CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Caribou will hold a City Council Meeting on Thursday, January 2, 2020 in the Council Chambers located at 25 High Street, 6:00 pm.

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Swearing in of Elected Officials
- 4. Election of Council Chairperson/Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2020
- 5. Bid Openings, Awards, and Appointments
 - a. Appointment of City Administrative Officers

 - i. City Manager
 - ii. City Treasurer
 - iii. City Tax Collector
 - iv. City Clerk & Registrar of Voters
 - v. Overseer of the General Assistance Program
 - vi. City Auditor
 - vii. Legal Officer(s)
 - viii. Public Health Officer
 - b. Approval of Administrative Appointments
 - i. Deputy Treasurer
 - ii. Deputy City Clerk
 - Appointment of Members to Community and Advisory Boards

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- i. Airport Advisory Committee (2)
- ii. Board of Assessors (1)
- iii. Housing Authority Board of Commissioners (2)
- iv. Caribou Utility District (2)
- v. Cary medical Center Board of Directors (2)
- vi. Caribou Hospital District Trustees (1)
- vii. Library Board of Trustees (2)
- viii. Nylander Museum Board of Trustees (3)
- ix. Planning Board (4)
- x. Recreation Commission (1)
- xi. Aroostook Waste Solutions (Formerly Tri-Community Landfill) Board (2)
- xii. Zoning Board of Appeals (2)
- d. Dog Licensing Award for 2019

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- 6. New Business & Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions
 - a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding 2020 Council Meeting Calendar

e. Discussion Regarding Fire/EMS Service Contracts with Outside Communities

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- b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Collection of Property Tax Prior to 2020 Commitment Pg 26
- c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Manager Authorization to Approve Warrants

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- d. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Authorization to Provide a Tax Club for 2020
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- 7. Reports and Discussion by Mayor and Council Members
- 8. Executive Session(s) (May be called to discuss matters identified under Maine Revised Statutes,

Title 1, §405.6)

- a. Personnel matter concerning the City Manager position §405.6.A
- b. Economic Development and Real State under §405.6.C.
- 9. Next Meeting: TBD
- 10. Adjournment

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MEMO

TO: Caribou City Council Members FROM: Dennis Marker, City Manager

RE: Mayoral and Deputy Mayor Election for 2020

DATE: December 27, 2019



As required by the City Charter¹ the Council needs to elect from among the Council members a Chairperson/Mayor and a Deputy Mayor/Chairperson for 2020.

Ballots will be distributed for written submission for the two positions, votes will be counted immediately upon collection and certified by the City Clerk.

¹ Caribou Charter, Section 2.03

MEMO

TO: Caribou City Council Members FROM: Dennis Marker, City Manager

RE: Appointment of Administrative City Officers for 2020

DATE: December 27, 2019



The City Charter requires several city positions to be appointed by the Council². It is recommended that the following individuals be appointed to the following offices for 2020.

Dennis Marker City Manager³ (The contract with the City Manager is set to

expire on July 4, 2020. The contract stipulates that it will

"automatically be renewed for an additional two (2) year term unless notice that the Agreement shall terminate is given at least

six (6) months before the expiration date." The six-month deadline for notice of termination is January 4, 2020.)

Carl Grant City Treasurer⁴

Carl Grant Tax Collector⁵

Jayne R. Farrin City Clerk⁶ and Registrar of Voters

Jayne R. Farrin Overseer of General Assistance

Felch & Company LLC City Auditor⁷

Solman & Hunter City Legal Officer⁸ (General)

Bernstein Shur City Legal Officer (Personnel and Collective Bargaining)

State statute⁹ also requires the City Council to appoint a local Health Officer for a 3-year period.

Chief Scott Susi City Health Officer.

² Caribou City Charter, Section 2.19

³ Ibid, Section 3.01

⁴ Ibid, Section 2.19(a)(1)

⁵ Ibid, Section 2.19(a)(4)

⁶ Ibid, Section 2.19(a)(2)

⁷ Ibid, Section 2.19(a)(3)

⁸ Ibid, Section 4.03

⁹ M.R.S. Title 22. Chapter 153, Section 451.1

MEMO

TO: Caribou City Council Members FROM: Dennis Marker, City Manager

RE: Approval of Administrative Appointments for 2020

DATE: December 27, 2019

The City Charter provides that certain positions are to be appointed administratively but receive approval from the City Council. Administration is seeking approval of the City Council for the following administrative appointments in 2020.

Danielle McLaughlin Deputy City Clerk¹⁰

Holli Doody Deputy Treasurer¹¹

¹⁰ City Charter, Section 2.07

¹¹ Ibid. Section 2.19(a)(1)

MEMO

TO: Caribou City Council Members FROM: Dennis Marker, City Manager

RE: Appointments to Community and Advisory Boards

DATE: December 27, 2019



The following individuals have expressed interest in serving on the following community or advisory boards. Some of the individuals were recommended by the respective boards (*) for Council appointment. The Council may make any appointments it feels appropriate. The individuals' applications are at the end of the Council packet in the order provided below.

BOARD/COMISSION	CONTACT PERSON	TERM ENDING 12/31/2019	APPLICATION RECEIVED	Term Length (yrs)
Airport Advisory	Dennis	Dougas Shrum		3
Committee	Marker	Tom Goetz		3
Board of Assessors	Penny	Michael Quinlan	Michael Quinlan	3
board of Assessors	Thompson			
Housing Authority	Lisa Plourde	James Belanger Jr.	James Belanger Jr.	3
Commissioners		OPEN POSITION		3
Caribou Utilities	Hugh	Janine Murchison	Janine Murchison*	3
District	Kirkpatrick	Nancy Solman	Nancy Solman*	3
Cary Board of	Peggy McAfee	Dr. Carl Flynn	Dr. Irene Djuanda*	3
Directors	reggy MCATEE	Carl Soderberg	Carl Soderberg*	3
Caribou Hospital	Peggy McAfee	David Wakem	David Wakem*	3
District Trustees	Peggy MCATEE		Bryan Cullins	3
Library Board of	Hope Shafer	Ryan Schieber		3
Trustees	поре знатег	Wendy Bossie		3
Node and an Decord of	C-:I	Kimber Noyes	Heather Hale	3
Nylander Board of Trustees	Gail Hagelstein	Gail Hagelstein	Gail Hagelstein	3
Hustees	Hageistein	Joyce Knorr (2020)		1
		Christine Solman	Christine Solman	3
Dlanning Board	Kenneth Murchison &	Todd Pelletier	Frank McElwain	3
Planning Board	Denise Lausier	Philip McDonough III		3
		Philip Cyr (2020)		1
Dographica Comission	Com. Moneyia	Jane Mavor-Small	Jane Mavor-Small	3
Recreation Comission	Gary Marquis			
Aroostook Waste	Dennis	R. Mark Goughan		1
Solutions	Marker	Kenneth Murchison	Kenneth Murchison	1
Zoning Board of	Kenneth	Lewis Cousins	Lewis Cousins	3
Appeals	Murchison	George Howe	George Howe	3

Name: Micha	el Quinlan		
Physical Address:	806 Sweden S	t	
Mailing Address:			
Phone Number:	207-492-1414	Home	Work
207-242-3401	Cell	mike.quinlan@outlook.com	Email
Professional or Civ	vic Activities (In	clude other committees y	ou have served on):
Rotary, Cary Med	ical Center, AMA	AC, Rose Acres	
			•
Education: BS Fin	ance Economics,	мва, сра	19e)
Present Employer	Name & Addre	ess: 806 Sweden St Caribou,	ME 04736
			a
Job Title: CPA			
GIA.			
I am Interested in	serving on the	following committee:	
Board of	Assessors		
Are you willing to	serve on ANY o	committee if needed?	YES NO
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Signature of Appli	cant	19	

Name: JAMES E. BELANGER JR.
Physical Address: 14 HOOVER AVE. CARIBOU, ME 04736
Mailing Address: Same
Phone Number: 762-0010 Home 493-4497 Work
TGZ-0010 Cell jbelanger@machiassavings.com Email
Professional or Civic Activities (Include other committees you have served on):
TREASURER CARIBOULITTLE LEAGUE
CORCH/MONAGER "
COACH AROSTOOK YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Education: AA from UMPI
Present Employer Name & Address: Machias Savinces BAUK
14Z Bennett DR. CARIBOU
Job Title: BRANCH MANAGER
I am Interested in serving on the following committee: CHA BOC
Are you willing to serve on ANY committee if needed?
James & Befanger Jr.
Signature of Applicant

CITY OF CARIBOU APPLICATION FOR STANDING COMMITTEES

Return to City Clerk, 25 High Street, Caribou, ME 04736 by
Committee (s) applying for: CARIBOU UTILITIES DISTRICT (CUD)
MURCHISON JAHINE 3.
LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME
Physical address DPARK ST CARIBOV, ME
Mailing AddressSAME
Telephone Number (s):
492-10167 Home 492-1014 Work 999-1487 Cell MURJ & SEWALL. COM Email
Have you ever filed an application with the city before? Yes No X
If yes, date (s):
Have you served on a committee with the city before: Yes No
Special skills and qualifications for service to Committee: Summarize special skills and qualifications acquired from work or other experiences
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MS IN BUGINEGG. BS IN CIVIL GHAINEERING. PROFEGSIONAL GHAINEER (PE) IN MAINE #7125
JAMEY W. SEWALL COMPANY, POBOX 190, CAZIBOV, ME Current place of employment and Address AND POBOX 133, OLD TOWN, ME
Bam - 5 Am Hours of employment Hours available
Date Signature of Applicant

CITY OF CARIBOU APPLICATION FOR STANDING COMMITTEES

Return to City Clerk, 25	High Street, Caribou, ME 0	4736 by
Committee (s) applying f	or: or Caribon Ut	iletees distrect
SOLMAN	NANCY	JEAN MIDDLE NAME
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME
Physical address8/	POWERS Rd.	Caribon, ME
Mailing Address P.O.	Box 325;	Caribone, ME 04736
Telephone Number (s):	,	
(207)498-8890 p	(ome_n/a_	Work (207) 592-2194 Cell
S89 corvette F e yahoo, com Have you ever filed an ap	mail oplication with the city before	ore? Yes No
	2016, 2013, 20	
Have you served on a co	mmittee with the city before	e: Yes No
If yes, Committee	and Date: Trustee	of Caribon Utilities District
Special skills and quality	fications for service to Col	mmittee: I from work or other experiences
Hearth Prof Property Man	essional for 3 egement/apartne	15 years (Regestered blental Hartal Hartal Leoner - 25 years) gienist
Retired		
Current place of employs	nent and Address	
Hours of employment		Most DAYS Hours available Marey Saeman
$\frac{9 - 11 - 19}{\text{Date}}$		Signature of Applicant





November 5, 2019

Dennis Marker City Manager 25 High Street Caribou, ME 04736

Dear Dennis,

At the November 4th, 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors at Cary Medical Center, we received a report from the Nominating Committee recommending that the following candidate be recommended to the City Council for appointment to the Cary Medical Center Board of Directors and one member be recommended for reappointment. As you are aware, we have one reappointment and one new appointment.

The Board of Directors would like to recommend that Dr. Irene Djuanda be appointed to a 3-year term on the Board of Directors with expiration December 31, 2022. Dr. Djuanda is a resident of Caribou and is an Internal Medicine Physician and Hospitalist for Pines Health Services and Cary Medical Center. The Board of Directors feel Dr. Djuanda would be a great addition to the Board.

The Board of Directors would like to recommend that Carl Soderberg be reappointed to a 3-year term on the Board of Directors that expires December 31, 2022.

Again, we would like to thank you and the City Council for your ongoing support and assistance.

Sincerely,

Kris A. Doody, RN, FACHE Chief Executive Officer

KD/pm



Name: IRENE DJUANDA
Physical Address: 42 MEADOWBROOK DR, CARIBOU ME 04736
Mailing Address:
Phone Number: 207-493-1183 Home 207-498-3111 Work
207-540-3356 Cell idjuanda@ caryned.org Email
Professional or Civic Activities (Include other committees you have served on):
Medical Review Countee
Medical Executive Comitte
Education: Medical School (M.D
Present Employer Name & Address: Pines Health Services
Job Title: Physician
I am Interested in serving on the following committee:
Are you willing to serve on ANY committee if needed? YES (NO)
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Signature of Applicant

Name: CARL SODERBERG
Physical Address: 22 MEADOWBROOK Drive, Caribone Me.
Mailing Address: 22 Meadaw Groof Drive Cariban
Phone Number: 207-493-7868 Home 207-498-6-200 Work
207-227 2829 Cell CARLESODION. Com Email
Professional or Civic Activities (Include other committees you have served on):
Pines Health Serv. LAMOEN IXATIMAL Bank
CARY MEDICAL Center Big Rock Ski Area
First Litizens Bank Maine Better Transp. Assoc.
BAIXIC OF MAINE
Education: CARIBON High School
Bachelor Degree - Univ. of Maine- Orono
Present Employer Name & Address: SODERBERG CO. MC.
Job Title: President
I am Interested in serving on the following committee:
CARY MEDICAL Center-Board of Directors - FINANCE COMM.
Are you willing to serve on ANY committee if needed? YES NO
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Signature of Applicant



November 5, 2019

Dennis Marker City Manager 25 High Street Caribou, ME 04736

Dear Dennis,

This is to inform you that David Wakem's three-year term will expire December 31, 2019. At the meeting on November 4th, the District voted to reappoint Mr. Wakem and would like to recommend to the City Council that he be appointed for another three-year term to the Caribou Hospital District through December 31, 2022.

Once again, we would like to thank you and the City Council for your ongoing support and assistance.

Sincerely,

Kris Doody, RN

Chief Executive Officer

KD/pm



Name: DAVID H. WAKEM
Physical Address: 20 RESERVOIR ST
Mailing Address: Caribou, ME Phone Number: 207-4936624 Home Sams Work WA
Phone Number: 207-4936624 Home Sam3 Work WA
Cell DWKSM @ MAN & RRICON Email
Professional or Civic Activities (Include other committees you have served on):
Hosp. DIST.
Education: BA Zeonovar's/ Apsicay
Present Employer Name & Address:
RETIRED
Job Title:
I am Interested in serving on the following committee: Hosp Dist
Are you willing to serve on ANY committee if needed? YES NO
Danit D. Wohn
Signature of Applicant

RETURN TO CITY CLERK, 25 HIGH STREET, CARIBOU, MAINE 04736

Name: Bryan Cullins
Physical Address: 185 Woodland Rd.
Mailing Address: 93 Bennett I
Phone Number: 207 999 2675 Home Same Work
SAME Cell Signtechto@gmailicon Email
Professional or Civic Activities (Include other committees you have served on):
Education: High School (Carilon)
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Present Employer Name & Address:
Sign-Tech
Job Title:
Owner / Operator
I am Interested in serving on the following committee:
Cardon Hospital District Board
Are you willing to serve on ANY committee if needed? YES NO
Bryan Cullins 12.19.19
Signature of Applicant

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RETURN TO CITY CLERK, 25 HIGH STREET, CARIBOU, MAINE 04736 Name: Heather Caribou ME 04736 Physical Address: 10 Mailing Address: Same Home 207 478 770 Work Phone Number: Hhale 7 egmail. com 207 212 2320 Cell **Email** Professional or Civic Activities (Include other committees you have served on): Education: Masters in Special Education Present Employer Name & Address: Easton Job Title: \$ I am Interested in serving on the following committee: Are you willing to serve on ANY committee if needed? NO YES (Signature of Applicant

RETURN TO CITY CLERK, 25 HIGH STREET, CARIBOU, MAINE 04736 Physical Address: 34 Coolid Same Mailing Address: Phone Number: 498, 3316 Home _______Work **Email** Cell Professional or Civic Activities (Include other committees you have served on): already on the Mylander board Education: Lote and lote Present Employer Name & Address: Pole Job Title: / I am Interested in serving on the following committee: Iglander Are you willing to serve on ANY committee if needed? YES Signature of Applicant

Name: Christine Solman
Physical Address: 36 Lower Lyndon St., Caribou, ME 04730
Physical Address: 34 Lower Lyndon St., Caribou, ME 04736 Mailing Address: PoBox 995, Caribou, ME 04736
Phone Number: 207)484-8725 Home Seme Work
some Cell Csolman planning Ogmail. Nomail
Professional or Civic Activities (Include other committees you have served on):
Planning Board 2010-2012, 2019
Planning Board 2010-2012, 2019 Real Estate Management
Education: B.S. Biology - Univ. of NH 1999
A.S. Medical Technology - UMPI 2014
Present Employer Name & Address: self-employed
Solman Holdings, LLC
/1
Job Title: Property Mgr., President.
I am Interested in serving on the following committee:
Planning Board Are you willing to serve on ANY committee if needed? YES
Are you willing to serve on ANY committee if needed? YES NO
1/2/9
11.13.19
Signature of Applicant

Name: Frank McElwain
Physical Address: 711 Sweden St.
Mailing Address: 711 Sweden St.
Phone Number: 498-8276 Home 498-8276 Work
551-8386 Cell Encelware mine 88.com Email
Professional or Civic Activities (Include other committees you have served on):
ASU39 Building Committee - New K-8-school
Parish Council - Holy Rosany Church
Caribon Rotary Club
Maine Farm Bureau
Education: BA/MA/CAS - UMO
Present Employer Name & Address: Self employed farmer
Job Title: Farmer
I am Interested in serving on the following committee: Zenting Board
- Planning Board
Are you willing to serve on ANY committee if needed? YES NO
Sunt of
Signature of Applicant

Name: JANE MAVOR-SMALL
Physical Address: 16 TEAGUE ST. CARLIBOU ME. 04736
Mailing Address: SAME
Phone Number: 207: 492:0451 HomeWork
207.551.2050 Cell <u>Cismall@maine.rr.Com</u> Email
Professional or Civic Activities (Include other committees you have served on):
Education:
Present Employer Name & Address: FAMILY EYE CARE = MAVOR OPTICAL
Job Title: CO-OWNER / OPTICIAN
I am Interested in serving on the following committee: PAIKS = REC
Are you willing to serve on ANY committee if needed? YES NO
R
Signature of Applicant

Name: Kenneth Murchison, Jr.					
Physical Address: 10 Park Street, Caribou, ME 04736					
Mailing Address: 10 Park Street, Caribou, ME 04736					
Phone Number: 492-1062 Home 493-5967 Work					
Cell <u>498-0639</u> Email <u>kmurchison@cariboumaine.org</u>					
Professional or Civic Activities (Include other committees you have served on):					
Caribou Age Friendly Community; Aroostook Regional Transportation System; Caribou Area Personalized Transportation System; Caribou Downtown Team; Business Investment Group; Caribou Bread of Life Kitchen; Aroostook Waste Solutions					
Education: Associates Degree, Northern Maine Community College					
Present Employer Name & Address: City of Caribou, 25 High Street, Caribou, ME					
Job Title: Zoning Administrator					
I am Interested in serving on the following committee: Aroostook Waste Solutions					
Are you willing to serve on ANY committee if needed? YES NO					
Leunet Muschung. Signature of Applicant					

Name: /c~is Cousini
Physical Address: 914 Cursor Pd. Woodland
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1413 CARIBON
Phone Number: <u>227-4707</u> Home 760-2714 Work
Cell / (OUSIVS a presque isleme = US Email
Professional or Civic Activities (Include other committees you have served on):
Regional Planning Committee # 2 School Union 122 Board - 3 Terms
No. For Maine Association of Assosing OFFices Chair
ACEO - Arostole Cole Entocagnit Organization Post President
Northern Me Board of Approval Baseball Umpires
Education: Some College, letitid CEO, BOILPI, Assessed III
Present Employer Name & Address: C.7, ok Proper Ista
Job Title: C. + Assissor
Tuteria Director of Planning + Development
I am Interested in serving on the following committee:
Zoning Boned OF Appeals
Are you willing to serve on ANY committee if needed? YES NO
hand Commo 11/12/19
Signature of Applicant

Name: George Howe					
Physical Address: 475 North Wade Rd					
Mailing Address:					
Phone Number: <u>55/-3756</u> Home <u>760-277の</u> Work					
Cell ghowe presqueis leme, us Email					
Professional or Civic Activities (Include other committees you have served on):					
Central Arositos & Soil + Water Conservation District Board					
•					
Education:					
1 year College					
Present Employer Name & Address: CTy of Present Tsle					
Job Title: Code + Health Officer					
I am Interested in serving on the following committee:					
Zoning Board of Appeals					
Are you willing to serve on ANY committee if needed? YES NO					
Heorgo House					
Signature of Applicant					

MEMO

TO: Caribou City Council Members FROM: Dennis Marker, City Manager

RE: Dog Licensing Raffle DATE: December 27, 2019



The City Clerk's office incentivized dog owners to license their dogs before the first of the year by including all licensees in a prize drawing for \$50 of veterinary services. Licensees were told the Council would select the winner during their first meeting in January.

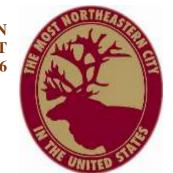
Proposed Action:

The newly elected Mayor will randomly select the \$50 prize winner during the Council meeting.

MEMO

TO: Caribou City Council Members
FROM: Dennis Marker, City Manager
RE: Council Meeting Schedule for 2020

DATE: December 27, 2019



It is proposed that the following regular meeting schedule be utilized by the City Council for 2020. Additional special meetings, work sessions or emergency meetings may also be convened in accordance with Maine Open and Public Meeting laws and the City's Charter.

January 13	Monday	Regular Meeting
January 27	Monday	Regular Meeting
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February 10	Monday	Regular Meeting
February 24	Monday	Regular Meeting
March 9	Monday	Regular Meeting
March 23	Monday	Regular Meeting
April 13	Monday	Regular Meeting
April 27	Monday	Regular Meeting (Final Revenue Budget Projections to Council)
May 11	Monday	Regular Meeting
May 26	Tuesday	Regular Meeting (Final 2020 Budget to Council)
June 8	Monday	Regular Meeting
June 22	Monday	Regular Meeting (2020 Mil Rate)
July 20	Monday	Regular Meeting
August 10	Monday	Regular Meeting
August 24	Monday	Regular Meeting
September 14	Monday	Regular Meeting
September 28	Monday	Regular Meeting
October 13	Tuesday	Regular Meeting (2021 Budget Forum)
October 26	Monday	Regular Meeting (2021 Budget Forum)
November 9	Monday	Regular Meeting (Public Hearing on 2021 Expense Budget)
November 23	Monday	Regular Meeting
December 14	Monday	Regular Meeting (2021 Expense Budget adoption)

All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at 25 High Street unless otherwise noticed. The proposed meeting time is 6pm.

Suggested Motion:

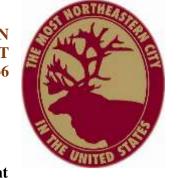
Move to accept the proposed Council meeting schedule for 2019

MEMO

TO: Caribou City Council Members FROM: Dennis Marker, City Manager

RE: Collection of Property Tax Prior to 2020 Commitment

DATE: December 27, 2019



It is proposed that the Council authorize the Tax Collector to accept payments of property tax prior to the 2020 commitment date. State statute, Title 36, Chapter 105, §506 provides that cities may authorize prepayment and pay interest on the payments, "at a rate not exceeding 8% per year; municipalities are not obligated to authorize the payment of interest on taxes prepaid..." We are however obligated to return any excess money paid over the final commitment amount.

Suggested Motion:

Move to authorize the Tax Collector to accept early payments of 2020 property taxes with a zero percent (0%) interest rate applied to any prepayment amounts.

MEMO

TO: Caribou City Council Members FROM: Dennis Marker, City Manager

RE: City Manager Authorization to Sign Warrants

DATE: December 21, 2019



It is proposed that the City Manager, Dennis Marker, be authorized to approve City Treasurer's Warrants for the 2020 calendar year. The city charter already authorizes the manager to be the purchasing agent for the City (See §3.04(11)). However, state code, Title 30-A §5603 requires an annual vote of the municipal officers to authorize warrant approvals pertaining to wages and benefits or disbursement of state fees. If authorization is not granted to the Manager or other designated municipal officer, then the full Council will need to approve all wage and benefit warrants. This means the council would need to approve each weekly payroll.

Suggested Motion:

Move to authorize the City Manager to review and approve all Treasurer Warrants for 2020.

MEMO

TO: Caribou City Council Members FROM: Dennis Marker, City Manager RE: Provision of a Tax Club for 2020

DATE: December 21, 2019



The Tax Club allows for persons to participate in a program whereby their 2020 Tax Commitment will be divided into 12 equal monthly payments and the participant will pay this estimated tax accordingly. Once the 2020 Commitment has been made, the final payment on their actual 2020 commitment, the difference between their 2019 commitment versus their 2020 commitment, will be adjusted for their December payment. Participants will also not incur interest on their account for the months of October, November and December as part of the program. Many persons find this type of payment program beneficial, especially the ability to pay their last three payments absent interest on their account.

Suggested Motion:

Move to authorize a Tax Club for 2020 as previously established. Providing for 12 equal payments of an accounts tax liability with no applied interest in October, November, and December for club participants.

MEMO

TO: Caribou City Council Members FROM: Dennis Marker, City Manager

RE: Fire/EMS Contracts with outside communities

DATE: December 27, 2019



Discussion Item:

City staff met with representatives of each community contracted to receive Fire and/or EMS services in 2019. We discussed the city's direction of requiring each community to pay a greater proportion of the service costs. A letter was sent to the towns further outlining the direction of the Caribou Fire/EMS services (see attached).

Some of the questions that arose from these meetings include:

- Why doesn't Caribou institute a rate increase schedule over multiple years instead of all at once?
- Since town meetings will not take place until January or later depending on the community, will Caribou extend any current contracts until the towns can make a decision?

To date, the responses to these questions have been a) a ramping up of fees requires continued subsidizing of services rendered by Caribou's residents and the City Council is not in favor of that action, b) Due to the timeliness of the information, Caribou would be willing to extend current contracts to January 31, 2020. Unless a town indicates otherwise before that date, Caribou will assume towns are dropping the ambulance service contract and will bill for any runs to those communities according to our fee schedule.



City of Caribou, Maine

Municipal Building 25 High Street Caribou, ME 04736

Telephone: (207) 493-3324 Fax: (207) 498-3954 www.cariboumain.org

December 23, 2019

Teresa Prue, Town Clerk Town of New Sweden 50 Station Rd New Sweden, ME 04762-3532

RE: Fire and Ambulance Service Contracts for 2020

Dear Town Officials:

There have been many changes within the ambulance service industry this past year. The most significant for our region was the announcement by Crown Ambulance that they would no longer provide emergency response services. Without getting into the details of why Crown made the decision they did, it simply comes down to mandated reimbursements being below costs incurred for operation of these services. While Crown's decision is causing many communities to reconsider their service needs, it has also been the impetus for other service providers to scrutinize their own solvency.

Caribou recognizes the need to reduce costs while not reducing the desired level of services being provided. In 2019, Caribou City took a closer look at our fire and EMS department budget. We trimmed operational costs, have deferred capital needs where we could and helped get legislation passed to increase state reimbursements. Unfortunately, costs continue to escalate while the health care industry reimbursements do not keep pace. We have found that providing a fire and ambulance service for the region is not sustainable with the reimbursement system we have and for the fees we've been charging outside communities. Due to that fact, Caribou is proposing the following options for towns who have previously contracted for our services.

Option 1: Your community may choose to no longer contract for ambulance or fire services with Caribou. This would eliminate any annual population-based fee as found in previous contracts but would remove your community from Caribou's automatic dial system for medical emergencies. If Caribou is paged for a call in your community and has available crew, we will respond but personnel will not be paged in to make the run. There is a potential that response times would be delayed. Any run to your community will be billed to the town at a rate of \$500 per run. Fire services provided in your community will be billed based on personnel and equipment rates.

Option 2: Your community may choose to no longer contract for ambulance services but retain Caribou's fire services. In such case all ambulance billing would be as noted in Option 1. Towns will be billed for fire services at a rate of \$50 per person based on the most recent census estimates.

Option 3: Your community may choose to have ambulance service contract with Caribou but no fire service. With a contract, your community would remain on Caribou's immediate callout list. Caribou would provide staffing necessary to make runs in your community as we have in the past. There would be no per run charge to your community, however your community would pay an annual fee of \$100 per person based on the most recent census estimates. This annual

population-based fee would be payable in quarterly installments. Fire services provided in your community will be billed based on personnel and equipment rates.

Option 4. Your community may choose to have fire and ambulance services with Caribou. In such case, your town will be billed \$125 per person annually for both services. Populations will be based on the most recent census estimates.

The current fire and/or ambulance service contracts between Caribou City and your community will expire on December 31, 2019. Recognizing that you may not meet again to deliberate on this issue before that time, Caribou will extend any existing contracts for service until January 31, 2020. Unless we are notified differently prior to January 31, Caribou will assume your community has selected Option 1 and we will begin billing runs accordingly. Communities may opt-in to Caribou's Fire and EMS services anytime during 2020 at a prorated rate.

We understand there will be many questions. We are willing to attend your town meetings and discuss this more if desired. Feel free to call me at 207-493-5962 or email citymanager@cariboumaine.org.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Marker, AICP, MPA

City Manager