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A regular meeting/workshop of the Caribou City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday March 23, 2009, in Council Chambers with the following members present: Mayor Kenneth G. Murchison, Jr., Christopher A.R. Bell, Karla M. Bell, David Martin, and Mary Kate Barbosa. R. Mark Goughan was absent and excused.

Steven R. Buck, City Manager, and Kathy Mazzuchelli, Director of Parks & Recreation, were present. John Swanberg also attended.

Time Warner covered the meeting.

Council Agenda item #1: Public Input – There was no public input

Council Agenda item #2: Sesquicentennial Update

John Swanberg reported on several projects and events being planned. Proclamation Day will be celebrated on April 5th at the Unitarian Universalist Church, one of the oldest meeting places in Caribou. Refreshments will follow a presentation of historical information and entertainment. The councilors were encouraged to be in period costume. Anyone interested in attending would need to obtain tickets (free of charge) at the library, chamber office or recreation center. The tree and book projects will be winding down by the end of March. Nearly 100 trees are to be planted around Caribou. The book will feature at least 120 people of interest, possibly as many as 150. A queen's tea is planned the day of the parade and bands are being sought for that event. Items for a time capsule are being collected throughout the school system. The City Manager mentioned that next year's annual report would feature the celebration and may even include an insert detailing the events. For more information go online to www.celebratecaribou.com.

Council Agenda item #3: Consider approval of the Minutes of the March 9, 2009 Council meeting.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2009 Council meeting. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #4: Consider approving a Warrant to call a Special Election of Initial Directors of the newly created Regional School Unit, pursuant to 20-A MRSA § 1472-A, for April 28, 2009.

The City Manager reported that five people have turned in nomination papers for the four director seats to be filled at the special election. Elections will also be held in Limestone and Stockholm for the same purpose.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by K. Bell, to authorize the Warrant presented to participate in the secret ballot election of the initial directors of a regional school unit pursuant to 20-A MRSA § 1472-A; and that a secret ballot election be held April 28, 2009, as provided by the Warrant. (5 yes) So voted.

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Council Agenda item #5: Consider appointing Judy Corrow as Election Warden and Jayne Farrin as Deputy Election Warden for the April 28, 2009 Special Election.

Motion made by K. Bell, seconded by C. Bell, to appoint Judy Corrow as Election Warden and Jayne Farrin as Deputy Election Warden for the April 28, 2009 Special Election.
(5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #6: Consider setting the opening time for the polls for the April 28, 2009 Special Election as 8:00AM, pursuant to MRSA Title 20-A § 626.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by M K Barbosa, to set the opening time for the polls for the April 28, 2009 Special Election as 8:00AM, pursuant to MRSA Title 20-A § 626.
(5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #7: Consider calling a Special Council Meeting for April 5, 2009 at 2:00PM at the Unitarian Church 3 Grove St. for the Commemorative Ceremony of the 150th Anniversary of Caribou's incorporation.

Kathy Mazzuchelli made the request to have the Council hold a special meeting at the church to vote on the actual proclamation. She commented on the rest of the program and invited anyone interested to attend, but she stressed the need to get tickets in advance (at no cost) at the library, recreation center or chamber office.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by M K Barbosa, to hold a Special Council Meeting for April 5, 2009 at 2:00PM at the Unitarian Church 3 Grove St. for the Commemorative Ceremony of the 150th Anniversary of Caribou's incorporation. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #8: Consider the appointment of a Caribou Utilities Director for the remainder of a three-year term, recommendation of Hollis Irvine.

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to appoint Hollis Irvine as a Caribou Utilities Director to replace Kendall Roy for the remainder of a three-year term. (5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #9: Consider the renewal of a Bingo Game of Chance license for the Lister-Knowlton VFW Post #9389 Auxiliary, 253 Van Buren Road.

Motion made by D. Martin, seconded by K. Bell, to approve the renewal of a Bingo Game of Chance license for the Lister-Knowlton VFW Post #9389 Auxiliary, 253 Van Buren Road.
(5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #10: Consider the renewal of a Bingo Game of Chance license for the Lister-Knowlton VFW Post #9389, 253 Van Buren Road.

Motion made by K. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to approve the renewal of a Bingo Game of Chance license for the Lister-Knowlton VFW Post #9389, 253 Van Buren Road.
(5 yes) So voted.

Council Agenda item #11: Updates

The City Manager presented information on several topics of interest and included the following:

- Community Development Director – Newly hired Michael Shrewsberry began employment last Friday – Credentials include a strong agricultural background with work experience in community development with municipalities, engineering firms, the USDA, and as a private consultant, grant writing experience, a bachelor's degree in community planning, a master's degree in city and regional planning, working knowledge of land use, zoning and mixed residential and commercial development within agricultural areas
- Ambulance Billing – Billing proposals developed for Calais and Houlton - Houlton representatives to be in Caribou Thursday morning to discuss billing with ambulance department - If service is contracted with both municipalities, a part time position may be required in GA – Significant revenue gains would be realized
- Municipal Building – Meeting planned for McCormack Engineering and TRANE Systems to identify areas for potential annual energy savings of \$27,000 in the municipal building, library and fire and ambulance building – Savings would fund major energy improvements and renovations in each.
- Farmland Preservation – Final phone conference on rule making is scheduled before recommendations are sent back to legislative body - Steve has seat on the Farmland Conservation Advisory Committee and Consultants Board that is sponsored by the Maine Watch Institute – Purpose of group to develop a comprehensive farmland preservation program to be presented to Maine Legislature for actions next year – Information will be sought from the Maine Potato Board toward the program's development.
- Question on status of 911 dispatch service – County in the process of closing one courthouse and relocating dispatch service – In the meantime the idea of Caribou taking on dispatch service is on hold until the County completes its plan

Council Agenda item #12: Other Business

a. First Read of a newly proposed Electrical Generating Windmill Ordinance
Copies of a preliminary draft that the Planning Board is working on were distributed for Councilors to review. The policy addresses only privately owned individual windmills, not commercial entities, and outlines permitting process, installation standards for noise levels, shadow flutter, etc. and general requirements of federal, state and local codes.

b. Review of Howes Corner Plymouth Waste Oil PRP Meeting
Steve distributed notes from the meeting held March 9th in Bangor and discussed the major points brought up at that session. The PRP group voted to have Steve as a representative on the negotiating team working to reach favorable closeout costs. The deadline date for this is June 30, 2009. The PRP group is also looking to purchase approximately 650 acres of land to do the mitigation piece. The Collins Pond area and the snow dump on Brooks Street are being

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considered as possible sites, which would then be improved and preserved for public to use for trail systems, etc. Other details of to be considered during negotiations were discussed. The Council will have the opportunity to view all final documents before Steve signs on their behalf.

7:45 p.m. Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by K. Bell, to adjourn. (5 yes) So voted.

Judy-Ann Corrow, Secretary

Workshop immediately following.