

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
MAY 29, 2014

A special meeting of the Calais City Council was held this date at St. Croix #1 Firehouse at 5:00 p.m.

Present was Mayor Moore, presiding over Councilors Parks, Howard, Rogers, Mingo, Dwelley, and Nixon.

The first order of business was a discussion of the Municipal Budget. City Manager Barnes reviewed the current revenue and custom budget reports. The proposed budget stands as \$121,000 over last year's budget. She presented the Council with potential options for budget reductions and made it clear that it is a Council policy decision on what services they feel the Calais Taxpayers can do without.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion of the school budget. Superintendent Moholland explained that the School Committee has made further reductions in their adopted budget proposal. The current proposal is for an additional \$247,126.76 over the minimum local share for a total budget of \$7,018,535.71. Council thanked the Superintendent, School Committee and teachers for their work on the budget.

Councilor Howard made a motion to go to referendum with an approved school budget at \$7,018,535.71. This motion was seconded by Councilor Nixon. The vote was 4-3 with Councilors Parks and Dwelley and Mayor Moore dissenting.

Councilor Rogers then made a motion to hold the School Budget Validation Referendum on Tuesday, June 10th at the Calais Elementary School to coincide with the State Primary Election. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parks and all were in favor.

The next agenda item was a request from Councilor Nixon and the CDRC for funds to assist with the watering and maintenance of the flowers that have been purchased for the downtown. She explained that they intend to purchase watering carts and pay for a person to care for and water the flowers though out the Summer. The amount requested was \$3280.00. Councilor

Attendance

Municipal Budget Discussion

School Budget Discussion

School Budget Vote

School Budget Validation
Referendum

CDRC Request

Howard made a motion to expend \$3280 from the Dawson fund for the purpose of a donation to the CDRC to help with flower watering and maintenance. The motion was seconded by Councilor Mingo and all were in favor.

Councilor Parks made a motion to suspend the rules in order to add the agenda item of Public Works Dump Truck. This motion was seconded by Councilor Mingo and all were in favor.

Robert Seelye the Public Works Director explained that he recently attended the MDOT Auction and found a 2002 truck with sander in good condition for \$7200. He recommended we purchase the truck and keep the damaged truck. Insurance will pay \$13,885.00 and we keep the damaged truck. These funds would go towards purchasing and outfitting the newly acquired truck.

Councilor Howard made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2002 Dump Truck from MDOT for \$7200. This motion was seconded by Councilor Parks and all were in favor.

Next on the agenda Mayor Moore presented the letter of resignation of City Solicitor, David Fletcher. Councilor Howard made a motion to accept with regret and congratulations, the letter of resignation of City Solicitor, David Fletcher. The motion was seconded by Councilor Mingo and all were in favor.

INSERT LETTER OF RESIGNATION–David Fletcher

Mayor Moore also presented the letter of resignation from City Manager, Diane Barnes effective June 27, 2014. Councilor Dwelley made a motion to accept with regret and congratulations, the resignation of Diane Barnes, City Manager. This motion was seconded by Councilor by Councilor Howard and all were in favor.

INSERT LETTER OF RESIGNATION–Diane Barnes

The Council set a budget workshop for 5:00 p.m. on June 12th prior to the next City Council Meeting.

Councilor Howard made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:45 pm to discuss a legal issue. The motion was seconded by Councilor Mingo and all were in favor.

Suspend Rules

PW Dump Trunk Purchase

Resignation–David Fletcher

Resignation- Diane Barnes

Executive Session

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May 23, 2014

Honorable Mayor Marianne Moore
Calais City Council
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Dear Madam Mayor and City Council of Calais:

As I indicated to you on May 22, 2014, it is my intention to retire as City Solicitor, effective October 30th of this year. This date will be a good one for transition and will allow the newly elected Council to select my successor.

It has been an honor and a privilege for me to serve in this position for 15 years. I have worked with a great many talented and dedicated people including the scores of City Councilors and Mayors, half a dozen City Managers and countless individuals working for the City in various capacities. In the course of my tenure I have been fortunate to work on a number of economic development and infrastructure projects and have largely avoided entangling the City in any protracted and costly litigation unnecessarily. I leave the Legal Department in good stead for whoever may be my successor. I will be happy to follow through with any projects that are ongoing should the Council wish.

It is time for some new perspectives and some new energy as we go forward. The City, as always, has challenges before it, challenges which it has met in the past due to the dedicated and hardworking people with whom I have had the pleasure of working.

Even though I will be ending 15 years as City Solicitor, I plan to keep my law office open for the foreseeable future and will continue to offer assistance to clients in the St. Croix valley. I leave with every good hope for the future of this City that has been my home for over four decades.

Very truly yours,



David J. Fletcher
Attorney at Law

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Honorable Mayor Marianne Moore
Calais City Council
P.O. Box 413
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Dear Honorable Mayor Marianne Moore and Calais City Council,

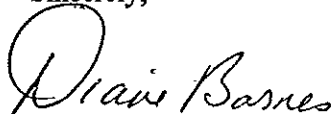
Please accept this as formal notice of my resignation as City Manager for the City of Calais effective June 27, 2014. I have accepted the position of Town Manager for the Town of Lisbon, a community located near Southern Maine with a population of a little more than 9,000.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve the Calais community under your direction during the past seven years. Mutually we have accomplished a lot.

I would like to extend a very special heartfelt thank you to my Department Heads and Staff for their loyalty, support, hard work, and dedication. Together we made a difference and Calais is a better place to live because of our efforts.

I have enjoyed working for Calais and would like to thank the City for such a wonderful opportunity. I cannot say enough wonderful things about all the people I have encountered during the past several years. I will miss everyone and wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Barnes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Diane Barnes
City Manager

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m. on a motion by Councilor Parks and a seconded by Councilor Dwelley. All were in favor.

ATTEST: Jim Parks
Jim Porter, Clerk Pro Tempore