

Council Agenda Item #1: Roll Call

The Caribou City Council held a City Council Meeting on Monday, November 15, 2021, in the Council Chambers with the following members present; Mayor Smith, Deputy Mayor Ayer Councilors Goughan, Morrell (via Zoom), Theriault, and Willey. Councilor Boma was absent and excused.

Penny Thompson, City Manager was present at the meeting.

Department managers Kenneth Murchison (CEO/Zoning Administrator) were present for the meeting.

Melissa Lizotte of the Aroostook Republican covered the meeting, and it was broadcasted via Spectrum and YouTube.

Council Agenda Item #2: Invocation / Inspirational Thought

Pastor Sid Kear from the Living Water Apostolic Church of Caribou led 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 public comments.

Council Agenda Item #5: Minutes

a. November 1, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting

Motion made by Councilor Theriault, seconded by Councilor Willey to accept the November 1, 2021, meeting minutes as presented.

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

Council Agenda Item #6: Bid Openings, Awards, and Appointments

a. Field Delivery Presentation

The presentation has been moved to the November 29, 2021 meeting.

b. Airport RFQ – award for contract for engineering services

Councilor Theriault explained that the Airport Committee recommends Stantec Consulting Services Inc. of Portland.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Ayer, seconded by Councilor Willey to accept an agreement with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. of Portland.

Roll Call Vote: T. Ayer – Yes, R.M. Goughan – Yes, D. Morrell – Yes, J. Theriault - Yes, L. Willey - Yes, J. Smith - Yes, (So voted)

Council Agenda Item #7: Public Hearings and Possible Action Items

There were no items scheduled for discussion.

Council Agenda Item #8: Reports by Staff and Committees

a. Abatement of property taxes on 16 Sincock Street – Finance Department

Mayor Smith explained that this is a property that was conveyed at the last meeting to Dale Johnson and now they needed to abate the remainder of the taxes.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Ayer, seconded by Councilor Theriault to abate the taxes for 16 Sincock Street.

Roll Call Vote: T. Ayer – Yes, R.M. Goughan – Yes, D. Morrell – Yes, J. Theriault - Yes, L. Willey - Yes, J. Smith - Yes, (So voted)

b. Tax Acquired Property – Finance Department

Mayor Smith explained that at the last meeting the Council was given a memo for a first read of properties subject from the automatic lien foreclosure process. Some of the properties have been removed from the list because the payment has been received for the full payment on the 2019 taxes and related expenses. Tonight, the Council needs to vote to waive foreclosure on any property that they wish to stop the automatic lien foreclosure process.

Manager Thompson explained that there is a memo from the finance department for four properties that were paid off today: 96 Main St., 34 W. Presque Isle Rd., 898 Van Buren Rd, and 22 Veronica Street. There are also two mobile homes that have no land, and it is suggested that they waive the foreclosure on them. The one located at 375 Belanger Road is the one that the finance director had talked about in the last meeting that the foreclosure was waived last year, and there is quite a lot of taxes owed on the property.

Motion made by Councilor Theriault, seconded by Councilor Willey to waive foreclosure on 577 Access Highway Lot 3 (RE Account 1636) and 557 Access Highway Lot 10 (RE Account 5121)

Roll Call Vote: T. Ayer – Yes, R.M. Goughan – No, D. Morrell – Yes, J. Theriault - Yes, L. Willey - Yes, J. Smith - Yes, (So voted)

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Ayer, seconded by Councilor Morrell to waive the foreclosure of the Merlin One LLC properties Account 711 0 East Presque Isle Road - Map 8 Lot 71, and Account 2549 0 Lyndon Street - Map 25 Lot 148

Roll Call Vote: T. Ayer – Yes, R.M. Goughan – Yes, D. Morrell – Yes, J. Theriault - Yes, L. Willey - Yes, J. Smith - Yes, (So voted)

c. Manager’s Report

Manager Thompson reviewed the City Manager’s report dated November 12, 2021

Council Agenda Item #9: New Business, Ordinances and Resolutions

There were no items scheduled for discussion.

Council Agenda Item #10: Old Business

a. Ordinance No. 17, 2021 Series, Charter Amendment

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Ayer, seconded by Councilor Morrell to approve Ordinance No. 17, 2021 Series, Charter Amendment.

Councilors Theriault and Willey expressed their concern and being in opposition of the vote. They believe that people have the right to choose whether they come to vote or not and that it should just be a majority rule.

Roll Call Vote: T. Ayer – Yes, R.M. Goughan – Yes, D. Morrell – Yes, J. Theriault - Yes, L. Willey - Yes, J. Smith - Yes, (So voted)

Council Agenda Item #11: Reports and Discussion by Mayor and Council Members

Councilor Morrell expressed his gratitude to Danny Raymond and the EMS staff, CPD & Cary Medical for the professional services rendered to his wife.

Councilor Willey reminded that the library is selling raffle tickets for baskets of items, one of which is county-based items and will be raffled off during Small Business Saturday.

Councilor Goughan gave a shout out to Lucas Roy of Luke’s Small Engine & Repair on the Van Buren Road for being courteous and professional.

Council Agenda Item #12: Next Regular Meetings: November 29 & December 13

Council Agenda Item #13: Executive Session(s) (May be called to discuss matters identified under MRSA, Title 1, §405.6)

a. Real Estate and Economic Development under §405.6.C (Steam Plant)

Motion made by Councilor Theriault, seconded by Councilor Willey to enter executive session at 6:52p.m. to discuss Real Estate and Economic Development under §405.6.C

Roll Call Vote: T. Ayer – Yes, R.M. Goughan – Yes, D. Morrell – Yes, J. Theriault - Yes, L. Willey - Yes, J. Smith - Yes, (So voted)

Council exited executive session at 7:14 p.m.

No action taken.

b. Real Estate and Economic Development under §405.6.C (Downtown TIF District, CEA inquiry)

Motion made by Councilor Morrell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ayer to enter executive session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss matters related to real estate and economic development under MRSA Title §405.6.C

Roll Call Vote: T. Ayer – Yes, R.M. Goughan – Yes, D. Morrell – Yes, J. Theriault - Yes, L. Willey - Yes, J. Smith - Yes, (So voted)

Council exited executive session at 7:45 p.m.

No action taken.

c. Real Estate and Economic Development under §405.6.C (Downtown TIF District, attorney information)

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Ayer, seconded by Mayor Smith to enter executive session at 7:48 p.m. to discuss matters related to real estate and economic development under MRSA Title §405.6.C for attorney information concerning Downtown TIF District.

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Roll Call Vote: T. Ayer – Yes, R.M. Goughan – Yes, D. Morrell – Yes, J. Theriault - Yes, L. Willey - Yes, J. Smith - Yes, (So voted)

Council exited executive session at 7:55 p.m.

No action taken.

Council Agenda Item#14: Adjournment

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Ayer, seconded by Councilor Theriault to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: T. Ayer – Yes, R.M. Goughan – Yes, D. Morrell – Yes, J. Theriault - Yes, L. Willey - Yes, J. Smith - Yes, (So voted)

Danielle Brissette, secretary