

Council Agenda Item #1: Roll Call

The Caribou City Council held a regular City Council meeting on Monday, December 12, 2022, with the following members present: Mayor Smith, Deputy Mayor Boma, Councilors Morrell, Morrill, Goughan, Theriault, and Willey. Councilor elect Dan Bagley was present at the meeting.

Manager Thompson was present for the meeting.

Department managers Carl Grant (Finance Director), Gary Marquis (Superintendent of Parks and Recreation) and Scott Susi (Fire Chief) 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

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 Haney, Caribou Resident

Mr. Haney came to propose an idea for the Former Caribou Trailer Park. He explained that the city needs more places to stay for people coming here. He is proposing using the former trailer park to construct a rental space with trail access. He explained that they would be log cabins built on trailer frames and he just wanted to try to get a pulse from the council on what they thought of the idea.

Council had a brief discussion regarding their thoughts and concerns regarding utilizing the former trailer park for short term rentals and explained that one of the first things is to find out what is allowed through the FAA.

Council Agenda Item #5: Minutes

- a. Minutes for the Regular City Council meeting on September 26, 2022
- b. Minutes for the Regular City Council meeting on October 11, 2022
- c. Minutes for the Regular City Council meeting on October 24, 2022
- d. Minutes for the Regular City Council meeting on November 28, 2022

Motion made by Councilor Willey, seconded by Councilor Theriault to accept the minutes, and move the slate 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. In appreciation for the City council service of City Councilor Doug Morrell

Penny red an email from a unanimous citizen:

“This note is to say goodbye to Councilor Doug Morrill. Doug has performed an outstanding service to the taxpayers of the city of Caribou. For those people who love Trump, you likewise got to love Councilor Doug Morrill. The similarities are amazing. Like it or not they both speak their minds while continuing to fight uphill battles unhindered by the yapping chihuahuas nipping at their heels trying to bring them down. Too bad those chihuahuas just didn’t know the charter.

So, Doug, you can return to your private life with your head held high. You have done an excellent job overseeing how the public dollar is spent. You will be missed.”

Mayor Smith presented Councilor Morrell with a desk clock and his name plate and thanked him for his time on Council.

Council Agenda Item #7: Public Hearings

There were not items scheduled for discussion.

Council Agenda Item #8: Reports by Staff and Committees

a. Bid on Tax Acquired property

Carl Grant (Finance Director) explained that he has been presented an offer and received the full payment of what was asked for when a property had gone out for bid for 274 Access Highway.

Motion made by Councilor Theriault, seconded by Deputy Mayor Boma to accept the offer for the tax acquired property, Map 11, Lot 31-B.

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. 2023 Caribou Fire and Ambulance Fee Schedule

Scott Susi (Fire Chief) explained the proposed fee schedule that he would like to implement starting the first of the year. He stated that he has updated the fees using the new base fee CMS (Medicare) has provided for the upcoming year and added in the rural designator which is 3% and the super rural designator of 22.6% to come up with the max allowable rate.

Motion made by Councilor Willey, seconded by Councilor Theriault to accept the new fee schedule as presented to start January 1, 2023.

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. End of the year financial considerations

Manager Thompson explained that the city has received \$363,453 more than budgeted and still has a December payment to receive from revenue sharing. This money is supposed to be used to offset taxation and reduce the amount in the commitment. She stated that the plan would be to put the funds into a reserve account to use for the 2023 tax commitment.

d. Manager’s Report

Manager Thompson reviewed the City Manager’s Report dated December 12, 2022.

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

a. 2023 Contract for Computer Network Support Services with Oak Leaf

Councilor Morrill asked if the new contract contained an increase.

Manager Thompson explained that the new contract does contain an increase of \$100 per month, and that there was no increase last year.

Motion made by Councilor Morrell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Boma to accept the contract with Oakleaf 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 #10: Old Business

There were no items scheduled for discussion.

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

Councilor Goughan wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season. He also sends his condolences to the family of John Swanberg.

Councilor Willey agreed with Councilor Goughan and sends her condolences to the Swanberg family. She stated that recently the library had been defaced and that it looks like they believe they have found the person behind the vandalism. Councilor Willey also thanked Troy Haney, and the rec for everything that they do to put on events here in Caribou.

Councilor Theriault wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday. She too sends her condolences to the family of John Swanberg. She stated that on a lighter note there seems to be a very positive vibe in Caribou.

Deputy Mayor Boma stated that she agrees with the previous sentiments for the Swanberg family and also wishes everyone a Happy Holiday season.

Councilor Morrill wishes everyone happy holidays and also said that it has been a pleasure serving the citizens of Caribou by being on the council this year, he thanked Councilor Morrell for his time and for helping him to learn different things while being new on the Council.

Councilor Morrell sends his condolences to the Swanberg family. He explained that Caribou has lost a true asset and an advocate.

Mayor Smith also sends his condolences to the Swanberg family and thanked the employees for their work throughout the year.

Council Agenda Item #12: Next Regular Meetings: January 3, 2023 Organizational meeting

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

a. 1 MRSA §405.6.A Personnel matters – Non-Union Compensation for 2023

Motion made by Councilor Willey, seconded by Deputy Mayor Boma to enter Executive session under 1 MRSA, §405.6.A to discuss personnel matters - Non-Union Compensation for 2023.

December 12, 2022

22-26 Pg. 4

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 7:35 p.m.

Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by Councilor Willey to approve Non-Union Compensation effective for 1/1/2023 as presented.

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 #14: Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by Councilor Willey to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Vote was unanimous.

Danielle Brissette, Secretary