

A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2017 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 Bless, City Manager.

Department Manager: Penny Thompson, Tax Assessor; Scott Susi, Fire Chief; and Lisa Plourde, Housing Executive Director.

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

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input.

None.

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) December 13, 2016 Council Meeting
- b) November 28, 2016 Council Meeting
- c) January 3, 2017 Organizational Council Meeting

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2016 Council Meeting, November 28, 2016 Council Meeting, and January 3, 2017 Organizational Council Meeting as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- a) Department Reports
 - 1. Caribou Fire and Ambulance – December 2016
 - 2. Monthly Permit – December 2016
 - 3. Clerk and General Assistance – December 2016
 - 4. Housing and FSS – December 2016
 - 5. Library November 2016
 - 6. Library December 2016
 - 7. Tax Assessment & Permits – 4th Quarter
- b) Approval of Quit Claim Deeds
 - 1. Willey Rentals LLC – Map 31 Lot 169
 - 2. James Michaud – Map 2 Lot 36
- c) Approval of Council Committee Appointments

Highway/Protection

Phil McDonough
Jody Smith
Joan Theriault, Chair

Investment

Gary Aiken, Chair
Dave Martin
Timothy Guerrette

CEGC

Gary Aiken
Austin Bless

Personnel

Phil McDonough, Chair
All Council

Airport

Phil McDonough, Chair
Joan Theriault
Timothy Guerrette

NMDC

Austin Bleess
Gary Aiken

Nylander Board

Timothy Guerrette

Planning Board Liaison

Phil McDonough

Municipal Buildings

Dave Martin, Chair
Joan Theriault
Jody Smith
Shane McDougall

d) Approval of Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments

1. George Howe and Robert Ouellette with terms ending December 2019

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

Council Agenda Item #5: Ordinance Modifying the Moratorium on Marijuana Dispensaries

Councilor McDonough introduced Ordinance No. 1, 2017 Series, An Ordinance regarding Marijuana Dispensaries.

Public Hearing scheduled for January 23, 2017.

A joint workshop with the Planning Board was scheduled for January 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Council Agenda Item #6: 2015 Property Maintenance Code

Councilor McDonough introduced Ordinance No. 2, 2017 Series, An Ordinance adopting the 2015 edition of the *International Property Maintenance Code*, regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures in the City of Caribou; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor. Short Title: Property Maintenance Ordinance.

Council Agenda Item #7: Replacement of Engine 1

On December 6, 2016, Kurtis Daigle, Certified EVT, performed a limited inspection on Engine 1. The inspection was limited to a visual inspection. What was first thought to be a corrosion issue turned out to be structural faults. The findings included:

- Stress cracks around the cab
- Aggressive cracking around the radiator support, floor pan, and cab exterior skin
- Failure of the main structure support of the cab, as the main aluminum beams supporting the cab and surrounding reinforcements have severe cracks in the structure along with cracking/failure of the welds securing the cab roll over structure to the main frame.

- Complete cab has dropped down from the sagging of the main structure and hitting the front bumper cover plate and upper side of the vehicle frame rails.
- The apparatus has been having electrical issues such as: failure of hydraulic system for cab tilt, overheating electrical panel, erratic engine gauges, inaccurate gauges in cab, and a total melting of the overhead switch panel.

Chief Susi recommendation is to replace Engine 1 with a rescue pumper which is two trucks in one. The City could trade in the current rescue truck and place the old engine out to bid. A rescue pumper would be more efficient to run with personnel, equipment, and maintenance on one truck instead of two.

Discussion points:

- Cost of rescue pumper is \$585,000 which includes the trade in of Rescue 6. This price is good through January 16, 2017 and includes the City financing through the company for the next five years at 0% financing at an annual cost of \$116,996.
- The Chief estimates the life of a new rescue pumper to be 15 years.
- Delivery of a new rescue pumper would be approximately 90 to 120 days after ordering.
- The current Engine 1 only has 28,000 miles.
- New rescue pumper vs. new pumper and keeping current rescue truck.
- The trade-in for the rescue truck is \$40,000.
- Council Consensus: To have the fleet annually inspected by a Certified EVT.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by J. Theriault, to follow the Fire Chief's recommendation to replace Engine 1 with a rescue pumper at a cost of \$116,996 per year for 5 years at 0% financing. (5 yes, 1 no, P. McDonough) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #9: Other Business

- A. Discussion concerning the budgeted roof replacement for the Lions Building roof.
- B. At Public Works, the large fabric building acquired through DRMO has collapsed and cannot be reused.
- C. Each year the Police Department sponsors a Dog License Raffle with the winning dog receiving a \$50.00 gift certificate to the vet of their choice. This year the winner is Teddy and he is owned by Ronald and Brenda Cote.

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

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Regular City Council Meeting Monday, January 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting Monday, February 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary