

Council Agenda Item #1: Roll Call

The Caribou City Council held a City Council Meeting, Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with the following members present D. Morrell, H. Kirkpatrick, R. Mark Goughan, T. Ayer, N. Cote, and J. Theriault. Absent J. Smith

Dennis L Marker, City Manager was present in Council Chambers along with Department heads K. Murchison, G. Marquis, P. Thompson, C. Gibson, Chief S. Susi, Chief M. Gahagan, H. Shafer, D. Ouellette and C. Grant via Zoom.

Council Agenda Item #2: Invocation/Inspirational Thought

Mayor Goughan read an invocation

Council Agenda Item #3: Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Goughan led the Pledge of Allegiance

Council Agenda Item #4: Public Forum:

Troy Barnes- Citizen of Caribou & Math Teacher: He came to talk about his concerns with the ambulance transport services. His son broke his leg in a soccer game on October 8, 2020 and needed to be transported south for surgery. Surgery was scheduled for 6:00a.m. the following day. Due to not having the transportation available the surgery had to get delayed until 9:00a.m. He asked that the Council protect the funding for the ambulance service so we have adequate staffing.

Milo Haney- Citizen of Caribou: He came to express his concern about items that are being stated on Social Media and the possibility of people having fake profiles and causing problems for people and businesses. He expressed concern about people and businesses being threatened or impacted negatively because of the words being shared through social media

Rudman-Winchell- Email received and read by Manager Marker: Email was regarding the sewer problem on Washburn Street. They proposed an ordinance change to help assist the property owners in the area who may experience the same issues. The ordinance would allow for temporary sub-surface wastewater systems. Manager Marker noted that the amendment would be discussed by the Planning Board at their October 22 meeting.

Council Agenda Item #5: City Council Minutes

There were none available for review.

Council Agenda Item #6: Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

a. Financials – September Financial Report: Carl Grant reviewed financials report (via Zoom) dated October 13, 2020 for September 2020.

Motion made by J. Theriault, seconded by N. Cote to accept the September financial report. (6 Yes) So voted.

Manager Marker discussed the city's cash on hand report and gave the Council updated end of year projections. The city is projected to lose over \$234,000 even after departments are projected to save \$225,000. Mayor Goughan asked that the city seek all available COVID reimbursements possible. Chief Gahagan explained that the COVID reimbursement through FEMA is 75% and the application process will take roughly 23 hours to complete. Only public safety departments are eligible.

b. Budget Forum for 2021 Budget Items

i. Nylander Museum Operations and Capital Proposals

Travis Michaud represented the Nylander Museum and stated that they had a very successful Dino week back in February where they had right around 350 visitors, which was more than they had received in an entire year roughly four years ago. He showed examples of upcycling projects that are done at the museum and explained Travel Trunks that can bring the museum to the classroom. He also explained the proposed budget for 2021 assisted by Manager Marker explaining the Capital Proposals.

ii. Library Operations and Capital Proposals

Hope Shafer stated that the library is open and that she has no major changes in her budget for the upcoming year. She explained how she is mentoring other libraries on the process of being opened. Manager Marker assisted in explaining the Capital Proposals

iii. Public Works Operations and Capital Proposals

Dave Ouellette came to explain some of the different projects and the proposed budget for the upcoming year. Manager Marker assisted with Capital Proposals and discussed the public works wage and benefits comparison chart for the surrounding communities.

iv. Recreation Operations and Capital Proposals

v. Parks Operations and Capital Proposals

vi. Snow Trail Maintenance Operations

Gary Marquis came to explain some of the current and upcoming projects as well as the proposed budget for 2021 (for iv, v, and vi), Manager Marker assisted with explaining the Capital Proposals.

c. City Manager's Report

Manager Marker reviewed the City Manager's report dated October 16, 2020.

Council Agenda Item #7: Bid Award, Recognitions & Appointments

a. Fire Station Structural Repair Bid

Jan Murchison, Sewell Representative explained the bids received and the project. She explained that the low bidder has previously done other projects and that they had checked references and that they received all good remarks. It has been suggested by Sewell that we accept the bid from Kevin W. Smith & Son, Inc. for the Fire Station Structural Repair Bid. The bids came in under engineer's estimate.

Motion made by H. Kirkpatrick, seconded by T. Ayer to accept the lowest bid from Kevin W. Smith & Son, Inc. for \$218,400.00 with Additive Alternate #2 for an additional \$18,000.00. (6 Yes) So voted.

b. Award of Bid for Tax Acquired Property located at 137 Washburn Road

Motion made by H. Kirkpatrick, seconded by D. Morrell to sell the property located at 137 Washburn Road to John Pelletier in the amount of \$3,625. (6 Yes) So voted.

c. Appointment of Façade Improvement Review Committee Members

Motion made by T. Ayer, seconded by J. Theriault to have the city manager name the members of the Façade Improvement Review Committee. (6 Yes) So voted. The Council further directed that no reconsideration would be given to the 2020 applicants under the revised program guidelines.

Council Agenda Item #8: Public Hearing & Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

a. Ordinance No. 5, 2020 Series Amending the General Assistance Rates

Open Public Hearing: 9:04p.m.

No comments were given by community members present at the hearing.

Close Public Hearing: 9:05p.m.

Motion made by D. Morrell, seconded by T. Ayer to adopt Ordinance No. 5, 2020 series and accept the figures presented by the State of Maine for the 2020-2021 General Assistance. (6 Yes) So voted.

Council Agenda Item #9: New Business

a. Sale of Tax Acquired Property located on the Presque Isle Road (Map 2 Lot 36)

Motion made by T. Ayer, seconded by H. Kirkpatrick to sell the property on the Presque Isle Road to Frank Amador for the amount of \$400.00. (6 Yes) So voted.

b. 2021 Contract for Animal Services

Motion made by T. Ayer, seconded by H. Kirkpatrick to accept the contract for 2021 Animal Services with the Central Aroostook Humane Society.

c. Community Broadband Solutions

H. Kirkpatrick explained the project to expand the fiber network and that it would cost roughly \$5,000,000 through Pioneer Broadband who has done this in several other communities.

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

J. Theriault:

Motion made by J. Theriault under 2.06(6) to remove D. Morrell from council for failure to pay his property taxes before the December 31st deadline. Motion failed due to the lack of a second.

D. Morrell: Would like to know the status on the pop-up junk yard.

K. Murchison explained that the next court date is set for November 5, 2020.

Council Agenda Item #11: Executive Session

Motion made by D. Morrell, seconded by H. Kirkpatrick to enter executive session at 9:40p.m. to discuss Real Estate Issues surrounding the Airport per §405.6(c). (6 Yes) So voted.

Council exited executive session at 9:51p.m.

No Action taken.

Motion made by D. Morrell, seconded by H. Kirkpatrick to enter executive session at 9:51p.m. to discuss a personnel matter per §405.6(a). (6 Yes) So voted.

Council exited executive session at 10:15p.m.

No Action taken.

Council Agenda Item #12: Next Meeting(s) November 2, 16, 30, December 7

Council Agenda Item #13: Adjournment

Motion made by H. Kirkpatrick, seconded by D. Morrell to adjourn the meeting at 10:16p.m. (6 Yes) so voted.

Danielle M Brissette, Secretary