip seal does not make a road stronger
- Last winter caused a great deal of damage to the roads in the subdivision because of freezing and thawing

Motion made by J Theriault, seconded by D. Martin, to chip seal as planned. (4 yes, P. McDonough, D. Martin, J. Theriault, G. Aiken, 3 no, T. Guerrette, J. Smith, S. McDougall) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #4: Other Business

- A. Councilor McDonough introduced Ordinance No. 10, 2016 An Ordinance amending Chapter 17 General Assistance Short Title: An Ordinance Amending General Assistance Guidelines. Public hearing will be held September 12, 2016.
- B. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to appoint Margaret Pierce to the Board of Zoning Appeals to replace Kevin Tingley who has resigned. (6 yes) So voted.
- C. Councilor McDonough stated that the cul-de-sac at the end of Solar Drive has completely lost it's identity and should be reestablished. Director Ouellette stated that the former Public Works Director had a hammerhead built there and questions whether a house has been built within the 60 foot setback. The current landscaping allows only a plow truck to back in. Director Ouellette stated that a cul-de-sac was never built and he has no idea how the road got accepted without it being built. He can't imagine that the City would go there and build it. Councilor McDonough stated that we have rules and it should be defined.
- D. Councilor Martin has received a call from the owner of 8 Scenic Drive, the home there was lost due to a fire more than a year ago. The owner has the opportunity to sell the lot but the buyer wants to build a house and the property is zoned commercial. Manager Bleess stated that any change needs to start with the Planning Board. Councilor Martin requested that this be added to the Planning Board's agenda.
- E. There are utility liens on the property that Scott Englund bid on. The first three times this property went out to bid the minimum price included the amount due to CUD but this fourth time the City's minimum bid amount covered only the City's expense.

Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by T. Guerrette, to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. (6 yes) So voted.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Regular City Council Meeting September 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

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

2017 Budget Forums October 17, 18, and 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary