

March 28, 2016

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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 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 Bless, City Manager.

Department Managers: David Ouellette, Public Works Director; Gary Marquis, Supt. of Parks and Recreation; and Penny Thompson, Tax Assessor.

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

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input.

- Paul Johnston – 225 Lombard Road – His trailer has become tax-acquired by the City. Mr. Johnston would like to purchase it back and could start paying \$100.00 a week but only after the next four to six weeks. Mr. Johnston stated that his sewer line is frozen.

Manager Bless stated that there have been a couple code violations for this address including trash in the yard.

Mr. Johnston stated that he is working on cleaning up his former property and getting his sewer line unfrozen. Currently he is living in the trailer.

Manager Bless doesn't recommend treating this one situation different than the other tax acquired properties as it doesn't follow the City's policy.

- Jessica and Brandon Smith – They stated that they didn't intend to bid on the Water Street property as their plan was to bid on the 166 Limestone Street property. They requested that they be allowed to withdraw their bid and have their \$3,100 deposit returned to them.
- Miles Williams – spoke in opposition to the enforcement of the parking ordinance.

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) March 14, 2016 2016 City Council Meeting

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2016 Council Meeting as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- a) February 2016 Financials
- b) License Approvals
 1. Taxi Cab License – Town Taxi
- c) Approval of Quitclaim Deeds
 1. Map 33, Lot 8 Lori Hodsdon
 2. Map 15, Lot 59-B Wayne Bourgoine

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: Grange Street Parking

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by J. Smith, not to adopt Ordinance No. 4, 2016 An Ordinance amending Chapter 12 Traffic Short Title: An ordinance amending street parking restrictions. (4 yes, 2 no, J. Theriault, P. McDonough) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #6: Public Works Summer Maintenance Materials Bids

Bid Results – Culverts 2016

<u>Paris Farmers Union</u>	<u>\$8,489.60</u>
EJ Prescott	\$9,169.60
WH Shurtleff	\$8,876.95

Bid Results – Sand 2016

<u>K&M Sand & Gravel</u>	<u>\$9.46</u>
O’Neal	\$9.93

Bid Results – Street Paint 2016

<u>Franklin Paint</u>	<u>\$8,744.50</u>
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Bid Results – ½ Crush Stone

<u>Trombley Ind.</u>	<u>\$14.35</u>
Lane Const.	\$15.00

Bid Results - Shim & Patch 2016

<u>Trombley Industries</u>	<u>\$65.75</u>
Lane Construction	\$68.00

Bid Results – Chipseal 2016

<u>Silver Star Enterprises</u>	<u>\$2.76</u>
Soderberg Const.	\$2.95

Bid Results – Paving 2016

<u>Trombley Industries</u>	<u>\$72.35</u>
Lane Construction	\$74.89
Steelstone Industries	\$77.50

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by P. McDonough, to accept the low bid for each category. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Other Business

1. Councilor Martin introduced Ordinance No. 5 2016 Series An ordinance amending Chapter 12 Traffic Short Title: An ordinance amending street parking restrictions. This ordinance will remove Stevens and Prospect Streets from those streets designated as having two hour parking. Public Hearing scheduled for April 11, 2016.
2. Councilor Smith introduced Ordinance No. 6 2016 Series An ordinance amending Chapter 12 Traffic Short Title: An ordinance amending parking lot restrictions. This ordinance will allow all day parking in Hatch Drive. Public Hearing scheduled for April 11, 2016.
3. Councilor Theriault would be interested in having the Council adopt through Home Rule an ordinance that would define what would be considered a majority for Council motions to carry. Discussion.
4. Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by D. Martin, to reject the \$31,000 bid from Brandon Smith for Property #13 and to return his \$3,100 deposit. (5 yes, 1 no, P. McDonough) So voted.

5. Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by T. Guerrette, to allow Paul Johnston to repurchase his former property and to give him until April 11, 2016 to have it paid in full including 2016 property tax amount. (3 yes, T. Guerrette, D. Martin, J. Smith, 4 no, J. Theriault, G. Aiken, S. McDougal, P. McDonough) Motion failed.
Mr. Johnston was encouraged to bid on the property when it is placed out to bid.
6. There has been a leak of one of the sprinkler system pipes at the Nylander Building but little damage occurred. The City has been removing trash and debris from the building.
7. The dates for the annual Spring Clean-up haven't been set.
8. The Mayor asked whether High Street was on MDOT's docket for repair. PW Director Ouellette stated he believes High Street is on MDOT's project list for 2017-2018.
9. The Mayor asked if any of the City's pellet boilers have been running this heating season. City Manager stated that the boiler at the Wellness Center ran pretty smoothly and they ran out of pellets, a part has been received from the manufacturer and an air compressor needs to be replaced for the City Office boiler. Once that has been done the boiler will be started up. The Fire Station boiler is waiting to be cleaned. The Library's boiler has had issues. The Mayor would like to have the City locate a lawyer that likes to work with contingency plans. If Council wants, the City Manager will research attorneys that work with contacts.
10. Councilor Martin would like to see a long term plan for the Nylander building within the next month or two.
11. Brief discussion concerning the Department of Education, new school building, and National Guard site.

Council Agenda item #8: Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(E) to discuss Economic Development.

6:55p.m. Time in. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to move to executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(E) with Manager Bleess, Gary Marquis, and Sam Collins to discuss economic development. (6 yes) So voted.

7:15 p.m. Time out. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to move out of executive session. (6 yes) So voted.

No action taken.

Meeting adjourned.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Council MMA Training April 7, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

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

Council/CEGC Strategic Planning Session April 13, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting April 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary