

Council Agenda Item #1: Roll Call

The Caribou City Council held a regular meeting Monday, April 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor David Martin, Deputy Mayor Nicole L. Cote, Philip McDonough II, Joan L. Theriault, Timothy C. Guerrette, R. Mark Goughan, and Hugh A. Kirkpatrick.

Dennis L. Marker, City Manager was present.

Department Managers and Staff: Penny Thompson, Tax Assessor; Dave Ouellette, Public Works Director; Gary Marquis, Supt. of Parks & Recreation; Keith Ouellette, Police Officer.

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

Council Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Agenda Item #3: Public Input

- James Bennett – 10 years old and resident of Caribou – read a limerick that he wrote that won the Caribou Library limerick contest.
- Christopher Bouchard – Aroostook Republican – Asked if there were any developments with the Public Safety Building project.

The Mayor stated that the Committee has met twice. Questions were developed at the first meeting and at the second meeting the Committee toured the Fire Station. A third meeting will be held Wednesday April 11th at the EOC to go over the answers to the questions were compiled.

The Mayor encouraged citizens of Caribou to go and tour the Fire Station.

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

There weren't any Conflicts of Interest to declare.

Council Agenda Item #5: Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes from Council Workshop Held February 26, 2018
- b. Minutes from Council Meeting Held March 12, 2018
- c. Renewal of Alcohol License and Special Amusement Permit for Northern Maine Brewing
- d. Approval of Public Taxi License for Town Taxi
- e. Renewal of Trash Hauler Permit for Caldwell's Sanitation
- f. Renewal of Trash Hauler Permit for Gil's Sanitation
- g. Renewal of Trash Hauler Permit for McNeal's Trucking
- h. Renewal of Trash Hauler Permit for Pine Tree Waste
- i. Renewal of Trash Hauler Permit for City Sanitation

Councilor McDonough mentioned that Town Taxi has unscreened junked vehicles on the Fort Fairfield Road.

Tax Assessor Thompson commented that last year they were advised to screen the vehicles. The Clerk stated that she will inform the Code Enforcement Officer.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by T. Guerrette, to approve Consent Agenda A-I as presented. (7 yes) So voted.

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

a. Appointment of Nylander Museum Board Member – Joyce Knorr

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by T. Guerrette, to appoint Joyce Knorr to the Nylander Museum Board. (7 yes) So voted.

This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Richard Clark and the term will expire December 31, 2020.

b. Appointment of Library Trustee Board Member – Kathryn Olmstead

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to appoint Kathryn Olmstead to the Library Board of Trustees.

This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Kathryn Easter and the term will expire December 31, 2022.

c. Acceptance of Bids for Tax Acquired Properties

Motion made by J. Theriault, seconded by T. Guerrette, to accept the bid of \$1,806 from Julie Ellis Colbath and Stephen Colbath for Property #20 Tax Map 38, Lot 106, Limestone Street. (7 yes) So voted.

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by J. Theriault, to reject the bid of \$1,000 from Julie Ellis Colbath and Stephen Colbath for Property #19 Tax Map 38, Lot 104 147 Limestone Street. (7 yes) So voted.

d. Appointment of Election Clerks for 2018-2020

2018-2020 ELECTION CLERKS

Laura Adams	Marjorie Edgecomb	John Shaw
Barbara Aiken	Diane Gove	Deborah Sirois
Joan Albert	Yvonne Grass	Christine M. Solman
Marilyn Bailey	Gail Hagelstein	Nancy Solman
Donna Barnes	Claudia Hitchings	Andrea Swanberg
Martha Belanger	Nancy Hunter	Karen Thibodeau
Allyson Bell	Meagan Irving	Idella Thompson
Cassandra Bouchard	Carolyn Kelley	Penny Thompson
Patricia Caspersen	Jacqueline Lambert	Roberta Walton
Barbara Collins	Elizabeth Long	Denise Yenidogan
Julie Cook	Betty McNeal	
Patty Corriveau	Frances (Penny) Olson	
Michele Cote	Cheryl Pelletier	
Carole Doody	Dawn Peterson	
Shellie Doody-	Roberta Randolph	
Corriveau	Leslie Randolph	
Susan Dow	Anderson	
Judith Duprey	Stephanie Raymond	

Motion made by P. McDonough, seconded by T. Guerrette, to appoint the submitted list of 2018-2020 Election Clerks. (7 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: Formal Public Hearings

There weren't any Formal Public Hearings.

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

- a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Request for Acceptance of Late Taxes Payment

Motion made by J. Theriault, seconded by T. Guerrette, to sell to Janet Marr for \$18,612.74 her former property located at 71 Main Street on the condition that it is paid by April 13, 2018. (7 yes) So voted.

- b. Discussion Regarding Economic Study of Aroostook County – Robert Dorsey

Aroostook Partnership President Robert Dorsey addressed the Council on the November 2017 report titled “The Caring for the Crown”. This is a follow up to the 2003 “Tarnished Crown” Report.

- The average population loss is 602 a year. 2010 population was 71,871 and the estimated 2017 population was 67,653. Over all Caribou's population loss has been less than most areas of the County as the Cities have been doing better than the rural areas. Caribou loses about 3% a year, but sees an increase in the number of seniors. When the County loses 1000 people that equals approximately \$20 million in economic output.
- Aroostook County wages are on average 15% lower than southern Maine and 25% lower than national.
- Since 2004, there have been successes including the doubling of DFAS, transportation improvements, forest sector investment, energy investments, and manufacturing growth.
- Aroostook Advantages include great schools, low cost housing, low crime, exceptional outdoor activities, peace and quiet, and excellent rural healthcare.
- Spoke about the opportunity for greater collaboration and sharing of services.
- Aroostook County has a national resource based economy.
- The population is one of the oldest in the nation.
- Housing costs are lower in the County compared to Portland, but there is little difference in housing costs if you compare to Portland's outlying areas. Manager Marker noted that Caribou is ranked #1 in the state for the most affordable housing.
- Mr. Dorsey spoke the need to use social media to get the word about Aroostook County.

The Mayor asked about attracting immigrants that would settle here. Mr. Dorsey stated that he is aware of another group in that the County that is working on bringing immigrants to the County from the Dominican Republic that are already US citizens.

c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Airport Operations – Shane McDougall

- Attending the meeting with Mr. McDougall were several other members of the aviation community.
- Mr. McDougall provided a power point presentation that covered current stats, what general aviation provides, what are the airport operational requirements, what does the facilities provide, who uses the airport, what the City would lose if there wasn't an airport, how to increase its use, and recommendations including the formation of an Airport Advisory Committee.
- Jimmy Vaughn is here and trained as an aircraft mechanic.
- Others that spoke in support of the airport were Dr. John Karod, David Barbosa, and Tom Goetz.
- Councilor McDonough commented on the lack of economic development associated with Caribou's airport and that \$8.5 million has been spent there and what is there to show.

d. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Surplus Property

Items deemed to be surplus by city staff:

- Onan 350kW standby diesel generator. 3 phase, 364 hours

Motion made by P. McDonough to place the generator out on the listserv to give the local communities an opportunity if they want it and if not to sell it. Motion died for the lack of a second.

Motion made by H. Kirkpatrick, seconded by P. McDonough, to list the generator and give it away. (3 yes, P. McDonough, H. Kirkpatrick, N. Cote, 4 no, J. Theriault, T. Guerrette, D. Martin, RM Goughan) Motion failed.

Motion made by Mayor Martin, seconded by H. Kirkpatrick, to sell the generator. (5 yes, D. Martin, H. Kirkpatrick, RM Goughan, T. Guerrette, J. Theriault, 2 no, N. Cote, P. McDonough) So voted.

- 6' Usinage Brush Cutter

Motion made by J. Theriault, seconded by T. Guerrette, to sell the brush cutter for \$10,000 to the snowmobile club. (5 yes, J. Theriault, T. Guerrette, H. Kirkpatrick, N. Cote, D. Martin, 2 no, RM Goughan, P. McDonough) So voted.

- 2012 Kioti Tractor

Motion made N. Cote, seconded by J. Theriault, to purchase a new Holland Boomer 40 and new B74 Blizzard snow blower and trade in the 2012 Kioti tractor. (5 yes, N. Cote, J. Theriault, T. Guerrette, D. Martin, P. McDonough, 2 no, RM Goughan, H. Kirkpatrick) So voted.

e. Introduction Ordinance 04-01-2018 Modifying Tax Increment Finance Policies

Councilor McDonough introduced Ordinance No. 1, 2018 Series, An Ordinance Adopting Policies for Creating Tax Increment Finance Districts and the use of Credit Enhancement Agreements, Providing Severability and an Effective Date for the Ordinance.

The public hearing was scheduled for May 14, 2018.

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

There weren't any reports given.

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

There weren't any reports given.

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

There wasn't a need for an Executive Session.

Council Agenda Item #12: Next Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting – May 14, 2018

The topic of wages will be added to the April 30th workshop agenda.

City-Wide Yard Sale will be held May 19th and 20th. The application forms are due April 13th.

Public Works plans to complete City Wide Clean Up will be held prior to the City-Wide Yard Sale.

Council Agenda Item #13: Adjournment

Motion made by T. Guerrette, seconded by P. McDonough, to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. (7 yes) So voted.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary