



**City Manager's Report
October 29, 2021**

Economic Projects

River Front - Powerplants	County Environmental Engineering, Inc. will begin field work soon. This will include asbestos sampling and a hazardous material inventory.
Broadband Initiative	10/27/2021: County Broadband Remote work subcommittee meeting; Spectrum will present at the 11/1/2021 meeting regarding Fiber To The Home (FTTH) and their plan to reach Caribou residents. There are 43 miles with 294 homes currently unserved.
CDBG	No new updates.
Ogren Dump Solar Project	No new updates.
Events and Marketing	The annual Candidate Forum for those running for the Caribou City Council October 27, 2021 6pm in the City Council Chambers with Jason Parent moderating is available on YouTube. Spectrum did some additional work on Friday 10/29 and sound is working well. Next big thing: Small Business Saturday - November 27
Landbank	No new updates.
Chapter 13 Rewrite	No new updates.
Federal American Rescue Plan Act	Received some guidance from the County so that we could move forward with reimbursing BIG for the Broadband Study.
Blight Cleanup	No new updates.
Birdseye Cleanup	No new updates.
60 Access Highway	Use permit and building permit received for this major local investment. More details to come.
River Front - Master Plan	Committee met and officers elected. Have also identified committee groups.
Façade Improvement Program	No updates.
Hilltop Senior Living	Units are available for rent.
Aldrich ATV/Snowmobile Storage	There were some emails exchanged regarding site access. This si a project.
Jarosz Storage - Limestone St	No new updates.

Other Administrative Projects

Tax Acquired Property Policy	First review of properties on tonight's agenda.
Nylander	Bids opened and on tonight's agenda. Sprinkler company came up to inspect and repair. MMA Insurance was also on site. We have received 4 applications.
Fire Structural Work	Contractor addressed a leak. This was coordinated with Jan Murchison of Sewell.
Teague Park	Parking lot is paved and striped.
Police Station	Non-binding question is on ballot tomorrow - Election Day.
Fire Station Renovations	No new updates.
Investment Policy	No new updates.
Trailer Park Closure	Working to satisfy the requirement to serve notice on some individuals who have been evading notice.
Fish Hatchery Bridge	No new updates.
Cable Franchise Renewal	No new updates.
Airport	A meeting of the City Council Airport committee will meet prior to the 11/1 City Council meeting to review the two RFQs for Airport Engineering Services that have been received.
City Hall Boiler Systems	Dead River was in Friday 10/22 working on the thermostat project.
Chambers AV System	Sound was scratchy during Council Forum. Bob Sowers from Oak Leaf reached out to Spectrum and seemed to be fixed by the Planning Board meeting on Thursday night.
River Road	Public Works has worked to widen road on the south side for safe winter travel.
New LED Street lights	No new updates.
Comp Plan Update	Planning Board met on Thursday to discuss next steps.
COVID-19 Status	Aroostook County (and all of Maine) is still listed by the CDC as having a "High" community transmission rate.
Personnel Policy	No new updates.
Parking Lot Paving	No new updates
Procurement Policy	No new updates.
Personnel Changes	Public Works - new PT person and road foreman position open; Assistant City Clerk position open until filled.