

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

The Caribou City Council held a City Council meeting, Monday, February 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Smith, Deputy Mayor Boma, Councilors Bagley, Morrill, Theriault and Willey. Councilor Goughan was present via Zoom.

Manager Thompson was present for the meeting.

Department Managers Gary Marquis (Superintendent of Parks and Recreation), Dave Ouellette (Superintendent of Public Works), Lisa Plourde (Housing Director), and Carl Grant (Finance Director) 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 remind the Council of their invite to the kickoff for the Snowbowl that will be held at Evergreen Lanes featuring Rendezvous Restaurant. He explained that the event has over 60 sponsors and will have representation from state and local offices, such as representatives from Senator King, Golden and Governor Mills offices.

**Council Agenda Item #5:** Minutes

a. Regular City Council meeting – January 9, 2023

Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by Councilor Willey to accept the minutes as presented.

Roll Call Vote: D. Bagley – Yes, C. Boma – Yes, R.M. Goughan – 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. Proclamation – Red Cross Month (March)

Mayor Smith read a proclamation that proclaims March 2023 as American Red Cross month in the City of Caribou

Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by Deputy Mayor Boma to accept the proclamation as read.

Roll Call Vote: D. Bagley – Yes, C. Boma – Yes, R.M. Goughan – 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

a. Manager's Report

Manager Thompson reviewed the City Manager's report dated February 13, 2023.

Councilor Morrill expressed his concern regarding the property at 15 Prospect Street and 7 Water Street and would like to get started on the Dangerous Building process.

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

a. Appointments to City Council Broadband committee

Mayor Smith explained the reason for creating a city Broadband committee and that the purpose of the committee would be to review the County Broadband study and provide input back to the Caribou City Council on options and potential funding available.

Mayor Smith appointed Councilor Bagley as the committee chair, and Councilors Theriault and Willey as committee members.

Councilor Morrill expressed concern stating that he does not see the reasoning for another committee that just takes more time. He stated that the options have been looked at multiple times by Council and does not want to get caught up in everything.

Councilor Willey stated that the only issue that there is, is that there are still people that are unserved in the city. The committee is to bring things to a fine point and to gather information on the options.

Councilor Theriault explained that they are not delving into the CUD project, their job is to look at other projects to see what could be done and possibly even quicker.

Councilor Morrill explained that he just believes that the concept is taking up too much time from Council and he doesn't want them to get caught up on it.

Deputy Mayor Boma stated that there are three members that have been appointed and that if they are okay with it to let them at it.

b. 2023 Aroostook County ARPA funds Letter of Intent

Manager Thompson explained that she does not need a council approval for the letter of intent. She explained that she is looking for ideas for projects to detail in the letter of intent, such as new turnout gear and a new extractor for the Fire station. They are also looking at getting new body cameras for the police officers.

Council had a brief discussion regarding different ideas. They brought up ideas such as working with other organizations for recovery and mental health issues.

c. 2023 Municipal Budget – Overview of 2023 Municipal Budget

Manager Thompson explained that during the presentations of budgets that the presenters are able to answer questions from both the Council and the public.

d. 2023 Municipal Budget – Presentation of General Assistance Budget (Department 20)

Danielle Brissette (City Clerk & General Assistance Administrator) reviewed the proposed 2023 budget for Department 20 General Assistance.

e. 2023 Municipal Budget – Presentation of Finance related budget lines (Department 70, 80)

Carl Grant (Finance Director) reviewed the proposed 2023 budget for departments 70 & 80.

f. 2023 Municipal Budget – Presentation of Housing & FSS Budget (Departments 24 & 96)

Lisa Plourde (Housing Director) reviewed the proposed 2023 budget for departments 24 and 96.

Councilor Morrill asked if she thought the City would ever have public housing.

Ms. Plourde explained that she did not believe that they would.

g. 2023 Municipal Budget – Presentation of Public Works Budget (Department 40)

David Ouellette (Public Works Director) reviewed the proposed 2023 budget for department 40.

h. 2023 Municipal Budget – Presentation of Airport Budget (Department 60)

David Ouellette (Public Works Director) reviewed the proposed 2023 budget for department 60.

Councilor Bagley asked if the work was being done form the FAA Inspections.

Mr. Ouellette stated that they are working on the list.

Councilor Bagley asked about possibly bumping up the consulting line and regarding crack seal for the runway.

Manager Thompson explained that they are going to try to use CARE funds to help with the runway.

i. 2023 Municipal Budget – Presentation of Tax Assessment & Code Enforcement budget (Department 22)

Manager Thompson reviewed the proposed 2023 budget for department 22.

j. 2023 Municipal Budget – Presentation of Budgets (Department 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 38, 61, 65, 75)

Manager Thompson reviewed the proposed 2023 budget for department 10.

Mayor Smith postponed hearing budgets 11,12,17,18,38, 61, 65 and 75 until the next meeting.

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

a. Introduction of Ordinance 01, 2023 Series Establishing the Caribou Development Committee

Mayor Smith introduced Ordinance 01, 2023 Series Establishing the Caribou Development Committee.

b. Priorities and Goals discussion

Mayor Smith explained that this was put into the packet to be informational for the council.

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

Councilor Bagley stated that the Planning Board met, and they talked about the comprehensive plan, and he commended them on the amazing job that they have done in their outreach.

Councilor Morrill wished the Caribou Vikings the best of luck as they are headed to the tournament.

Councilor Willey wanted to remind the public that they have not eliminated the Nylander from the discussions and that she wants to bring it to the Mayor's attention to get it back up and running.

**Council Agenda Item #12:** Next Regular Meetings: February 27, March 13 & 27

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

Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by Deputy Mayor Boma to enter executive session at 8:07 p.m. to discuss matters under MRSA, 1, Title 1, §405.6.E. with the city attorney concerning legal rights and duties of the body.

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

Council exited executive session at 8:50 p.m.

No action taken.

**Council Agenda Item #14:** Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Willey, seconded by Councilor Theriault to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Vote was unanimous.

Danielle Brissette, Secretary