

Council Agenda Item #1: Roll Call

The Caribou City Council held a City Council meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024 with the following members present: Mayor Boma, Deputy Mayor Theriault, Councilors Bagley, Kelley, Lovewell, Morrill and Smith.

Manager Thompson was present for the meeting.

Department Managers Brian Lajoie (Fire Chief), Lisa Plourde (Housing Director), Carl Grant (Finance Director), and Gary Marquis (Superintendent of Parks & Recreation) 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

Councilor Lovewell read an invocation.

Council Agenda Item #3: Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Boma led the pledge of Allegiance.

Council Agenda Item #4: Declaration of any Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts mentioned.

Council Agenda Item #5: Public Forum

Troy Haney, Caribou Resident & Business owner

Mr. Haney came in and thanked Gary Marquis & Williams Trucking for their assistance and stated that over 200 loads of snow were brought to the track for the Snow Bowl.

Council Agenda Item #6: Minutes

There were none submitted for approval.

Council Agenda Item #7: Bid Openings, Awards and Appointments

There were none scheduled for discussion.

Council Agenda Item #8: Public Hearings and Possible Action Items

a. January financial report (Finance Director)

Carl Grant reviewed the January 2024 Financial report.

Motion made by Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Morrill to accept the January Financial report as presented.

Roll Call Vote: D. Bagley – Yes, J. Kelley – Yes, T. Lovewell – Yes, J. Smith – Yes, J. Theriault – Yes, C. Boma – Yes. (So voted)

b. City Manager's Report

Manager Thompson reviewed the City Manager's Report dated February 26, 2024.

Council Agenda Item #10: New Business, Ordinances and Resolutions

a. Horizons Youth Council Presentation

Councilor Bagley explained that the Horizons youth Council would be a mechanism for a youth committee to be able to have input/influence in an official advisory committee of High School Students. They would be able to assist with community-based service events, and it would be comprised of seven Juniors and Seniors through a nomination process and would aim to have a mix of talents and interests.

Councilor Bagley introduced Ordinance No 2, 2024 Series, An ordinance Establishing Chapter 23 – Caribou Horizons Youth Council.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Theriault, seconded by Councilor Smith to set a public hearing for April 22 to discuss Ordinance No 2, 2024 Series Chapter 23- Horizons Youth Council.

Roll Call Vote: D. Bagley – Yes, J. Kelley – Yes, T. Lovewell – Yes, J. Smith – Yes, J. Theriault – Yes, C. Boma – Yes. (So voted)

b. DOT Route 1A & Route 161 Overweight Agreement

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Theriault, seconded by Councilor Smith to approve a Construction Overlimit Permit for Maine Department of Transportation for the project numbers 2606500, 2606700 & 2643000 along US Route 1A & Route 161.

Roll Call Vote: D. Bagley – Yes, J. Kelley – Yes, T. Lovewell – Yes, J. Smith – Yes, J. Theriault – Yes, C. Boma – Yes. (So voted)

c. DOT Route 1 & Route 89 Overweight Agreement

Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by Deputy Mayor Theriault to approve a Construction Overlimit Permit for Maine Department of Transportation for the project numbers 2773200, 2773400, 2773600 and 2774000 on US Route 1 and Route 89.

Roll Call Vote: D. Bagley – Yes, J. Kelley – Yes, T. Lovewell – Yes, J. Smith – Yes, J. Theriault – Yes, C. Boma – Yes. (So voted)

d. 2024 Municipal Budget – Overview of 2024 Municipal Budget

e. Presentation of Housing & FSS Budget (Department 24 & 96)

Lisa Plourde (Housing Director) presented the proposed Housing & FSS Budgets (Department 24 & 96) for 2024.

f. Presentation of Fire & Ambulance Budget (Department 31)

Brian Lajoie (Fire Chief) presented the proposed Fire & Ambulance Budget (Department 31)

g. Presentation of Insurance & Retirement Budget (Department 70)

Carl Grant (Finance Director) presented the proposed Insurance & Retirement Budget (Department 70).

h. Presentation of Unclassified Budget (Department 80)

Carl Grant (Finance Director) presented the proposed Unclassified Budget (Department 80).

i. Presentation of General Government Budget (Department 10)

Carl Grant (Finance Director) presented the proposed General Government Budget (Department 10).

j. Presentation of General Assistance Budget (Department 20)

Danielle Brissette (City Clerk & General Assistance Administrator) reviewed the proposed General Assistance Budget (Department 20).

k. Presentation of other departments as time allows by the City Manager

Penny Thompson (City Manager) reviewed the proposed budgets for Tax assessment & Code Enforcement (Department 22), Health & Sanitization (Department 17), Municipal Buildings (Department 18), Trailer Park (Department 61), Contributions (Department 75)

Motion made by Councilor Bagley, seconded by Councilor Morrill to zero out all line items in 2024 for contributions.

Roll Call Vote: D. Bagley – Yes, J. Kelley – Yes, T. Lovewell – Yes, J. Smith – Yes, J. Theriault – Yes, C. Boma – Yes. (So voted)

Council Agenda Item #11: Old Business

There were no items scheduled for discussion.

Council Agenda Item #12: Reports & Discussion by Mayor and Council Members.

Councilor Morrill wished Spud Speedway good luck with the upcoming Snowbowl.

Deputy Mayor Theriault stated that she is getting calls due to lack of streetlights, but that they will be discussing it at an upcoming Highway Protection meeting in March.

Councilor Smith gave Kudos to the Nylander board & Peter for the events at the Museum.

Councilor Lovewell extended well wishes for the Snowbowl.

Councilor Bagley stated that at the Housing Summit there were 40+ people from all walks of life with good ideas.

Council Agenda Item #13: Next Regular Meetings: March 11, 18, & 25, 2024

Council Agenda Item #14: Executive Session(s) (May be Called to discuss matters identified under MRSA, Title 1, §405.6)

a. Executive Session under 1 MRSA §405.6.C for Economic Development Matters.

Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by Deputy Mayor Theriault to enter into executive session at 7:38 P.M. under 1 MRSA §405.6.C to discuss Economic Development Matters

Councilor Kelley left at 7:47 due to not feeling well.

Council exited Executive session at 8:22 P.M.

No action taken.

b. Executive Session under 1 MRSA §405.6.A for Personnel matters (Charter / City Manager)

Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by Councilor Bagley to enter into executive session at 8:23 P.M. under 1 MRSA § 405.6.A for personnel matters concerning the Caribou City Charter and duties of the City Manager.

Council exited Executive session at 8:55 P.M.

No action taken.

Council Agenda Item #15: Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Morrill, seconded by Deputy Mayor Theriault to adjourn the meeting at 8:55P.M.

Roll Call Vote: D. Bagley – Yes, J. Kelley – Absent, T. Lovewell – Yes, J. Smith – Yes, J. Theriault – Yes, C. Boma – Yes. (So voted)

Danielle Brissette, Secretary