

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 8, 2017

The first regular 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.

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Sherrard, it was unanimously voted to approve the following Consent Agenda as presented:

- A. *Previous Minutes*
- B. *Monthly Departmental Reports*
- C. *Chase Fund for June - \$150.00*
- D. *Treasurer's Warrants City through June 7, 2017*
\$ 180,180.88
- E. *Treasurer's Warrants School through June 7, 2017*
\$ 351,224.06
- F. *Treasurer's Warrants Water through June 7, 2017*
\$ 8,412.86
- G. *Sunrise County Farmer's Market*
- H. *Common Ground Church of God – Use of Bandstand at Memorial Park*
- I. *Perpetual Care Application – Allen Beckett Lot by Allen Beckett*
- J. *Liquor License and Victualer's License Yancy's*

The City Manager then gave his report. He asked that the Council consider suspend the Council Rules in order to add the following items to the agenda:

- Schedule a Public Hearing on a proposed zone change on Palmer Street in order to allow the construction of a new Veteran's Clinic.
- amend the Land Use Codes to limit Drug Re-habilitation clinics to commercial zones.
- acceptance of a \$54,000 Grant from DEP to be used for septic disposal at the public pier.

On a motion by Councilor Geel, and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to suspend add these agenda items

The Manager also presented the draft of the letter to the community he composed in response to the Calais Regional

Attendance

Consent Agenda

City Manager's Report

Hospital Board of Directors decisions. It was moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted that the letter be amended to add a line calling for the Board of Directors to resign immediately.

The Manager also informed the Council of a proposed project by Sunrise Opportunities at their property located on Eaton Street and their need to possibly do a land swap with the City to enable this project. No motion needed at this time.

The following Council Committee Reports were submitted:

1. **Finance Committee** – No report
2. **Property Committee** – No report
3. **Public Safety Committee** – No report
4. **Public Works Committee** – No report
5. **School Liaison Committee** – attended the School Board Budget meeting on June 6th
6. **Economic/Community Development Committee** – met on Friday June 1st to discuss Nursing Home, ATV Trails, and the Sunrise Opportunity Project.

The CDRC Reported that the downtown Hanging Flowers have arrived and they have a person hired to water them.

Following a brief discussion on the FY 2017 - 2018 proposed School Department Budget, it was moved by Councilor Rogers and seconded by Councilor Moreside to approve the school budget for the fiscal year 2017 – 2018 as presented. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Geel, Rogers, Mingo, Moreside, Nixon and Mayor Howard. Council Sherrard was opposed. Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Moreside, and unanimously voted that a Validation Referendum be held on June 27, 2017 at the Calais City Building from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to enable voters to validate the school budget approve by the Calais City Council on June 8, 2017.

Following some discussion on the City Budget, it was moved by Councilor Geel, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to schedule a Public Hearing on June 29, 2017 to consider the proposed 2017 – 2018 City Budget.

There was no motion needed on the next agenda item, TIF approval and Credit Enhancement Agreements.

Council Committee Reports

CDRC Report

School Department Budget

Schedule School Budget
Validation Referendum

Schedule P Hearing – City
Budget

TIF Approval

It was moved by Councilor Moreside, seconded by Councilor Nixon, and unanimously voted to allow the following carry-over of vacation time:

Jim Porter - 1 week
Robert Seelye - 2 Weeks

The City Clerk presented the following bid results for building demolitions:

Bidder	57 Baring St	8 Cherry Lane
Stanhope's Trucking Robbinston, ME	\$4236.00	\$2404.00
Richard Mingo Construction Calais, ME	\$4500.00*	\$2900.00

*Procurement Policy local preference within 10% of low bid

It was moved by Councilor Moreside and seconded by Councilor Nixon to award the bid for the demolition of 57 Baring Street to Richard Mingo Construction and the bid for the demolition of 8 Cherry Lane to Stanhope Trucking. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Geel, Sherrard, Rogers, Moreside, Nixon and Mayor Howard. Councilor Mingo abstained. Motion carried.

The next agenda item was an award of bid on the Downtown Lighting Upgrade. Councilor Geel stepped down from the Council Bench at this time. The City Clerk then presented the Council with the following bids received on the Downtown Lighting Upgrade:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
Border Electric, Inc Calais, ME	\$8495.00
Geel's Electrical Service Calais, ME	\$7500.00
Riverside Electric, Inc Calais, ME	\$8069.00

It was moved by Councilor Sherrard and seconded by Councilor Mingo to award this bid to Geel's Electrical Service. Voting in favor were Councilors Sherrard, Rogers, Mingo, Moreside, Nixon, and Mayor Howard. Councilor Geel did not participate in this vote.

Vacation Time

Building Demo Bids

Downtown Lighting Upgrade bids

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Rogers, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Finance Department to pay-off the two Water Department loans that are coming due soon with The First.

It was moved by Councilor Sherrard, seconded by Councilor Rogers and unanimously voted to accept the resignation of Fire Chief Robert Posick, with regret.

It was moved by Councilor Mingo, seconded by Councilor Sherrard, and unanimously voted to schedule a Public Hearing on June 29, 2017 to consider a zone change on Palmer Street.

It was moved by Councilor Mingo, seconded by Councilor Sherrard, and unanimously voted to add another amendment to the land use code Public Hearing, that would limit Drug Rehabilitation Clinics to Commercial Zones.

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Rogers, it was unanimously voted to accept a DEP Grant in the amount of \$54,000 to be used for a septic removal system at the floating docks.

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

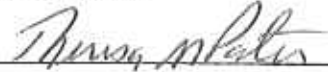
- Need for docking fees and a Harbor Master in the near future.
- Sweeper Demonstration on Tuesday, June 13th
- Thanks and Good Luck to Fire Chief Posick
- Need for Committees to meet on CIP Program

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. for the following items:

Property Negotiations Pursuant to Title 1 M RSA 405 (c)
Union Negotiations Pursuant to Title 1 M RSA 405 (d)

Open Session resumed at 7:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Moreside, seconded by Councilor Sherrard, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:30 p. m.

ATTEST: 
Theresa M Porter, City Clerk

Pay off 2 Water Dept Loans

Fire Chief Resignation

Schedule P Hearing – Zone change

Land Use Codes Amendment

Acceptance of DEP Grant

Other Items

Executive Session

Adjourn