



City Manager's Report

December 10, 2021

Economic Projects

River Front - Powerplants	Contacted by DEP regarding mandatory inspections of tank # 21622. This is a 25-year old 15,000 gallon diesel fuel tank. Last inspection was in 2019 so the City of Caribou is not in compliance. Action to resolve the issue: Underground piping has been removed by County Environmental.
Broadband Initiative	NMDC has been contacted and there have been no grant specifications released for infrastructure - yet. At the 12/13 meeting, the City Council will hear from Consolidated Communications and the Business Investment Group.
CDBG	The draft of the 2022 CDBG Program is online at the DECD website, along with projected program timeframes.
Ogren Dump Solar Project	Working to set up a conference call with those involved with the project as they prepare to gear up for construction.
Events and Marketing	The library has many holiday events happening. There is also a "Senior Santa" tree at the Wellness Center.
Landbank	Legislature will take up the State Land Bank language in coming session.
Chapter 13 Rewrite	Mr. Murchison is coordinating with Mr. Kamm from NMDC about possible dates to discuss Chapter 13 rewrite options.
Federal American Rescue Plan Act	Unfortunately, there are no new updates.
Blight Cleanup	30 North Street is down. Mr. Murchison is working to connect with a process server in California to make Dr. Bielinski aware that 37 Home Farm Road presents an immediate hazard and will be torn down next.
Birdseye Cleanup	CES has prepared documents so the work remaining at the site can go out for bid.
60 Access Highway	On tonight's agenda.
River Front - Master Plan	There will be another meeting on 12/14 featuring a zoom with Nate Moulton of Maine DOT, office of Freight and Passenger Services
Façade Improvement Program	Work has started at the Bennett Drive Redemption location.
Aldrich ATV/Snowmobile Storage	This property would be part of the new TIF District being discussed tonight.
Jarosz Storage - Limestone St	Nearing completion.

Business Outreach

Channel X ads to encourage shopping at local Caribou businesses.

Other Administrative Projects

Tax Acquired Property Policy	Finance department has sent out notices to inform residents that the property has been acquired and they have until 01-31-2022 to pay all taxes, costs and interests for all years if they wish to have ownership restored.
Nylander	On the agenda tonight.
Fire Structural Work	There was another leak on 12/6. Jan Murchison of Sewall is working on this.
Fire Station Renovations	No new updates.
Police Station	There was a committee meeting on Monday 12/6.
River Road	Dr. Chomka called this week looking for an update.
Investment Policy	No new updates.
Trailer Park Closure	Caribou Housing Agency is working with four of the remaining families.
Fish Hatchery Bridge	No new updates.
Cable Franchise Renewal	No new updates.
Airport	No hangar space currently available. FAA is updating their NOTAM system. Fuel has been ordered as we must place an order every nine months to refresh the fuel in the tank.
Personnel Policy	No new updates.
Chambers AV System	No new updates.
Procurement Policy	No new updates.
New LED Street lights	Received word that the light on Donie Street is now working. Other issues have been reported to RealTerm. Police officers are looking for dark areas of town during their patrols.
Comp Plan Update	Mr. Murchison is coordinating with Mr. Kamm from NMDC about possible dates to discuss 2024 Comprehensive Plan rewrite options.
COVID-19 Status	I received a call from a citizen who is concerned about the spread of COVID in the Caribou community and would like the City Council to consider making mask wearing mandatory regardless of vaccination status.
Administrative Approvals	No administrative approvals since last meeting.
Personnel Changes	Offer was made and accepted for the Assistant City Clerk position from a field of very highly qualified candidates.

Age-Friendly Efforts

Met with Elizabeth Singer and she will work to coordinate with Caribou High School and Area on Aging about mobilizing some helpers with snow shoveling for seniors.