

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

The Caribou City Council held a City Council meeting, Monday, February 27, 2023, in the 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 at the meeting.

Department Managers Carl Grant (Finance Director), Peter Baldwin (Library Director), 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 Input

There were no comments made by the public.

**Council Agenda Item #5:** Minutes

a. Regular City Council meeting – January 23, 2023

Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by Deputy Mayor Boma to accept the minutes as presented for the January 23, 2023 meeting.

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. Bid award to remove Fire Department pellet boiler and air handler.

Mayor Smith explained that they have received bids from Staples Construction for \$21,445 and a bid from Beaupre’s Construction LLC in the amount of \$20,810.

Motion made by Councilor Morrill to accept the bid made by Staples Construction for \$21,445.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Council had a brief discussion regarding the bid, regarding if it was a salvage and resell or disposal. They also discussed the fact that both companies are local.

Motion made by Councilor Bagley to refer to the Building Committee for further review.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Council discussed that the idea is to remove and haul away and that is not an easy task as the silo is  $\frac{3}{4}$  full of old pellets that are no longer any good and will need to be disposed of.

Councilor Theriault seconded Councilor Morrill's motion.

Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by Councilor Theriault to accept the bid from Staples Construction in the amount of \$21,445.

Roll Call Vote: D. Bagley – Yes, C. Boma – Yes, R.M. Goughan – No, 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. January Financials – Finance Director

Carl Grant (Finance Director) reviewed the January 2023 financial report.

Mayor Smith asked if the report reflects all the revenue payments.

Mr. Grant stated that the report does reflect the payments.

Councilor Morrill asked how Mr. Grant feels that the city stands so far.

Mr. Grant explained that it is too early to tell.

Councilor Morrill asked if they are looking at the investment portfolio and thinking about reinvesting the funds.

Mr. Grant explained that he is currently watching the rates and is planning on reinvesting with a higher interest rate.

Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by Councilor Willey to accept the January 2023 financial report 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)

b. Manager's Report

Manager Thompson reviewed the Manager's report dated February 27, 2023.

c. Committee Reports

i. Broadband Committee

Councilor Bagley explained that the Broadband Committee met on the 20<sup>th</sup> and discussed goals and what the city obligation is and how the city can help the best. He explained that there is a potential for a financial risk and would take many years before seeing a return on the investment.

In the past they have looked at three options, Spectrum, CUD and to do nothing.

The committee would like to engage with Spectrum for the best and final offer. They're also going to be meeting with a member of the CUD board on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 to discuss the topic.

Councilor Morrill explained that he feels like this is redundant and repetitive. He explained that they have received public input and had many discussions. He believed that the council had decided to wait for more discussion until funding is available.

Councilor Willey explained that the Mayor has the right to create and appoint committees.

ii. Municipal Buildings Committee

Councilor Morrill explained that they met to address the deferred maintenance. The committee toured the Nylander, Library and Fire station to discuss what needs to be done to maintain the assets. He suggested the possibility of having a maintenance man who could help with the upkeep of the buildings and help to facilitate repairs.

Deputy Mayor Boma agreed that it is a good idea to have a maintenance person.

Councilor Willey explained that the maintenance is important and that if things are not done then the buildings would not be efficient.

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

a. 2023 Municipal Budget – Overview of 2023 Municipal Budget

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

Manager Penny Thompson reviewed department 11, 12, 17, 18, 38, 61, 65, and 75.

Peter Baldwin (Library Director) explained that for Department 12- Nylander Museum there has been a part time employee working 10 hours per week cataloging items that the museum houses. The new budget reflects an employee plus him.

c. City Council feedback or questions on the 2023 Municipal expense budget

Councilor Bagley suggested to add all the requests for contributions to the budget to see what it looks like.

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

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

Mayor Smith explained that there will be a public hearing at the next meeting to discuss Ordinance No. 1.

Councilor Bagley explained his suggested edits to Ordinance 01, 2023 Series Establishing the Caribou Development Committee. He said that he thought that it was important to lay out the specific scope of the committee as well as show how it would work with other committees.

Motion made by Councilor Bagley, seconded by Councilor Morrill to adopt the revisions as printed in this week's packet to take to the public hearing next time.

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

b. 2022 Priorities and Goals discussion

Mayor Smith explained that this was an exercise to give staff and the Council some information on what the priorities are going forward so that everyone can work towards the goals.

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

Councilor Bagley explained that he has attended the CEGC meetings and that they are considering a loan application for a new event and wedding company called Enchanting Events. It would be a significant loan that would bring a nice new business to the area.

Councilor Bagley also gave a shout out to the Planning Board for the great job that they are doing while working on the Comprehensive Plan with the outreach and all the work they have done.

Mayor Smith explained that there are a couple of Capital Budget meetings coming up. He also reminded about the Snowbowl that is happening this weekend and gave a shoutout to the businesses that spearheaded the event.

**Council Agenda Item #12:** Next Regular Meetings: March 13 & 27, Joint meeting with Planning Board March 14

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

Council did not enter into executive session.

**Council Agenda Item #14:** Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by Deputy Mayor Boma to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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)

Danielle Brissette, secretary