



**City Manager's Report  
July 24, 2023**

**Economic Projects**

<b>River Front - Powerplants</b>	CERCLA Action pending. We know who the project manager will be but not the scope of work or start time. UCONN TAB was here on July 12 to see the project site. Brownfields conference August 7-11 in Detroit. RFP for the QEP now active.
<b>Broadband Initiative</b>	Charter/Spectrum and the Maine Broadband Connectivity Authority are still negotiating their contract.
<b>CDBG</b>	Close-out paperwork on the Caribou Area Ride Service has been submitted. The state has asked for some additional information.
<b>Ogren Dump Solar Project</b>	Staff toured this project with Maine DEP on July 11. We are looking for that report soon.
<b>Events and Marketing</b>	Caribou Cares About Kids is July 27 - 30. All events will be held at the Wellness Center.
<b>Landbank</b>	Councilor Bagley has been looking into Land Bank ideas.
<b>Chapter 13 Rewrite</b>	No new updates.
<b>Federal American Rescue Plan Act</b>	Agreement with Aroostook County is on tonight's agenda.
<b>Blight Cleanup</b>	Dangerous buildings on the agenda tonight.
<b>Birdseye Cleanup</b>	Staff has been spending a great deal of time and effort into researching what has been done and if we can get the needed letters from DEP.
<b>Caribou Development Committee</b>	There was not a quorum for the June 28 meeting. Meeting again on July 16.
<b>River Front - Master Plan</b>	Still waiting to hear on the NBRC grant application.
<b>Façade Improvement Program</b>	There will be a fall application program advertised soon.
<b>Aldrich ATV/Snowmobile Storage</b>	No new updates.
<b>Caribou Economic Growth Council</b>	Met on June 29. Discussed accounts in trouble. Land Bank will be discussed at next meeting.
<b>Business Outreach</b>	Newsletters were sent out to Caribou businesses and is available on the Economic Development department page of the website.

**Other Administrative Projects**

<b>Tax Acquired Property Policy</b>	There are some things to discuss since the recent SCOTUS decision.
<b>Nylander</b>	Bid opening results on tonight's agenda. Bylaws accepted, leadership elected and moving forward to do great things in the community.
<b>Fire Structural Work</b>	No new updates.
<b>Fire Station Renovations</b>	CDS request cleared another hurdle this week. Fire department request approved in the Senate Appropriations Committee.
<b>Police Station</b>	Artifex will be here next week.
<b>River Road</b>	No new updates.
<b>Investment Policy</b>	No new updates.
<b>Trailer Park Closure</b>	Closure date: July 27, 2023
<b>Cable Franchise Renewal</b>	No new updates.
<b>Airport</b>	The DBE, Disadvantage Business Enterprise Program, a requirement for federal funding, has been finalized and posted on the Airport department page of the website.
<b>Personnel Policy</b>	No new updates.
<b>New LED Street lights</b>	No new updates.
<b>Comp Plan Update</b>	Recreation work session was held on Thursday July 20 at the Wellness Center. Great turn out. Contract with NMDC on tonight's agenda.
<b>LD 2003 Implementation</b>	No new updates.
<b>15 Prospect Street</b>	Staff met with Attorney Solman on July 12. This is in the courts.
<b>Water Street Fire</b>	Dangerous buildings on the agenda tonight.
<b>Age-Friendly Efforts</b>	Meeting held on June 27. No July meeting.
<b>Personnel Changes</b>	Still looking for an experienced code enforcement officer.
<b>DOT Village Partnership</b>	No new updates.
<b>Aroostook Waste Solutions</b>	Construction of 5&6 underway but delayed due to weather; 5-year update to Maine Materials Management Plan underway
<b>Cary Medical Center</b>	100th Anniversary in 2024. Planning underway. If you have old photos, memorabilia or stories, please reach out to Bill Flag.