

May 13, 2019

19-11 Wksp.

Item #1: Roll Call

A Workshop meeting of the Caribou City Council was held 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2019 at the Porvair Filtration, Inc. headquarters located at 15 Armco with the following members present: Mayor R. Mark Goughan, Deputy Mayor Jody R. Smith, David Martin, and Hugh A. Kirkpatrick. Joan L. Theriault, Nicole L. Cote, and Thomas Ayer were absent and excused.

Dennis L. Marker, City Manager was present.

Earlier in the day, Councilor Ayer toured the facilities.

Item #2: The purpose of the work session is to have an orientation tour of the Porvair Filtration operations in Caribou in order to better understand the company's request for 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

A tour and presentation was provided by General Manager David Mika.

- New section of the building is 7000 square feet and the original building is 6900 square feet.
- 48.5 employees and growing
- Large TVs were recently installed throughout the facility. They are used to keep workers informed of upcoming events, safety, & equipment
- The Porvair site has recently completed a two-day LEAN training 101 – all shifts and all employees
- The 2019 goal is to have \$7 million in sales. The Caribou site will produce 6.5 million pieces during 2019. 12,000 parts have been made at the Caribou site. Their goal is to have \$10 million in sales within three years
- Porvair wants steady fast growth
- Porvair Filtration Group (PFG) is publicly traded on the UK exchange. Porvair has two big competitors.
- In Caribou, the business was started in 1990 and was purchased by PFG in 2013.
- Mr. Mika explained what PFG would do if the CDBG was awarded. Items included equipment purchase, additional six employees, and renovations to the Caribou facilities.
- The making of filters was explained and shown
- Council questions were answered.

The workshop closed at 5:45 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary