



**City Manager's Report
June 26, 2023**

Economic Projects

River Front - Powerplants	Working on required items for the Brownfields Grant of \$900,000 for the diesel plant and smaller buildings; EPA and DEP are initiating a CERCLA action plan to remove some contaminants from the area. UCONN will be on site July 11 & 12.
Broadband Initiative	The Caribou Utilities District discussed this at their last meeting. Charter / Spectrum is still working on their grant contract with MCA.
CDBG	No new updates
Ogren Dump Solar Project	No new updates
Events and Marketing	The next Thursdays on Sweden Street is June 29. Theme: "A Salute to Veterans", live entertainment by the "No Pressure" and Northern Maine Brewing Company will be your hosts in the outdoor café.
Landbank	No new updates
Chapter 13 Rewrite	No new updates
Federal American Rescue Plan Act	Waiting for a decision from the Aroostook County Commissioners on our ARPA application for new turn-out gear (FIRE/EMS) and a body worn camera system (POLICE).
Blight Cleanup	No new updates
Birdseye Cleanup	No new updates
Caribou Development Committee	The group will have their second meeting next week. First meeting was May 31. Very energetic group.
River Front - Master Plan	NBRC Application was submitted on time. We will have an answer in August.
Façade Improvement Program	No new updates
Aldrich ATV/Snowmobile Storage	City Manager met with owner and provided additional information.
Caribou Economic Growth Council	No new updates
Business Outreach	Two local businesses have changed ownership recently. On agenda for tonight.

Other Administrative Projects

Tax Acquired Property Policy	A Supreme Court case may affect the tax-acquired property process here in Maine. MMA and other attorneys are working on this. One bid on tonight's agenda.
Nylander	Proposed by-Laws for the Nylander Museum of Natural History Board of Trustees is on tonight's agenda.
Fire Structural Work	Sewell has done some work on this issue recently.
Fire Station Renovations	No new updates
Police Station	Public Safety Committee met via zoom with Ellen and Rob on May 24
River Road	No new updates
Investment Policy	No new updates
Trailer Park Closure	The park will be closing in July
Cable Franchise Renewal	No new updates
Airport	Citizen Advisory Committee meeting was held June 13
Personnel Policy	No new updates
New LED Street lights	No new updates
Comp Plan Update	Last session was May 25. Topic was Riverfront. Next work session will be on Thursday July 20 at the Wellness Center. Topic is Recreation.
COVID-19 Status	No new updates
15 Prospect Street	The City has received a response from Mr. Barretto
Water Street Fire	On tonight's agenda
Age-Friendly Efforts	Meeting held on May 23
Personnel Changes	All positions at the Caribou Fire & Ambulance Department have been filled
Other Updates	Caribou has been invited to participate in a competition at the National Brownfields conference to receive pro-bono consulting work on our reuse project.
Administrative Approvals	Extension of premises for Evergreen Lanes featuring Rendezvous Restaurant approved June 2.
DOT Village Partnership	Jarod was here June 8. Next step is for DOT to finalize a scope of work for the plan.