

Council Agenda Item #1: Roll Call

The Caribou City Council held a City Council Meeting on Monday, September 13, 2022, in Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Smith, Deputy Mayor Boma, Councilors Goughan, Morrell, Theriault and Willey. Councilor Morrill was present via Zoom.

Manager Thompson was present for the meeting.

Department manager Gary Marquis (Superintendent of Parks and Recreation) was present for the meeting.

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

Troy LaPlante, Caribou Resident.

Mr. LaPlante came to commend the Caribou Police Department for their quick action when his motorcycle was stolen from his home. He stated that they were able to recover it and get it back to him even though it had been painted a different color.

Hugh Kirkpatrick, General Manager of the Caribou Utilities District

Mr. Kirkpatrick came to clear up some of the questions that were addressed in a previous meeting. He explained that he would like to continue the process and that he suggests the city carefully consider the request and that the risk would be taken on by Pioneer.

Matt Till, Spectrum employee

Mr. Till came to state that he does not believe that it is a good idea for the city to get involved with broadband. He explained that the infrastructure will need to be updated in roughly 5 years because it will be outdated. He explained that Spectrum is currently offering speeds of 300mbps to 1 gig and that they are constantly updating their system and he believes that they would be the best option.

Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that the system would not need to be upgraded it can handle up to 10 gigs.

Council Agenda Item #5: Minutes

There were no minutes submitted for approval.

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

a. Honoring Vaughn Keaton for 60 years of service to Caribou Scouting

Mayor Smith presented Vaughn Keaton with a plaque for 60 years of service to Scouting.

Senator Troy Jackson presented Mr. Keaton with an award, State Sentiment, State of Maine and United States Flag in appreciation for his service to Scouting.

Council Agenda Item #7: Reports by Staff and Committees

a. Manager's Report

Manager Thompson reviewed the City Manager's Report dated September 13, 2022.

b. Acting Manager letter when both City Manager & Police Chief are temporarily absent

Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by Deputy Mayor Boma to accept the amended letter.

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 #8: New Business, Ordinances and Resolutions

a. Introduction of Ordinance 8, 2022 Series, Amending Chapter 17 General Assistance

Councilor Morrill introduced Ordinance No. 8, 2022 Series, Amending Chapter 17 General Assistance.

Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by Councilor Theriault to set a public hearing for Ordinance 8, 2022 Series, Amending Chapter 17 General Assistance on September 26, 2022.

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)

b. Set public hearing for liquor license (new application) for Country Host Inn. Inc.

Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by Deputy Mayor Boma to set a public hearing for September 26, 2022, in consideration for a liquor license for Country Host Inn, Inc.

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)

c. Acceptance of 3-year contract with NEPBA Local 605

Motion made by Councilor Willey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Boma to accept the 3-year contract with NEPBA Local 605.

Roll Call Vote: C. Boma – Yes, R.M. Goughan – No, D. Morrell – No, J. Morrill – Yes, J. Theriault – Yes, L. Willey – Yes, J. Smith – Yes. (So voted)

Council Agenda Item #10: Reports and Discussion by Mayor and Council Members

Councilor Morrill stated that he is intrigued by the Library Report. He explained that the Planning Board has just gone through the application process with a daycare and that they were given an improper application and that it was not a business-friendly practice. He commended Officer Baker for the new training that she has completed and thanked the citizens that helped an officer in a time of duress.

Council Agenda Item #11: Next Regular Meetings: September 26, October 11, & 24

Council Agenda Item # 12: Executive Session(s) (May be called to discuss matters identified under MRSA, Title 1, §405.6.C

a. Economic Development – Caribou Utilities District, Broadband division

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Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by councilor Theriault to enter executive session at 6:36 pm to discuss Economic Development under MRSA, Title 1, §405.6.C

Roll Call Vote: C. Boma – Yes, R.M. Goughan – No, D. Morrell – Yes, J. Morrill – Yes, J. Theriault – Yes, L. Willey – Yes, J. Smith – Yes. (So voted)

Council exited executive session at 7:45 pm.

No action taken.

Council Agenda Item #13: Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Willey, seconded by Councilor Theriault to adjourn the meeting at 7: 45 pm.

Vote was unanimous.

Danielle Brissette, Secretary