

Council Agenda Item #1: Roll Call

The Caribou City Council held a City Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, in Council Chambers with the following members present: Deputy Mayor Boma, Councilors Morrell, Morrill, Goughan, Theriault and Willey. Mayor Smith was absent and excused.

Manager Thompson was present for the meeting.

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

Council Agenda Item #2: Invocation

Deputy Mayor Boma read an invocation.

Council Agenda Item #3: Pledge of Allegiance

Deputy Mayor Boma led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Agenda Item #4: Public Forum

David White, Caribou Resident

Mr. White came in to speak about his daughter, Hannah. She recently passed away in what he describes as a drug house and was left deceased for days. He explained that he has kicked down doors and pulled his daughter out of several houses, on Sweden Street, Washburn Street and a location known as the Brown House. He explained that there are no social barriers, this can happen to anybody, and any family and he would just like to see something done about the properties with the known issues.

Nicholas Morrill, President, Caribou Snowmobile Club

Mr. Morrill came to introduce himself and put a face to the organization, He explained that the Caribou snowmobile Club is a nonprofit organization comprised of 143 Members, 34 from the greater Caribou area and 9 members that are actively involved. He explained that they are a very busy group of volunteers and like to support the rec with their efforts. They hold different fundraisers such as a Golf Tournament, and they assist in rerouting trails.

Morrill stated that last year they gave approximately \$28,000 to help with the purchase of a new groomer, they have a Larry Doody Scholarship Fund, and assist with Toys for Tots at the Caribou Fire Department. He stated that they meet every third Wednesday at the Par & Grill.

Council Agenda Item #5: Public Hearing

a. Public hearing for initial liquor license for Pelletier Enterprises LLC DBA Evergreen Lanes featuring Rendezvous Restaurant at 60 Access Highway.

Open Public Hearing: 6:18 p.m.

Shawn Pelletier explained that they are now planning on opening in November, and he explained the areas of the business, the bowling lanes, restaurant, arcade, pro shop, and bar.

Mark Leuhrs, Caribou Resident

Mr. Leuhrs wanted to know where the business was going to be located in relation to the Crown Park Inn.

Councilor Morrell stated that it is just after the Crown Park Inn.

Closed Public Hearing: 6:25 p.m.

Motion made by Councilor Willey, seconded by Councilor Theriault to approve the initial liquor license for Pelletier Enterprises LLC D/B/A Evergreen Lanes featuring Rendezvous Restaurant.

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

Council Agenda Item #6: Reports by Staff and Committees

a. Manager's Update of Mill Pond – Gary Marquis (Superintendent of Parks & Recreation)

Gary Marquis, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation came to provide an update on the Mill Pond Project. He explained that the project will cost an estimated 4.45 million dollars to complete. In 2024 they will be conducting a soil test and if it comes back clean then the material can be used as a beneficial land spread. He stated that he is working with Shane McDougal of Aviest Engineering. Mr. Marquis continued to explain that he is working with Lou Pizutti from DEP, they have dug in the soil and there is roughly one foot of topsoil, then 10-12 inches of clay and they used 7 different test spots which all looked good. They are working to make it a fish way and purchasing a permit by rule for \$77. They are looking at applying for grants through IF&W (Inland Fisheries and Wildlife) to assist with the process as well.

b. Set Public hearing Date for Safe Alternatives, Registered Nonprofit Dispensary application

Motion made by Councilor Willey, seconded by Councilor Morrill to set a public hearing date of November 14, 2022, for the registered Nonprofit Dispensary application for Safe Alternatives.

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

Council Agenda Item #7: Old Business

There were no items scheduled for discussion.

Council Agenda Item #8: Reports and Discussion by Mayor and Council Members

Councilor Morrell asked if the Police Chief can start making the Council aware of when we suffer a loss in the community.

Councilor Morrill would like to follow up with a discussion regarding buildings that do not meet code receive some step-up enforcement. He also commended the City Manager and Police Chief regarding the trip they took and the important information that they were able to provide regarding the Police Department. He thanked the Caribou Snowmobile club for coming to the meeting tonight and for everything that they do.

Councilor Theriault reminded that the Arts and Crafts fair is this weekend at the High School.

Councilor Willey stated that the library has a new logo and that they have two baskets to raffle for Small Business Saturday.

Councilor Goughan expressed his condolences to Mr. White and stated that he knows several families that have been through similar situations. He explained that his very own family over the course of four years and three trips through rehab.

Councilor Morrill asked what happened to the Blight Committee.

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Councilor Goughan explained that the Blight Committee was set up to work in phases, the first year was for set up, second was to put the plan into action and in the third year we were in the start of the COVID pandemic, and it was handed back to the city officials.

Council Agenda Item #9: Next Regular Meetings: October 24, November 14 & 28, December 12

Council Agenda Item #10: Executive Session(s) (May be called to discuss matters identified under MRSA, Title 1, § 405.6.C)

Council did not enter executive session.

Council Agenda Item #11: Adjournment

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

Danielle Brissette, Secretary