

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 8, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Calais City Council was held this date in the Council Chambers of the Calais City Building at 6:00 p.m.

Present was Mayor Howard presiding over Councilors Geel, Sherrard, Rogers, Mingo, Moreside, and Nixon.

The first item on the agenda was a special presentation to the Calais Lady Blue Devils State Champion Volleyball Team.

INSERT PROCLAMATION

The next item of business was a special presentation of a plaque thanking former Mayor Marianne Moore for her service and dedication to the City of Calais.

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to approve the following Consent Agenda:

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Monthly Departmental Reports
- C. Chase Fund for November - \$225.00
- D. Treasurer's Warrants City through December 7, 2016  
\$742,328.78
- E. Treasurer's Warrants School through December 7, 2016  
\$434,802.31
- F. Treasurer's Warrants Water through December 7, 2016  
\$ 35,875.48
- G. Liquor License Renewal – Chen Family Garden  
Restaurant

The City Manager then gave his report. He asked the Council to consider meeting with County Commissioner Vinton Cassidy to discuss the County Budget at a finance committee meeting on Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

The following Council Committee Reports were submitted:

- 1. **Finance Committee** – No report
- 2. **Property Committee** – met prior to Council meeting to discuss the St. Croix #1 Project and the GSA Buildings acquisition.
- 3. **Public Safety Committee** – No report

Attendance

Special Presentations

Consent Agenda

City Manager Report

## ***PROCLAMATION***

***WHEREAS,*** The Calais Lady Blue Devils Volleyball Team on October 19, 2016 won the DAC Tournament Championship by defeating Machias and Woodland, and

***WHEREAS,*** The Calais Blue Devils Girl's Volleyball Team entered the Maine Principal's Assn High School Class B Volleyball Tournament on October 22nd and defeated Machias by a score of 25-8, 25-10, 25-21, and

***WHEREAS,*** Calais High School Blue Devils then on October 26<sup>th</sup> went on to beat the Woodland Dragons by a score of 25-10, 25-22, 25-21, and

***WHEREAS,*** the 16-1 Lady Blue Devils continued toward their quest, winning the State of Maine Class B Championship with their defeat of the Washington Academy Raiders by a dominating score of 25-15, 25-11, 25-11,

***NOW THEREFORE, WE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL*** of the City of Calais on this 8th day of December, 2016, congratulate the coaches and players of the Calais High School Lady Blue Devils Volleyball Team for bringing home the GOLD!!!

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4. **Public works Committee – No report**
5. **School Liaison Committee – No report**
6. **Economic/Community Development Committee – met with Baileyville .**

The CDRC reported on the following:

**INSERT CDRC REPORT**

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Councilor Nixon and seconded by Councilor Moreside, to authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with GSA to acquire 2 buildings they are no longer using. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Geel, Rogers, Mingo, Moreside, Nixon and Mayor Howard. Councilor Sherrard was opposed. Motion carried.

GSA Buildings

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to approve the following Water Department Budget for the Calendar Year 2017:

Water Dept Budget

**INSERT WATER DEPT BUDGET**

It was moved by Councilor Moreside, seconded by Councilor Nixon, and unanimously voted to confirm the City Manager's hire of Fred Dearborn as Public Works Dept Mechanic.

Public Works Mechanic

It was moved by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Moreside, and unanimously voted to accept the State MDOT offer of \$750.00 for 265 Square Feet located at the intersection of North and Main Street for the state's use.

MDOT Notice of Taking/offer

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Rogers, it was unanimously voted to authorize the City Clerk/Treasurer to send a final 30 day notice to any property owners whose tax and/or sewer liens automatically foreclose on December 27, 2016, giving them a chance to redeem their property by paying all Water Sewer and Taxes owed on their property in full.

30 day letter – TAP

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to hold the annual "Free trash Disposal Day" on Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Free Trash Day

# CDRC REPORT

12/08/16

In the past month, CDRC was awarded the Arlo T. Bates award from the St. Croix Valley Chamber of Commerce in recognition of our outstanding community service.

CDRC participated and promoted Small Business Saturday on Nov. 26.

We also participated and promoted Moonlight Madness shopping on Dec. 2.

We are again sponsoring a Downtown Business Christmas Decorating contest which is again being judged by the Calais High School art department under Dawn Loper's supervision.

CDRC invites all of you to shop local and shop downtown for all your holiday needs and thanks you for your support during 2016.



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

- Status of traffic Light Project
- Need for Deer Crossing sign in Milltown
- Nice job by Police Dept – Drug arrests
- Status of Loan fund
- Need for sidewalk on South Street
- Binder mix for Dump road
- Vacant Buildings
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. for the following:

- A. *Personnel Issue Pursuant to Title 1 M RSA §405 6 (a)*
- B. *Contract Negotiations Pursuant to Title 1 M RSA §405 (d)*

Open Session resumed at 7:12 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Moreside, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:12 p.m.

ATTEST:   
Theresa M Porter, City Clerk

Other Items

Executive Session

Adjourn