

Council Agenda Item #1: Roll Call

The Caribou City Council held a Special City Council Meeting on Monday, March 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Smith, Deputy Mayor Boma, Councilors Goughan, Morrell, Morrill, Theriault and Willey.

Penny Thompson, City Manager was present at the meeting.

Department Managers Kenneth Murchison (CEO/Zoning Administrator), Lisa Plourde (Housing Director), Peter Baldwin (Library Director), Gary Marquis (Parks & Recreation Superintendent), and Carl Grant (Finance Director) were present at 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

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

Jason Parent – Caribou Resident and Executive Director of the Aroostook County Action Program explained some of the services that have been offered to the Citizens of Aroostook County. He explained a new supportive housing complex on Edgemont Drive in Presque Isle that would have 14 beds, and studio style apartments. They help through their WIC program, Housing assistance, Workforce development, Heating assistance and much more. They now have a team that works with individuals in recovery to help transition them into employment. In the last year they have put over 13 million dollars back into the local economy and 1.9 million dollars just in Caribou alone.

During the pandemic a team was created to help families in quarantine. The team helps to deliver items such as groceries, thermometers, and other items dropped off at the doorsteps of citizens in need.

Mr. Parent explained that ACAP is very happy with the space that is donated from the City of Caribou so that they can have a location for their heating appointments. Many times, they ask municipalities for donations and it is forty cents per capita. For Caribou they would request \$3047.60 in appropriations.

ACAP has a Dental Hygienist, Lucy Morin, who works in all schools in the County.

ACAP aids homeowners, helping with weatherization, and home repairs. They receive lots of requests for Roof replacements.

The Aroostook County Action Program is celebrating its 50th year of service to the community this year.

Council Agenda item #4: Minutes

a. March 14, 2022 – Regular City Council meeting

Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by Councilor Theriault to accept the minutes from March 14, 2022, as presented.

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

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

a. ACAP Proclamation celebrating 50 years.

Mayor Smith read the proclamation declaring May 2022 as a Community Action and ACAP Month in the City of Caribou.

Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by Councilor Willey to approve the proclamation declaring May 2022 as a Community Action and ACAP Month in the City of Caribou.

Roll Call Vote: C. Boma – Yes, R.M. Goughan – Yes, D. Morrell – Yes, J. Morrill – 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

There were not items scheduled for discussion.

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

a. Introduction of Ordinance Number 3, 2022 Series, An Ordinance Amending Section 10-205 Basic Provisions (Chapter 10 Planning, Article II Tax Increment Financing)

Mayor Smith introduced Ordinance No. 3, 2022 Series, An Ordinance Amending Section 10-205 Basic Provisions.

Council Agenda Item #10: Old Business

a. 2022 Municipal Budget

Council had a discussion regarding the proposed budget. They discussed the options of trying to flatline the budget and suggested that the departments look at their budgets again to see what they can do. It was noted that during the uncertain times and the rising costs this may not be the best idea. The 2022 Municipal Budget will be back on the next agenda for more discussion.

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

Councilor Goughan explained that he would like department 75 looked at and to consider the request by ACAP.

Councilor Willey stated that for the Library, Senator Collins would like to come up and do a program there this spring.

Councilor Theriault said that they had a Highway Protection meeting, she gave a shout out to Dave and his crew for doing a wonderful job. She stated that she agrees with Councilor Goughan and that we should give the money to ACAP as well.

Mayor Smith stated that he agrees with giving the funding to ACAP as well. He explained that he was able to tour the Irving Farms facility with the Manager and that there is an open invitation for any of the Council to visit the facility.

Deputy Mayor Boma stated that she also agrees with providing the funding to ACAP, she also gave a shout out to Gary and Parks & Rec for the Winter Carnival and to the local businesses that helped as well for an awesome job.

Councilor Morrill agreed with Deputy Mayor Boma and stated that Caribou was busier on Saturday due to the events of the Winter Carnival. He also wants to remind the Council about the importance of the

Solar project. He would also like to recognize the teams that were able to travel to play basketball. He stated that the AYBL team was able to go to Rhode Island to play and another team was able to go to Bar Harbor to play as well.

Councilor Morrell stated he also agreed with the ACAP funding. He would also like to have the Chief of Police come to provide updates to the Council on different events that happen in town.

Council Agenda Item #12: Next Regular Meetings:

March 28, April 11 & 25

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

b. Credit Enhancement Agreement – Downtown TIF District (Economic Development)

Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by Councilor Willey to enter into executive session at 7:17 p.m. to discuss Credit Enhancement Agreement – Downtown TIF District (Economic Development) under MRSA, Title 1, §405.6.C.

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

Council exited executive session at 7:56 p.m.

No action taken.

Council had a brief discussion about community solar and the desire to get that on the agenda soon.

Council Agenda Item #14: Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by Deputy Mayor Boma to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Vote was unanimous.

Danielle Brissette, Secretary