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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 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 Managers: David Ouellette, Public Works Director; Lisa Shaw, Library Director, and Gary Marquis, Supt. of Parks and Recreation.

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) February 8, 2016 City Council Meeting
- b) February 22, 2016 City Council Workshop

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2016 Council Meeting and February 22, 2016 Council Workshop as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- a) February 2016 Library Report
- b) February 2016 Police Department Report
- c) February 2016 Fire Department Report
- d) January 2016 Financials
- e) License Approvals
 1. Liquor License – Caribou Country Club
 2. Special Amusement Permit – Caribou Country Club
- f) Approval of Library Board Trustee Appointment
 1. Kathryn Easter – term expiring December 31, 2017
- g) Approval of Quit Claim Deeds
 1. Map 28, Lot 48 – Caribou Enterprise Group LLC
 2. Map 19, Lot 9F – Caribou Enterprise Group LLC
 3. Map 19, Lot 9E – Caribou Enterprise Group LLC
 4. Map 27, Lot 53 – Nathan Larson
 5. Map 21, Lot 15B – Randy Theriault
- h) Posting Roads

Closure for all vehicles over 23,000 lbs. with the exception of fuel deliveries and emergency vehicles:

1. Albair Road
2. Bowles Road
3. Caribou Lake Road
4. George Watson Memorial Drive
5. Hardison Road
6. Maysville Road
7. Ogren Road
8. Old Washburn Road
9. Plante Road
10. Railroad Street
11. Richards Road
12. Vance Road
13. West Gate Road

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to approve Consent Agenda Items with business items A-H as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #5: C&J Service Center CDBG Grant Application

City Manager Bless stated that C & J Service Center is requesting the City apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for his business.

The grant would be to remove three underground fuel tanks and replace with three new ones. The tanks are of the age where they need to be removed as per DEP requirement. If they receive this grant Mr. Haney says it would retain two full-time jobs and three part-time jobs.

In the January 27, 2016 edition of the Aroostook Republican, Mr. Haney stated that without the grant he will be forced to consider closing his business.

The total project costs are estimated to be \$176,100. The grant would be for 50% of that, which is \$88,050. The remaining balance would be funded by Mr. Haney.

The City Council needs to hold a public hearing on this application. The public hearing was advertised in the Aroostook Republican for tonight.

For this project to move forward, the Council would need to pass a resolution authorizing the City to submit a CDBG application.

6:02 p.m. Public Hearing opened.

Milo Haney, resident of 992 Access Highway, owner of C & J Service Center located at 996 Access Highway, reminded the Council that he attended the January 25, 2016 Council Meeting where he explained his situation with his underground tanks and pumps. In summary, for the public, he explained why he is asking for a block grant. Twenty-eight years ago, he installed tanks and purchased new pumps for a total price of \$27,500. Now the same job is going to cost more than \$180,000. Mr. Haney has been in business for 40 years at 996 Access Highway and he stated that this year has been the worst year for his business. Mr. Haney blames this on the warmest climate we have ever had, nothing is going

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into the former base and what is there is leaving, and over 170 houses are for sale in Caribou which means that they do not have the traffic flow going by C & J Service that they once had. If he is approved for the block grant, the state would give him up to \$90,000 and he would have to match it dollar for dollar plus he would be responsible for all costs over that. He stated that he believes the project will cost over \$200,000. He is asking for the City of Caribou and the public's help in obtaining this grant so that his family owned business can operate for another 40 years.

No questions were asked and no other additional comments were made.

6:05 p.m. Public Hearing closed.

Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by D. Martin, to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City of Caribou to apply for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$88,050. (6 yes) So voted.

Mr. Haney was wished good luck with his business.

Council Agenda Item #6: Parking Lot Ordinance

Motion made by S. McDougall, seconded by D. Martin, adopt Ordinance No. 2, 2016 An Ordinance amending Chapter 12 TRAFFIC Short Title: An ordinance amending parking restrictions as amended by adding "and in the Hatch Drive Parking Lot in the spaces along Hatch Drive" to Part 2(a) of Section 1, which would allow overnight parking in the Hatch Drive Parking Lot in the spaces along Hatch Drive. (5 yes, 1 no, P. McDonough) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Grange Street Parking

6:08 p.m. Public Hearing opened.

CB Smith – Virtual Managed Solutions (VMS) – asked if it would be appropriate to discuss two hour parking. Mr. Smith stated that he doesn't mind the two hour parking limit being in the ordinance, he just doesn't want it enforced. He suggested the removal of the two hour parking signs on the south side of Sweden Street.

Discussion held.

6:23 p.m. Public Hearing closed.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by S. McDougall, to table action on Ordinance No. 4, 2016 Series An Ordinance amending Chapter 12 TRAFFIC Short Title: An ordinance amending street parking restrictions. (6 yes) So voted.

A Highway Protection Committee meeting was scheduled for March 23, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Council Agenda Item #8: User Fees at Library and Rec

Per the request of Councilor Martin, staff has compiled information looking at the per capita and per household costs for residents of Caribou for use of the Library and Recreation Departments.

Discussion was held with Supt. Marquis answering Council's questions.

Taxpayer Rob Kieffer wonders if non-resident taxpayers would have to pay.

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Motion made by D. Martin to adopt the per capita and per household rates plus 10%. Motion died for lack of a second.

Council Agenda Item #9: County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by P. McDonough, to authorize Resolution of Adoption concerning a County Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #10: Sale of Tax Acquired Properties

Bids received:

Property	Minimum Bid	Bid Amount	Bidder
#7	\$10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	Murray Blackstone
#8	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	Keith Brown
#13	\$20,000.00	\$31,000.00	Brandon Smith
#14	\$25,000.00	\$32,781.13	Lori Hodsdon
#16	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,100.00 \$ 750.00	Wayne Bourgoine Lena Giggey
#17	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 500.00	Stev Rogeski III

Brandon Smith would like to withdraw his bid on Property #13.

Motion made by J. Smith, to accept bids on Property #16 (high bid) and Property #14, accepts bids on Property #8 and Property #7, and reject bids on Property #17 and Property #13. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by P. McDonough, to accept bids on Property #14 and Property #16 (high bid). (6 yes) So voted.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by P. McDonough, to reject bid on Property #17. (6 yes) So voted.

Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by T. Guerrette, to accept the bids on Property #7 and Property #8. (2 yes, T. Guerrette, J. Smith, 4 no, D. Martin, P. McDonough, J. Theriault, S. McDougall) Motion fails.

Motion made by S. McDougall, seconded by D. Martin, to reject the bids on Property #7 and Property #8. (4 yes, D. Martin, P. McDonough, J. Theriault, S. McDougall, 2 no, T. Guerrette, J. Smith) So voted.

Tony Disy was allowed to speak. He stated that he was unaware that his property (Property #13) had become tax-acquired.

Motion made by J. Smith to reject the bid on Property #13 and to return the bidder's 10% deposit. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion made by J. Theriault, seconded by P. McDonough, to accept the bid on Property #13. (5 yes, 1 no, J. Smith) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #11: Other Business

None.

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Council Agenda item #12: Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(E) to discuss Economic Development.

7:10 p.m. Time in. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to move to executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(E) with Manager Bleess and Assistant Manager Chandler to discuss economic development. (6 yes) So voted.

7:35 p.m. Time out. Motion made by S. McDougall, seconded by J. Smith, to move out of executive session. (6 yes) So voted.

Discussion held.

No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Highway and Protection Committee Meeting March 23, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting March 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary