

**Council Agenda Item #1:** Roll Call

The Caribou City Council held a City Council Meeting on Monday, May23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Smith, Deputy Mayor Boma, Councilors Morrell, Morrill, and Theriault. Councilor Willey was present via Zoom. Councilor Goughan was absent and excused.

Penny Thompson, City Manager was present at the meeting.

Department Managers 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

There were no comments made by the public.

**Council Agenda Item #5:** Minutes

a. May 9, 2022 – Regular City Council meeting

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Boma, seconded by Councilor Theriault to accept the May 9, 2022, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: C. Boma – 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. Appointment of City Council liaison to Citizen Airport Advisory Committee

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Boma, seconded by Councilor Morrell to appoint Councilor Theriault to be the Liaison to the Citizen Airport Advisory Committee.

Roll Call Vote: C. Boma – 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 none scheduled for discussion.

**Council Agenda Item #8:** Reports by Staff and Committees

a. April financials (Finance Director)

Carl Grant (Finance Director) reviewed the April Financial Report

Motion made by Councilor Morrell, seconded by Councilor Morrill to accept the April Financial Report as presented.

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

b. Interest in Tax Acquired Property (Finance Director)

Carl Grant (Finance Director) explained that there has been interest shown by the abutting landowner. It is suggested to put the property out to bid with a recommended minimum bid of \$1,500.00. He explained that there are no taxes owed on the property at this time. There was once a placard on the property for the Cochran's, which was vandalized and had to be removed.

Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by Councilor Morrell to put the property out to bid for a minimum bid amount of \$1,500.00

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

c. Resolution for NBRC application (Superintendent of Parks & Recreation)

Gary Marquis (Superintendent of Parks & Recreation) explained that he is currently working on applying for a Northern Border Regional Commission grant to purchase a new groomer and drag to replace the 2015 New Holland tractor. He explained that if he is successful in receiving the grant the city would be able to purchase the new groomer and drag at no cost to the City. If he does not get the grant, then he will not be purchasing the equipment this year. He is asking for permission and support of the Council to continue with the application process.

Motion made by Councilor Boma, seconded by Councilor Theriault to authorize Gary Marquis to move forward with the application.

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

d. Manager's Report

Manager Thompson reviewed the City Manager's Report dated May 23, 2022.

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

a. Discussion on Chapter 10 – Planning, Article II – Tax Increment Financing

Council had a brief discussion regarding Chapter 10 – Planning, Article II – TIF. They are going to plan to have an investment committee meeting to continue discussing ideas.

b. Discussion about Nylander

Council had a discussion regarding the upcoming steps to re-establish a board for the Nylander Museum. Consensus of the Council was that they are interested in looking at working towards

having working board with more direction and structure. They are planning on continuing the discussion and looking at Chapter 15 – Nylander Museum to see what they would like to do, what guidelines they would like to put into place, and what goals they would like to work to achieving.

**Council Agenda Item #10:** Old Business

a. Finalize Credit Enhancement Agreement with Pelletier Enterprises LLC

Mayor Smith explained that a TIF agreement was passed a few meetings ago, and the deposit has been received, which is not able to be kept.

Manager Thompson explained that the deposit goes towards any expenses that may be incurred for advertisement, legal counsel and other fees incurred from the application process.

Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by Deputy Mayor Boma to authorize Penny Thompson to execute the attached Credit Enhancement Agreement on behalf of the city.

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

Councilor Morrill congratulated the rec department for the excellent job on the City-wide yard sale as well as the boating regatta down the Aroostook River. He extended a congratulations to Hunter Flynn for completing the 18-week law enforcement training and the four young men for completing their highest award that they can in Boy Scouts as Eagle Awards. Nick Staples, Colin Poitras and Ari Plante, and Chase Plourde. He also wanted to mention the tribute to David Brissette who received honors from as far away as Bangor, Fort Kent, North Lakes, and the Caribou Fire Department.

Motion made by Councilor Theriault, seconded by Deputy Mayor Boma to eliminate both the July 11<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

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

**Council Agenda Item #12:** Next Regular Meetings: June 13, and June 27

**Council Agenda Item #13:** 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 #14:** Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by Councilor Theriault to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Danielle M Brissette, Secretary