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A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 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 and Jim Chandler, Assistant City Manager.

Department Manager: Penny Thompson, Tax Assessor and Gary Marquis, Supt. of Parks & Recreation.

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

Council Agenda Item #1: Public Input.

Camden Dumont – student at Caribou High School – presented a plan to construct and attach a flower planter to the median strip in front of Caribou High School to improve the image of the school. The planter will be constructed from pressure treated pine and will be attached using rebar. Construction will be completed by using personal equipment of the students plus donated equipment with as much labor as possible completed by students.

Council questions were answered by Mr. Dumont. Several Councilors stated their support for the project. Council directed Mr. Dumont to Public Works Director Ouellette.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by J. Smith, to approve the construction of a flower planter to be located on the median strip in front of Caribou High School. (6 yes) So voted.

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) August 22, 2016 Special Council Meeting
- b) September 12, 2016 Council Meeting

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2016 Special Council Meeting and September 12, 2016 City Council Meeting as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- a) Department Reports
  - 1. Clerk and General Assistance – September 2016
  - 2. Fire and Ambulance – September 2016
  - 3. Housing and FSS –September 2016
  - 4. Police – September 2016
  - 5. Permit – September 2016
  - 6. Assessment and Permit – 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
- b) November Election Items
  - 1. Approve 8:00 a.m. opening time
  - 2. Appoint Jayne R. Farrin as Election Warden and Kalen Hill as Deputy Election Warden for the November 8, 2016 Elections

3. Approve and sign Notice of Municipal Election

c) Financials

1. Months of July, August, & September

The Mayor asked several questions concerning Ambulance billing software, Betterment Fund Grant, Veterans' Exemptions, Woodland services, prisoner boarding reimbursement, EOC reimbursement, and whether next year the Chamber will be reclassified as Nylander.

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

Council Agenda Item #5: Authorize Sale of Tax Acquired Property

The last time Map 25 Lot 59 went out to sale by bid, the minimum bid price was \$50.00 and the City didn't receive any bids. Joshua Tracy has offered \$50.00 to purchase the property.

Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by T. Guerrette, to sell Map 25 Lot 59 to Joshua Tracy for the amount of \$50.00. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #6: Authorize Transfer of City Land

In 2010, the City transferred the lots associated with the paper streets of Tibbets Terrance Subdivision to abutters with the exception of Map 32 Lots 119F and 119G. Staff hasn't found any reason why these lots weren't transferred then to and current abutting landowner Dana Pike.

Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by P. McDonough, to authorize the deeds to transfer Map 32 Lots 119F and 119G to Dana Pike. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Authorize Land Swap

Land swap between Pioneer Realty and the City of Caribou:

City would acquire:

Map 31 Lot 103 - .40 acres – assessed value \$10,300 – frontage on Caribou Stream

City would convey to Pioneer Realty:

Map 31 Lot 105 - .23 acres – assessed value \$25,700 after removal of picnic canopy by the City – frontage on Washburn Street and Collins Mill Pond

The City would receive a check for \$15,400 which is the difference in land value which will go into a Park Improvement Fund.

Motion made by S McDougall, seconded by J. Smith, to approve the land swap with Pioneer Realty and to authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary documents to convey the land. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #8: Other Business

- A. City Clerk noted that absentee ballots are available without cause through November 3, 2016. Starting the 19<sup>th</sup>, individuals will have to register to vote in person in the Clerk's Office or at the polls November 8, 2016.
- B. The date for the RSU #39 new school referendum hasn't been set.

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Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. (6 yes)  
So voted.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

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

Regular City Council Meeting Monday, October 24, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting Monday, November 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary