

A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 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.

Carol Kamm – Resident of Caribou – Ms. Kamm commented on an article recently written by Caribou’s former Police Chief. This article prompted her to tour Caribou’s Police Department. She observed that it is cramped, a lack of storage, and questioned whether there was a regular cleaning staff. Her major point is that the Police Department should be relocated as they have outgrown their facility. Ms. Kamm suggested that there might be grant funding available to relocate the Police Department.

Council discussion.

Council Agenda Item #2: Declaration of Conflicts of Interest from the City Council regarding any agenda item.

Councilor McDougall declared a conflict of interest with Agenda Item #8.

Council Agenda Item #3: Consider authorizing the minutes of the following meetings:

- a) August 8, 2016 City Council Workshop
- b) August 8, 2016 City Council Meeting

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Martin, to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2016, 2016 City Council Workshop and August 8, 2016 City Council Meeting as presented. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- a) Department Reports
  - 1. Library – August
  - 2. Fire and Ambulance – July and August
  - 3. Police – July
  - 4. Housing and FSS – August
  - 5. Clerk and General Assistance – August
  - 6. Code Enforcement – Late Summer
- b) Library Board Appointment
  - 1. Jane Foster – term expiring December 31, 2017
- c) VALIC Plan Administrator
  - 1. Jim Chandler – appointment as one of the Plan Administrators

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

Council Agenda Item #5: Liquor License Application – A+W Properties

6:16 p.m. Public Hearing opened.

No public comments.

6:17 p.m. Public hearing closed.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by P. McDonough, to approved a Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for A + W Properties dba The Warehouse Bar + Grill. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #6: GA Ordinance

6:18 p.m. Public Hearing opened.

No public comments.

6:18 p.m. Public Hearing closed.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to adopt Ordinance No. 10, 2016 Series, An Ordinance amending Chapter 17 General Assistance, Short Title: An Ordinance amending General Assistance Guidelines. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Ordinance to sell City Owned Properties

Map 32 Lot 119-F Truman Street

Map 32 Lot 119-G Truman Street

Map 31 Lot 105 Washburn Street

6:18 p.m. Public Hearing opened.

No public comments.

6:19 p.m. Public Hearing closed.

Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by P. McDonough, to adopt Ordinance No. 11, 2016 Series, An Ordinance regarding the Sale of Municipal Property. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #8: Airport Hangar Project

The City didn't receive a grant from NBRC to help with the costs of putting up a hangar at the airport. The City could move forward with the project by utilizing cooperative agreements with the towns of Old Town and Dexter. These cooperative agreements would allow the City to use \$150,000 in FAA funds from each of these communities; in addition, to the approximately \$280,000 in FAA funds that Caribou has available. By entering into these cooperative agreements Caribou would be able to utilize their FAA funds, and the FAA funds Caribou would have been eligible to use in 2017 and 2018 would go back to the original community. All accounting of these funds are done by the FAA.

Manager Bless answered several questions from the Council.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Martin, to authorize the City Manager to execute the cooperative agreements and moving forward with the hangar project in 2017. (5 yes, 1 abstention, S. McDougall) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #9: Approval of sale of Tax Acquired Properties

Map	Lot	Minimum Bid	Bid Amount	Bidder
8	49B	\$4,000	\$4,000	Murray Blackstone
31	186	\$1	\$140	David Brown
33	7	\$1	\$220	David Brown

Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by J. Theriault, to accept the bid from the highest bidder. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #10: Approval of Quit Claim Deeds

Map 10 Lot 35E-1-ON – Paul Johnston

Map 11 Lot 28C – Jeff Roy and Susan Palmers

Map 15 Lot 11A – Larry and Peggy Theriault

Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by J. Theriault, to approve Quit Claim Deeds for the owners of record for Map 10 Lot 35E-1-ON, Map 11 Lot 28C, and Map 15 Lot 11A as all back taxes including 2016 have been paid. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #11: Other Business

- A. Gary Marquis, Supt. of Parks & Recreation, commented on the Caribou’s 2016 Heritage Day event. He stated that it was well attended and the fireworks were spectacular. He extended his thanks to the volunteers. This next weekend the City will be holding the marathon, which Mr. Marquis called a “Signature Event” for the City. 400 runners have signed up. The course has been certified for the next 10 years. A portion of Bennett Drive will be closed during the marathon. About 150 individuals have volunteered to help with the marathon.

Council Agenda Item #12: Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(A) for personnel matters.

6:33 p.m. Time In. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to move to executive session with Manager Bless pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(A) for personnel matters. (6 yes) So voted.

7:29 p.m. Time Out. Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Smith, to move out of executive session. (6 yes) So voted.

The council completed the City Managers review. The Council congratulated the Manager on another successful year and expressed their gratitude to the Manager.

Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by P. McDougall, to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.. (6 yes) So voted.

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Upcoming Meeting Dates:

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.

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

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary