



**City Manager's Report
April 10, 2023**

Economic Projects

River Front - Powerplants	Waiting to hear about Brownfields application. We were told by UCONN that they are hearing that successful applications will be notified in late May.
Broadband Initiative	Information has been received by the City Council Broadband Committee from Pioneer.
CDBG	No new updates
Ogren Dump Solar Project	The developer has reached out. The project was not online April 1 so they have applied for a Business Equipment Tax Exemption. It will be online by April 1, 2024 at which time they will apply for a Renewable Energy Exemption.
Events and Marketing	City Wide Yard Sale May 20 & 21; Thursdays on Sweden Events are being finalized.
Landbank	No new updates
Chapter 13 Rewrite	No new updates
Federal American Rescue Plan Act	On tonight's agenda. The City will be applying for funds from Aroostook County and use City ARPA funds as a match.
Blight Cleanup	No new updates
Birdseye Cleanup	Students at UCONN are working on a potential design for the site.
Caribou Development Committee	Approved at the March 13 meeting. We will have candidates for the member spots at the next meeting.
River Front - Master Plan	On tonight's agenda. The CRRC riverfront committeesubmitting a NBRC grant Letter of Intent to request funds for a Riverfront master plan.
Façade Improvement Program	On tonight's agenda. Great recipient this year and we are already getting calls for the fall 2023 program.
Aldrich ATV/Snowmobile Storage	No new updates
Caribou Economic Growth Council	At last meeting discussed plans to proceed with legal action on two accounts. CEGC has funds to lend to businesses!
Business Outreach	The City is partnering with CKG Creative to design rack cards. The first ones have been well received.

Other Administrative Projects

Tax Acquired Property Policy	One parcel on tonight's agenda
Nylander	On tonight's agenda
Fire Structural Work	No new updates
Fire Station Renovations	Staff has applied for a Congressionally Directed Spending request to bridge the shortfall to make needed changes
Police Station	Had a video chat with Ellen Angel from Artifex on next steps
River Road	Versant has been working towards a solution to the pole that was in the path of the temporary alignment.
Investment Policy	No new updates
Trailer Park Closure	No new updates
Cable Franchise Renewal	No new updates
Airport	Very informative conversation with the FAA regarding the current mobile home park site which is a part of the Caribou Municipal Airport property. The recent inquiry about residential units "raised some flags" about overall airport operations. Staff has been made aware of items that must be brought into compliance so that the FAA will keep funding infrastructure projects at the airport.
Personnel Policy	No new updates
New LED Street lights	Staff was contacted by RealTerm because R L Todd said that there were lights which need attention. Staff will investigate.
Comp Plan Update	There was a good article in the Maine Town & City magazine published by the Maine Municipal Association about challenges faced by other communities in Maine.
COVID-19 Status	No new updates
15 Prospect Street	No new updates
Water Street Fire	No new updates
Age-Friendly Efforts	There was a meeting of Age-Friendly Caribou. There are some good programs being scheduled.
Personnel Changes	The City of Caribou has multiple open positions. See the website for details. There will be some staff recognitions at the next meeting. Interviews for the Chief of Fire & Ambulance will be held next week.
Other Updates	At the Cary Medical Center Board of Directors' meeting there was a discussion of the VA clinic. They have extended their lease again with Cary. The City has signed up to be a part of the Maine Workforce Development Compact to receive funding assistance on courses.