

Council Agenda Item #1: Roll Call

A regular meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 2017 in Council Chambers with following members present: Mayor Gary Aiken, Deputy Mayor David Martin, Philip McDonough II, Joan L. Theriault, Timothy C. Guerrette, and Nicole L. Cote. Jody L. Smith was absent.

Dennis L. Marker, City Manager.

Department Manager: Gary Marquis, Supt. of Parks & Recreations; Penny Thompson, Tax Assessor; and Anastasia S. Weigle, Library Director.

Hugh A. Kirkpatrick, Councilor-Elect.

Chris Bouchard of the Aroostook Republican and Spectrum covered the meeting.

Council Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Aiken led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Agenda Item #3: Public Input

Wilfred Martin, 74 York Street, commented on the frequency, level of speeding that occurs on York Street, and what steps are being done to correct it plus the need for other signage.

The City Manager stated that the City is looking to see what is the best solution. Mr. Martin would like to review the section of York Street with the Manager.

Council Agenda Item #4: Declaration of Potential Conflicts of Interest

No one declared a potential conflict of interest.

Council Agenda Item #5: Consent Agenda

- a. Renewal of Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for Henry B. Pratt Jr. Post #15 American Legion
- b. Certification of November 2017 Election results

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Martin, to approve the Consent Agenda A-B as presented. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #6: Bid Openings, Awards and Appointments

There weren't any bid openings, awards and appointments.

Council Agenda Item #7: Formal Public Hearings

- a. Rezoning of multiple properties along Main Street between Prestile Brook and 400 S Main Street (approximately 85 acres) from Commercial (C-2) to Residential (R-3)

6:03p.m. Public Hearing opened.

No one from the public spoke.

6:04 p.m. Public Hearing closed.

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Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Martin, to adopt Ordinance No. 11, 2017 Series, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 Zoning Section 13-202 Official Zoning Map, Short Title: An ordinance amending the Caribou Zoning Map. (5 yes) So voted.

- b. Rezoning of multiple properties between Collins Pond and Sincock Street (approximately 17 acres) from Residential 1 to Residential 2

6:05 p.m. Public Hearing opened.

No one from the public spoke.

6:05 p.m. Public Hearing closed.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by P. McDonough, to adopt Ordinance No. 12, 2017 Series, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 Zoning Section 13-202 Official Zoning Map, Short Title: An ordinance amending the Caribou Zoning Map. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #8: New Business & Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Ordinance No. 11, 2017 Series, Rezoning 85 acres from Commercial (C-2) to Residential (R-3)
- b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Ordinance No. 12, 2017 Series, Rezoning 17 acres from Residential (R-1) to Residential (R-2)

Ordinances No. 11 and 12 were adopted after the Public Hearings that were held under Council Agenda Item #7 – Formal Public Hearings

- c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Interlocal Agreement Pertaining to Tri-Community Landfill

Mark Draper, Executive Director for Tri-Community Landfill, gave a brief history of Tri-Community and the proposed merger. There are two facilities with large capacities located in a county with a declining population. Both need more tonnage to be more financially feasible. Since June or July, an operating plan has been developed, which includes operating both landfills for a limited period of time. After that, the Presque Isle Landfill will close and all operations will move to the landfill in Fort Fairfield. Residential or commercial users of Tri-Community will not see any changes as a result of this merger. Without merging, Tri-Community Landfill would last approximately 44 more years. With a merge, the two landfills have the capacity to last 55 years.

For a merger to take place, it requires the legislative body for each of the four communities to approve the Interlocal Agreement. It will cost \$2,000,000 for Presque Isle to buy into Tri-Community. This money will be divided among the current owners, with Caribou receiving approximately \$1.3 million. Additionally, the City of Presque Isle will need to make a payment to Tri-Community for the future closing costs of their landfill so there will not be any unfunded mandate regarding this. Presque Isle will make supplemental payments, in addition to their annual appropriation, for eight years because of the debt that Tri-Community will assume with the merger. Identified benefits include stabilizing costs for the region, possible grant opportunities, and opportunities for new technology.

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Councilor Martin questioned whether there was a need to acquire all the land that the Presque Isle landfill is located on. Draper stated that the 800 acres of land would be available for future expansion, some is used for other landfill operations, timber cutting, plus having a buffer is a good thing. Councilor Martin wants to see a transfer station in the community that has to haul their trash the furthest, in other words, a transfer station for Caribou residents when the time comes that trash is going to the landfill in Presque Isle.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by D. Martin, to approve and sign the Interlocal Agreement pertaining to Tri-Community Landfill. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #9: Reports of Officers, Staff, Boards, and Committees

It was announced by the City Manager, that Kenneth Murchison has been hired to be the City's new Zoning Administrator. He will be starting after the first of January.

Council Agenda Item #10: Reports and Discussion by Mayor and Council Members

There weren't any reports and discussion.

Council Agenda Item #11: Executive Session (May be called to discuss matters under Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, §405.6)

No Executive Session was held.

Council Agenda Item #12: Adjournment

Motion made by T. Guerrette, seconded by J. Theriault, to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. (5 yes) So voted.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary