

Council Agenda Item #1: Roll Call

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

Dennis L. Marker, City Manager was present.

Department Managers and Staff: Michael Gahagan, Police Chief; Dave Ouellette, Public Works Director; and Gary Marquis, Supt. of Parks & Recreation.

Christopher Bouchard of 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

There wasn't any Public Input.

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

None of the Councilors declared any Conflicts of Interest.

Council Agenda Item #5: Consent Agenda

a. Minutes from City Council Meeting held June 25, 2018

Motion made by J. Theriault, seconded by T. Guerrette approved the minutes from City Council Meeting held June 25, 2018 as presented.

Discussion. Councilor Kirkpatrick stated that his eight questions were not included in the June 25, 2018 minutes.

Motion made by H. Kirkpatrick, seconded by RM Goughan, to amend the minutes from City Council Meeting held June 25, 2018 by adding to Council Agenda Item #10: Reports and Discussion by Mayor and Councilors, end of third paragraph Councilor Kirkpatrick's eight questions: - Why are City Councilors asked to sign an NDA in order to attend a hospital meeting? Not Answered – Where are the legal documents which create the hospital entities? Answered April 30 – Why aren't hospital meetings public and treated as such? Not answered – Why aren't hospital annual financials audited or complete in the City annual report? Not answered – Why do we have a municipal; what are the benefits? Not answered – Where is the current lease and what its terms? Answered April 30 – Why don't the quarterly financial presentations from the hospital conform to the City Charter? Not answered – Who is the legal counsel and auditor for the hospital? Partially answered April 26. (6 yes) So voted.

The approval of the minutes from City Council Meeting held June 25, 2018 as amended. (6 yes) So voted.

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

a. Airport Advisory Committee Appointments

Motion made by J. Theriault, seconded by T. Guerrette, to appoint to the Airport Advisory Committee:

David Barbosa - 3 years	Darrell Bouchard – 2 years (non-resident)
Tom Goetz – 1 year (non-resident)	Mark Jones – 3 years
Shane McDougall – 2 years	Douglas Shrum – 1 year

(6 yes) So voted.

b. Engineering Consultant Contract for River Road Repairs

Four engineering firms submitted responses to repair the River Road. The Selection Committee, made up of city staff and elected officials, reviewed the submittals and recommended the City utilize DuBois & King as consultant for the River Road Reconstruction Project.

Motion made by J. Theriault, seconded by T. Guerrette, to accept as presented the proposed contract with DuBois & King, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$59,482. (6 yes) So voted.

A River Road Stakeholder meeting will be held Thursday, July 12, 2018 at the EOC.

Members of the Selection Committee are Councilors Theriault and Kirkpatrick, Chiefs Gahagan and Susi, Public Works Director Ouellette, Building Official Thompson, and City Manager Marker.

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 RSU 39 School Officer

The RSU 39 Board has authorized funding for a School Resource Officer (SRO). The SRO would be employed by the City and assigned to RSU 39 for 44 weeks and the remaining 8/9 weeks the Officer would work for the CPD. The SRO expense would be divided 85% RSU 39 and 15% CPD.

Motion made by N. Cote, seconded by J. Theriault, to accept the proposal to hire a School Resource Officer. (5 yes, 1 no, H. Kirkpatrick) So voted.

b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Airport Hangar Leases

City Manager Marker recommends tabling any action regarding airport hangar leases until the newly formed Airport Advisory Committee has reviewed them.

Motion made by J. Theriault, seconded by T. Guerrette, to table any action regarding airport hangar leases. (6 yes) So voted.

c. Discussion Regarding Future Work Sessions

The Council has requested that work sessions be called for the following purposes:

1. River Road Reconstruction. Discussion regarding next steps based on available funding and options for reconstruction.
2. Economic Development. Coordination with local economic development groups; such as, CEGC, BIG, The Glass is Half Full, and the Mic Mac Nation.

It was suggested by the Mayor, that workshops be held on different evenings than regular Council Meetings. The Mayor suggested waiting on scheduling the River Road Reconstruction workshop until there is something new to report. Regarding the scheduling of an Economic Development workshop, the Mayor suggested that the Manager get a consensus of when the different groups could meet.

- d. Councilor Goughan is being asked questions about the new RSU 39 School and asked if the Supt. of School could come into a Council Meeting and update the Council. Citizens are asking questions as to whether the local share's cost for the new building are increasing.
- e. Shane McDougall asked when the first meeting of the Airport Advisory Committee will be held. The City Manager, who is also the Airport Manager, will call the first committee meeting. The Mayor appointed Councilor McDonough to be the Council representative and seventh member of the Committee.

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

a. 2018 Elections Information

November 6, 2018 Election – Nomination papers will be available in the Clerk's Office starting Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> and are due by 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. There are two 3-year terms available on the City Council, one 3-year term available on the RSU 39 Board, and one 3-year term on the Jefferson Cary Memorial Hospital Fund Board.

The Clerk's Office has been asked by the RSU to run an election Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. The election will be held in the multi-purpose rooms at the Wellness Center. All expenses for the election will be billed to the RSU.

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

a. High Street Update

PW Director Ouellette provided an update:

- The bids for High Street came in high and were rejected. Will rebid in January or February 2018.
- Earlier discussion with MDOT had them probably funding a maintenance mix to put on High Street this summer. High Street is located in the urban compact zone and MDOT trucks can't work in town. It looks like they want to back out of doing a maintenance mix.
- Mr. Ouellette has met with MDOT's Mr. Watson and he said that he would look at other avenues to see if they could fund the City's contractor to do the maintenance mix. He hasn't heard back from Mr. Watson. Mr. Ouellette believes that the chances of the maintenance mix being done is 50-50. He is confident the major reconstruction will be done in 2019.
- Mr. Ouellette asked if the Council would be interested in putting money into the band aid one year fix.
- In 2007, the proposed High Street Project was much larger. During the City's 150 anniversary celebration, the City paid approximately \$40,000 to have a shim coat done.
- Mr. Ouellette also discussed with Mr. Watson about Bennett Drive and how bad the ruts are getting. He also reminded Mr. Watson how MDOT paved Sweden Street not too many years ago.

- The Mayor suggested that the City contact our local State Senate.
- The City has a written 50-50 sealed agreement with MDOT for the High Street mill and fill project. 100% of the drainage project will be MDOT.

b. Hospital Board Meeting

Councilor Kirkpatrick asked Manager Marker a series of questions concerning the last Cary Board Meeting. Kirkpatrick's questions covered the following topics: board attendance, board clerk, agenda, public meeting, and whether Councilor Kirkpatrick's eight questions were discussed. Manager Marker stated that the eight questions were discussed in general terms and didn't go through them specifically. Further he offered that the Board talked about public meetings, agendas, and confidentiality agreements. Councilor Kirkpatrick stated that he first posed his questions March 20th in an email where he requested to have his questions added to the next Council agenda. He noted that he brought them up in subsequent meetings and that it took July 2<sup>nd</sup> to have his eight questions placed on a Cary Board agenda. Manager Marker reported that the Cary Board will not be preparing a formal written response to Councilor Kirkpatrick's eight questions. The Cary Board has indicated that they would respond in writing to questions voted on by the Council and that they are more than willing to continue to meet one-on-one with Councilors. Councilor Kirkpatrick stated that Cary is a public entity and part of the City and that they don't act in a public manner.

Both the Mayor and Councilor Theriault stated that they don't have issues with the hospital and how it is run. The Mayor advised Councilor Kirkpatrick to attend a Cary Board Meeting. Councilor Theriault suggested that he go as an individual and speak with them directly about his questions.

c. River Road

At the last Council discussion, the Manager mentioned that he hoped to have more information on the federal dollars available for the River Road. The Manager reported that he and Dave Ouellette have met with representatives from FEMA, Darren Woods from the County, and representatives from Federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) plus information about USDA programs was shared. One of the EDA's criteria is that there is job growth creation / retention or private investment, and this would be difficult to demonstrate. The USDA has a \$50,000 grant program plus a low 5% interest 30-year loan program. The Mayor questioned whether it would be possible to utilize the services of the National Guard to rebuild the road.

Council Agenda Item #11: Executive Session (May be called to discuss matters identified under Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, §405(6))

a. §405(6)(C) Real Estate & Economic Development

7:00 p.m. time in: Motion made by J. Theriault, seconded by T. Guerrette, to go into executive session under 1 MSRA §405(6)(C) to discuss real estate and economic development. (6 yes) So voted.

8:01 p.m. time out.

No action taken.

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b. §405(6)(D) Labor Contracts and Proposals

8:01 p.m. Time In: Motion made by T. Guerrette, seconded by J. Theriault, to go into executive session under 1 MSRA §405(6)(D) Labor Contracts and Proposals. (6 yes) So voted.

8:53 p.m. time out.

No action taken.

Council Agenda Item #12: Next Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting – August 13 and September 10

Council Agenda Item #13: Adjournment

Motion made by T. Guerrette, seconded by N. Cote, to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. (6 yes) So voted.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary