

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 10, 2014

The first regular monthly meeting of the Calais City Council was held this date in the Assembly Room of Washington County Community College commencing at 6:15 p.m.

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

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Howard, it was unanimously voted to approve the following consent agenda:

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Monthly Departmental Report
- C. Chase Fund for April - \$150.00
- D. Treasurer's Warrants City through April 10 ,2014
\$ 195,650.91
- E. Treasurer's Warrants School through April 9, 2014
\$ 423,976.62
- F. Treasurer's Warrants Water through April 10, 2014
\$ 13,843.66

The City Manager then gave her report. She informed the Council that there will be an open house from 1 – 5pm on Friday, April 18th at the City Building to wish Tammy Ginn good luck on her last day as Finance Director.

The following Council Committee Reports were submitted:

- 1. **Finance Committee** – No report
- 2. **Property Committee** – No report
- 3. **Public Safety Committee** – met on April 3rd to discuss Fireworks, Dog Complaints, and a guardrail for Garfield Street.
- 4. **Public Works Committee** – No report
- 5. **School Liaison Committee** – met on April 1st to discuss School Budget
- 6. **Economic /Community Development Committee** – Councilor Mingo met with International Festival Committee members on conflict issues. Next meeting of this committee will be April 18th at 9:00 am.

Attendance

Consent Agenda

City Manager report

Council Committee Reports

Joan Perry of the CDRC then gave her report. She informed the Council of an event featuring Hugh French to be held at the Calais City Building on Tuesday, April 29th from 5:30 – 7:00 pm.

CDRC Report

The next agenda item was a report on the Meridian Park. Councilor Nixon informed the Council that she has asked for quotes on lighting at the park. It was suggested that a letter be send to Walmart asking for a donation.

Meridian Park

The St. Croix #1 Firehouse Committee asked the City Council for permission to hold their cancelled Voluntary Road Toll on Saturday, April 12th. On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to allow this request.

St. Croix #1

There was no Public Input on Agenda Items requested.

No Public Input

The next agenda item, Charter Amendments, was carry forward to the next meeting.

Charter Amendments

On a motion by Councilor Parks, and a second by Councilor Dwelley, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Public Works Department to install a Guardrail on Garfield Street across from the end of Lafayette Street.

Garfield Street Guardrail

The next agenda item FEMA Resolution, was tabled until the next meeting.

FEMA Resolution

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to approve the extension of the Memorandum between the City of Calais Police Dept and Washington County Community College to end June 30, 2014.

WCCC Agreement

It was moved by Councilor Mingo and seconded by Councilor Howard to authorize an abatement of sewer fees in the amount of \$368.16 for quarter ending 3/31/2014 on account #1827 at 831 Main Street. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilor's Parks, Howard, Rogers, Mingo, and Nixon. Councilor Dwelley abstained. Motion carried.

Sewer Abatement

On a motion by Councilor Dwelley and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to write off ambulance debt in the amount of \$624.40 for Patient #1950 and \$2,243.80 for Patient # 2210.

Ambulance Write Offs

It was moved by Councilor Mingo and seconded by Councilor Parks to write off ambulance debt for patient #1981 in the amount of \$2852.00 and Patient #1847 in the amount of \$3,942.00 and send to collections. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Parks, Rogers, Mingo, Dwelley, and Nixon. Councilor Howard was opposed. Motion carried.

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to write off ambulance debt for Patient #1776 in the amount of \$200.00.

On a motion by Councilor Dwelley and a second by Councilor Rogers, it was unanimously voted to write off NWSARAS ambulance debt for Patient #2149 in the amount of \$1229.20 and send to collections.

On a motion by Councilor Parks and a second by Councilor Howard, it was unanimously voted to write off water debt for account #3564 in the amount of \$114.84 and Account #3523 in the amount of \$57.42 and send to collections.

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Parks, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Chamber of Commerce and Recreation Department to hold a 3 on 3 Basketball tourney on Saturday July 26th at the DiCenzo Athletic Complex.

It was moved by Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Dwelley, and unanimously voted to authorize the Calais Rotary Club to hold the annual "Sunday Funday" at Triangle Park on Sunday, August 10th.

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Fire chief to apply for a 2013 Homeland Security Grant.

It was moved by Councilor Dwelley and seconded by Councilor Parks to approve the Sewer commitment for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2014 in the amount of \$236,487.54. Voting in favor were Councilors Parks, Mingo, Dwelley and Nixon. Councilors Howard and Rogers were opposed. Motion carried.

Other items addressed with no Council action being taken at this time included:

--Public Works Plow Truck totaled in accident

NWSARAS Ambulance Debt
Write off

Water Debt – Write off

3 on 3 BBall Tourney

Sunday Funday

Homeland Security Grant

Sewer Commitment

Other items

- need for dangerous dog ordinance
- Question on why Water & Sewer being charged to depts.
- Friends of Scouts Spaghetti Supper May 7th
- Little League Registration
- Jr A Hockey League planned
- ATV Use on Chapel Street
- Regulations on Burning at Transfer Station
- Calais Regional Hospital in Deficit
- Thanks to Residents showing interest in Budgets
- thanks to Police Chief – sharing concerns on budget cuts
- thanks to International Festival Committee for work
- status of Dangerous building on North Street
- Sculptor chosen for symposium

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Parks, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss:

- A. *Personal Issue Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA § 405 6 (a)*
- B. *Legal Issue Pursuant to Title , MRSA § 405 6 (e)*

Executive Session commenced at 7:30 p.m.

Open Session resumed at 7:45 p.m.

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to confirm the City Manager’s appointment of Walter E Greenleaf, III as Finance Director with a starting salary of \$43,000.

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Nixon, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Theresa M. Porter, City Clerk

Executive Session

Open Session

Confirmation of Finance Director

Adjourn