

Council Agenda Item #1: Roll Call

The Caribou City Council held a City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, in the Council Chambers with the following members present; Councilors Boma, Morrell, Theriault, Willey and Mayor Smith. Deputy Mayor Ayer and Councilor Goughan were absent and excused.

Penny Thompson, Interim City Manager was present at the meeting.

Department managers Kenneth G Murchison (Zoning Administrator), Peter Baldwin (Librarian), and Christina Kane-Gibson (Events & Marketing Director) were present at the meeting.

Hannah Catlin of the Aroostook Republican covered the meeting, and it was broadcasted via Spectrum and YouTube.

Council Agenda Item#2: Invocation/Inspirational Thought

Mayor Smith read an invocation.

Council Agenda Item #3: Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Agenda Item #4: Public Forum

There were no comments made.

Council Agenda Item #5: Bid Openings, Awards, and Appointments

a. Nylander Board resignation

Motion made by Councilor Morrell, seconded by Councilor Theriault to accept the resignation from Phil McDonough's resignation from the Nylander Board.

Roll Call Vote: C. Boma - Yes, D. Morrell – Yes, J. Theriault - Yes, L. Willey - Yes, T. Ayer - Yes, (So voted)

Council has suggested that we advertise and come back at a later date to appoint a board member to fill the vacancy.

Council Agenda Item #6: Public Hearings and Possible Action

There were no items of discussion.

Council Agenda Item #7: Reports by Staff and Committees

a. Manager's Report

Interim Manager Penny Thompson reviewed the City Manager's Report dated September 3, 2021.

b. RFQ for Caribou Municipal Airport General Consultant / Airport Engineer

Interim Manager Thompson explained that the last contract that was in place had expired in 2020.

Motion made by Councilor Willey, seconded by Councilor Theriault to put out the RFQ for the Caribou Municipal Airport General Consultant / Airport Engineer

Roll Call Vote: C. Boma - Yes, D. Morrell – Yes, J. Theriault - Yes, L. Willey - Yes, T. Ayer - Yes, (So voted)

Council Agenda Item #8: New Business, Ordinances and Resolutions

a. Introduction of Ordinance No. 18, 2021 Series, Amending Chapter 17 General Assistance

Councilor Morrell introduced Ordinance No. 18, 2021 Series, Amending Chapter 17 General Assistance.

b. Motion to set November Election times and Warden appointments

Motion made by Councilor Morrell, seconded by Councilor Willey to set the opening time for the November 2, 2021, Election at 8:00 am, to appoint Danielle Brissette as election warden, with Cherie Garman and Lisa LaBarre as deputy wardens.

Roll Call Vote: C. Boma - Yes, D. Morrell – Yes, J. Theriault - Yes, L. Willey - Yes, T. Ayer - Yes, (So voted)

Council Agenda Item #9: Old Business

There were no items of discussion.

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

Mayor Smith wanted to briefly discuss the public safety committee. He explained that at the last meeting there were motions that were brought up. Roughly four or five years ago they had started talking about the public safety building and it's moved forward. It was kind of at a stalemate for a year, after becoming mayor we created the public safety committee. At the last meeting there was a presentation by Artifex who came up with a number and there were a couple of motions made and questions on whether the item was dead or not. We have received some clarification through MMA and Rick Solman regarding the topic and how to move forward. A special meeting had been considered and it didn't work out to get the question on the ballot. In the future very soon as a council we are going to get together and become more united on this topic and possibly have something for the June referendum.

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

Council did not enter executive session.

Council Agenda Item #12: Next Regular Meetings: September 20, October 4

Council Agenda Item #13: Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Willey, seconded by Councilor Theriault to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Danielle Brissette, Secretary