

Council Agenda Item #1: Roll Call

The Caribou City Council held a City Council Meeting, Monday, October 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with the following members present D. Morrell, H. Kirkpatrick, R. Mark Goughan, T. Ayer, J. Theriault and N. Cote. J. Smith was absent and excused.

Dennis L Marker, City manager was present in Council Chambers along with Department Heads K. Murchison, Chief M. Gahagan, Chief S. Susi, P. Thompson, G. Marquis, and C. Kane-Gibson.

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

John DeVeau- Resident of Caribou- Came in requesting an apology from Councilor D. Morrell regarding wording previously used regarding local Veterans organizations.

Jimmy Bacon- Resident of Caribou- Came to find out how to appeal the decision from the CUD about putting in a septic system.

Gary Aiken – Resident of Caribou- Came in to talk about the City Charter and different aspects of Council Meetings, Boards and Committees and regarding council members tax deadlines. He asked the Council to take action against Councilor Morrell for not paying his taxes before December 31 as outlined in the Charter.

Michael Stiggle from Mars Hill, owner of Timberwolves Restaurant- He came in regarding a use permit for Aunt Maggie's Medical Marijuana and Bakery.

Christine Lister- Resident of Caribou- Came in to explain her research through the City's Council minutes and her findings. She explained things about the Charter being changed and her views. She brought in information / statements from the previous Charter Commission members that worked on the charter and updated it and the intent of the December 31st rule for council members to have their taxes paid.

Council Agenda Item #5: City Council Minutes

a. September 8 Regular Meeting

Motion made by D. Morrell, seconded by J. Theriault to approve the September 8, 2020 Regular meeting minutes as written. (6 Yes) So moved.

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

a. Budget Forum

i. Fund 17 Health and Sanitation Budget Presentation

Manager Marker explained that Fund 17 is primarily made up of funds from Aroostook Waste Solutions. Waiting for AWS to provide budget numbers, but estimated a 3% increase.

ii. Fund 31 Fire/EMS 2021 Operating Budget Presentation

Chief Susi presented the 2021 proposed budget for Fund 31 Fire/EMS Operating Budget Presentation. A 3.8% (\$87,846) increase is requested.

iii. Fund 31 Capital Budget Presentation

Manager Marker explained the Capital budget portion of the 2021 budget year for Fund 31. The major capital project for 2021 will be strengthening the building roof trusses and replacing the roof membrane system.

vi. Fund 60 Airport 2021 Operating Budget Presentation

v. Fund 60 Airport 2021 Capital Budget Presentation

Manager Marker reviewed Fund 60 Airport Operating and Capital Budget for the 2021 budget year. A 0% increase from last year is proposed for operations. Major capital project is a \$130,000 apron overlay.

vi. Fund 61 Caribou Trailer Park 2021 Budget Presentation

Manager Marker explained Fund 61 Caribou Trailer Park 2021 projected budget.

Discussion regarding more abandoned trailers that need to be removed and the possibility of closing the Caribou Trailer Park.

Motion made by H. Kirkpatrick, seconded by J. Theriault to start the procedure to close the trailer park. (5 Yes, 1 No R. Mark Goughan) So voted.

vii. Fund 65 Cemeteries

Manager Marker assisted by G. Marquis explained the responsibility of the City to the local Cemeteries for the 2021 budget season. City must take care of veteran graves and the budgeted funds are paid to cemetery owners so they will perform those duties.

b. City Manager's Report

i. Charter Consistency of Council Actions

Manager Marker summarized that he did not find any blatant violation of the charter during the timeframe in which he was asked to look at. He did highlight some areas that could be some general points of order, process, or customary actions which can be refined to be more consistent with the plain wording of the Charter.

ii. City Manager's Report

Manager Marker reviewed the City Manager's Report dated October 2, 2020.

G. Marquis gave an update on the Splash Pad & Teague Park projects.

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

There were none discussed.

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

There were none discussed.

Council Agenda Item #9: New Business

There were none discussed.

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

D. Morrell – Thanks John for the input and would like to know his relationship to the Sargent of Arms.
Would like to know the status of the pop-up junk yard on Access Highway.

*K. Murchison: The court date has been extended another 30 days due to the person not appearing in Court.

What is the status of the West Gate Trailer Park?

*K. Murchison: The park is for sale. The trailers belong to citizens.

T. Ayer - Likes to receive the good to knows.

Council Agenda Item #11: Executive Session(s) (May be called to discuss matters identified under Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, §405.6)

Motion made by T. Ayer, seconded by D. Morrell to enter executive session under §405.6.C to discuss the River Road Project. (6 Yes) So voted.

Council exited executive session at 8:51 p.m. No action was taken.

Motion made by H. Kirkpatrick, seconded by T. Ayer to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. (6 Yes) So voted.

Danielle M Brissette, Secretary