

Council Agenda Item #1: Roll Call

The Caribou City Council held a regular meeting Monday, June 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor R. Mark Goughan, Deputy Thomas Ayer, Joan L. Theriault, Hugh A. Kirkpatrick, Jody R. Smith, and Douglas C. Morrell. Nicole L. Cote was absent and excused.

Dennis L. Marker, City Manager was present in Council Chambers.

Department Managers and Staff: None.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting was closed to the public and was broadcasted via Spectrum and Caribou's YouTube Channel.

Council Agenda Item #2: Invocation / Inspirational Thought

City Clerk Farrin acknowledged that June 1, 2020 marks the 70th anniversary of Margaret Chase Smith's famous speech "Declaration of Conscience" on the Senate floor. Additionally, Ms. Farrin read a brief statement from Senator Susan Collins recognizing Senator Smith and her call to set aside partisan differences.

Council Agenda Item #3: Pledge of Allegiance

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Agenda Item #4: Public Forum

Comments were to be submitted to the City Clerk (jfarrin@cariboumaine.org) prior to 5:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting to be read at the meeting. Comments must include the individuals name and address for the record

Email received by the City Clerk:

Received Monday, June 1, 2020 10:43 a.m.

- Gary Aiken – 471 Main Street – disagrees with prior comments made by the Mayor regarding the last Homestead Exemption and that the citizens of Caribou only received about 50% of that benefit. Mr. Aiken disagrees that the City had more than \$200,000 in savings last year. Mr. Aiken asked what guidance City Council used that allowed city employees to achieve the savings.

Council Agenda Item #5: Minutes

- a. City Council Regular Meeting – May 18, 2020

Motion made by T. Ayer, seconded by J. Theriault, to accept the May 18, 2020 Council minutes. Mayor Goughan asked to have his letter that he read at the May 18th meeting to be include in the minutes. City Clerk Farrin offered that the Mayor's letter could be added as "Exhibit A" to the minutes. Deputy Mayor Ayer and Councilor Theriault agreed to amend their motion and second to include Mayor Goughan's letter to the May 18, 2020 Council minutes. (6 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #6: Bid Awards, Appointments & Recognitions

- a. Bid Award for Public Works Roof Repair

POWERS ROOFING	CARIBOU	\$87,480.00
BUILDING ETCETERA	HOULTON	\$102,721.00
SMR INC.	PORTLAND	\$99,969.00

Motion made by H. Kirkpatrick, seconded by T. Ayer, to accept the Public Works Roof Repair bid of \$87,480.00 from Powers Roofing. (5 yes, 1 abstention, D. Morrell) So voted.

b. Bid Award for Airport Crack Seal Work

PELLETIER’S PROPERTY SERVICES	\$6,240.00
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Motion made by T. Ayer, seconded by J. Theriault, to accept the airport crack seal bid of \$6,240.00 from Pelletier’s Property Services. (5 yes, 1 abstention, D. Morrell) So voted.

c. Bid Award for Parking Lot Maintenance at the Fire Station

SODERBERG CONSTRUCTION	CARIBOU	\$28,500.00
TROMBLEY INDUSTRIES	LIMESTONE	\$37,650.00

Discussion. No action taken.

d. Bid Award for Parking Lot Maintenance at Sweden Street Mall

SODERBERG CONSTRUCTION	CARIBOU	\$45,000.00
TROMBLEY INDUSTRIES	LIMESTONE	\$55,400.00

Motion made by J. Theriault, seconded by J. Smith, to accept the Fire Station parking lot bid of \$28,500.00 from Soderberg Construction. (5 yes, 1 abstention, D. Morrell) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #7: New Business

a. July 2020 Election Poll Times and Warden Appointments

Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by J. Theriault, to approve an 8:00 a.m. opening time for the July 14, 2020 Election and to appoint Jayne R. Farrin as Election Warden, Danielle M. McLaughlin as Deputy Election Warden, and Cherie Garman as Deputy Election Warden for the July 14, 2020 Election. (6 yes) So voted.

b. Rubbish Hauler Permit Renewal for Pine Tree Waste

Motion made by H. Kirkpatrick, seconded by T. Ayer, to approve the rubbish hauler permit renewal for Pine Tree Waste. (6 yes) So voted.

c. Rubbish Hauler Permit Renewal for Caldwell’s Sanitation

Motion made by H. Kirkpatrick, seconded by T. Ayer, to approve the rubbish hauler permit renewal for Caldwell’s Sanitation. (6 yes) So voted.

d. Liquor License Extension for Maine Brew Pub

Northern Maine Brewing Company has submitted two “Request for Extension of License on Premise”: (1) additional seating due to covid-19 primarily on Fridays and Saturday and (2) beer garden and BBQ on Friday and Saturdays through the months of June, July, and August.

City Clerk Farrin asked that each request be voted on separately.

Motion made by H. Kirkpatrick, seconded by J. Smith, to approve Northern Maine Brewing Company’s “Request for Extension of License on Premise” for additional seating on the south side and adjacent to the restaurant due to covid-19 primarily on Fridays and Saturdays. (6 yes) So voted.

Motion made by J. Theriault, seconded by H. Kirkpatrick, to approve Northern Maine Brew Company, LLC’s Request for Extension of License on Premise for a Beer Garden on Fridays and Saturdays for the months of July and August, unless Governor Mill’s Rural Re-Opening Plan for this Category of business changes. Because of the Governor’s current re-opening plan, City Clerk Farrin had suggested the above motion. Deputy Mayor Ayer questioned why the motion wasn’t emailed to all Councilors. City Clerk Farrin noted that it wasn’t emailed to Councilor Theriault, but it was emailed to the City Manager Wednesday, May 27th. Deputy Mayor Ayer stated that he believes the motion should be for the months of June, July, and August. Manager Marker agreed with the Deputy Mayor Ayer and the Manager recommended that it be approved for the months of June, July, and August. Councilors Theriault and Kirkpatrick agreed to amend their motion to “Approve Northern Maine Brewing Company, LLC's Request for Extension of License on Premise for a Beer Garden on Fridays and Saturdays for the Months of June, July and August, subject to approvals by the State under pandemic executive orders.” (6 yes) So voted.

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

Deputy Mayor Ayer asked about what is being done about Miss Jordyn’s Daycare, do we have any suggestion for her, rezoning, and what is being done about her sign? He noted that there have been emails about this. The Manager suggested the topic be moved to Agenda Item #10 or #11.

Council Agenda Item #9: Reports and Discussion by Mayor and Council Members

a. 2020 Revenue Projections Update

Since March, the City’s revenue projections have decreased by \$318,000. The City has received some grants that will help reduce the projected revenue loss to \$255,000. Manager Marker reviewed the projections.

The RSU 39 is looking to have their budget by the second week in July. Discussion about setting the mil rate.

Council Agenda Item #10: City Manager’s Report

Manager Marker mentioned what has been out on social media regarding Miss Jordyn’s Daycare and traffic speed. He commented that people follow the law when there is a police presence. The Manager noted that there are options to reduce speed; such as, speed bumps or humps, if Council wants staff to look at options. The City is waiting on the property manager/owner concerning new signage and the City’s facade grant for the business.

Deputy Mayor Ayer asked if the City could use a traffic camera and get snapshots of license plates. He asked to have the cost of a traffic camera researched. Councilor Morrell suggested the solution is to have a police officer there when children are being picked up. Councilor Theriault asked about having a daycare sign installed.

The Manager reviewed his City Manager's Report May 29, 2020.

Councilor Kirkpatrick asked to have Miss Jordyn's Daycare added to the next City Manager's Report.

The Mayor wants to see something soon from the Blight Commission particularly information on Land Banks.

The snowplowing RFQ should be ready for the next Council meeting.

The Mayor looks forward to sitting down with Gary Aiken to show him the savings in the 2019 expense budget. He also wants to answer questions that have been raised by Roger Felix.

The Mayor still wants to recognize the boys' basketball team, Boy Scouts, and Spirit of America awardees. Discussion.

Council Agenda Item #11: Reports by Staff and Appointed Officials

None were given.

Council Agenda Item #12: Executive Session(s) (May be called to discuss matters identified under Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, §405.6)

a. Collective Bargaining Status Update

7:32 p.m. Time in. Motion made by J. Smith, seconded by T. Ayer, to move into executive session for a collective bargaining status update under MRSA Title 1§405(6)(D). (6 yes) So voted.

7:53 p.m. Time out.

No action taken.

Council Agenda Item #13: Executive Session for A Poverty Abatement Request under M.R.S.A. Title 36, §841

7:54 p.m. Time in. Motion made by T. Ayer, seconded by J. Theriault, to move into executive session to discuss a poverty abatement request under MRSA Title 36 §841. (6 yes) So voted.

8:08 p.m. Time out.

No action taken.

b. Personnel Matter

8:09 p.m. Time in. Motion made by H. Kirkpatrick, seconded by T. Ayer, to move into executive session to discuss a personnel matter under MRSA Title 1 §405(6)(A). (6 yes) So voted.

8:36 p.m. Time out.

No action taken.

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Mayor Goughan raised concern that executive session conversations were broadcast during the last meeting and asked if there was a mic kill switch in addition to the buttons pushed at the tables. He was concerned that the table buttons could accidentally be bumped and private conversations or meetings of any kind by staff or citizens, could be broadcast to the cable channel. Councilor Theriault noted that such things had happened in the past. Mayor Goughan recommended that a more modern system be considered.

Council Agenda Item #14: Next Meeting(s): June 15, 29, July 27

Council Agenda Item #15: Adjournment

Motion made by T. Ayer, seconded by H. Kirkpatrick, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Jayne R. Farrin, Secretary, (in Council Chambers)