

Council Agenda Item #1: Roll Call

The Caribou City Council held a Special City Council Meeting on Monday, July 10, 2023, in the Council Chambers with the following members present; Mayor Smith, Deputy Mayor Boma, Councilors Bagley, Goughan, Theriault and Willey. Councilor Morrill was present via Zoom.

Manager Thompson was present for the meeting.

Department Manager Gary Marquis (Superintendent of Parks & Recreation) was present for the meeting. Joe Salley (Assessor Agent) was present for the meeting via Zoom.

Melissa Lizotte of the Aroostook Republican covered the meeting, and it was broadcasted via 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

There were no comments made by the public.

Council Agenda Item #5: New Business, Ordinances and Resolutions

a. Resolution 07-01-2023, Establishing the 2023

Manager Thompson introduced Assessor Agent Joe Salley who joined the meeting via Zoom.

Joe Salley (Real Estate Assessor's Agent) explained the adjustment to the local property taxes and stated that it was an extensive and long process. Mr. Salley stated that the City needs to be within certain guidelines per state statute, and that the last revaluation was committed in 2012.

Councilor Goughan asked if this is a process that needs to be done each year, and if there is a formula that the state gives to receive the full benefits.

Mr. Salley answered No, it is real estate market dependent and does not need to be done yearly. He explained that this is in favor of both the City and the taxpayers because they would be able to reap the full benefits of the exemptions. Mr. Salley stated that he meets with taxpayers to discuss their concerns.

Motion made by Councilor Theriault, seconded by Deputy Mayor Boma to set the tax rate at 0.01855.

Council had a brief discussion regarding what the plan of action is going to be and where to direct taxpayers with questions, and if the stabilization will be noted on the bill for the taxpayers.

Manager Thompson stated that 491 taxpayers applied for the stabilization program which was a 1-year program and the deadline for the application was December 1, 2022. She stated that the

stabilization should be noted on the bill, and that if a taxpayer disputes the bill they can apply for an abatement on their taxes.

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

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Boma, seconded by Councilor Theriault to approve items 2-7 as presented.

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

Motion made by Councilor Willey, seconded by Councilor Theriault to change the revenue lines.

Motion withdrawn by Councilor Willey.

Council Agenda Item #6: Reports and Discussion by Mayor and Council Members

Councilor Goughan stated that now that the taxes have been set and we are asking the people to pay more that we need to be better tomorrow than we were today.

Council Agenda Item #7: Next Regular Meetings: July 24, August 28

Council Agenda Item #8: Executive Session(s) (May be called to discuss matters identified under MRSA, Title 1, §405.6)

Council did not enter executive session.

Council Agenda Item #9: Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Willey, seconded by Councilor Theriault to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

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

Danielle Brissette, Secretary