

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
MAY 25, 2017

The second 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 Mingo, Nixon, Rogers, Moreside, and Sherrard.

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

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Warrants City through May 24, 2017
\$ 199,179.53
- C. Treasurer's Warrants School through May 24, 2017
\$ 323,138.54
- D. Treasurer's Warrants Water through May 24, 2017
\$ 18,869.20
- E. 2017-18 Victualer's Licenses

Councilor Geel entered the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

The first regular agenda item was a Calais Regional Hospital Discussion. The Mayor opened this up to the public for discussion. There were several persons in the audience present to give their views on the decision of the CRH Board of Directors to closed the Obstetrics Department of the Hospital. Following much discussion on this item, it was moved by Councilor Geel, seconded by Councilor Sherrard and unianimously voted to take a vote of "No Confidence" on the Board of Directors of Calais Regional Hospital. It was also moved by Councilor Sherrard, seconded by Councilor rogers, and unanimously voted to have the City Manager draft an open letter to the Board expressing the City's concerns on the Board's actions.

There was no City Manager's Report.

The following Council Committee reports were submitted:

1. Finance Committee – No report
2. Property Committee – No report

Attendance

Consent Agenda

Calais Regional Hospital
Discussion

Committee Reports

3. **Public Safety Committee** – No report
4. **Public Works Committee** – No report
5. **School Liaison Committee** – No Report
6. **Economic/Community Development Committee** – will be meeting on Wednesday, May 31st at 3:00, and also meeting on June 2nd at 8:30 am.

On a motion by Council Moreside and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to re-schedule the Public Hearing on the Land Use Codes for June 29th.

The next agenda item was a discussion on the City/School Budget. It was decided that there will be a Budget Workshop on June 1st at 6:00 p.m.

It was moved by Councilor Mingo and seconded by Councilor Rogers to sign a letter of Commitment for the Broadband Project. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Geel, Rogers, Mingo, Moreside, Nixon, and Mayor Howard. Councilor Sherrard was opposed. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilor Moreside and seconded by Councilor Nixon, to authorize the City Manager to solicit bids on the Downtown Street Light Project. Voting in favor of the motion were Councilors Sherrard, Rogers, Mingo, Moreside, Nixon and Mayor Howard. Councilor Geel Abstained. Motion carried.

The City Manager presented the Council with the following bids received on the Manning Street Utility Improvements Project:

Donovan Construction Crawford, ME	BASE BID \$458,252.00	ALTERNATE \$30,000.00
Ranger Contracting Oakland, ME	\$515,259.00	\$38,000.00
Fundy Contractors Calais, ME	\$559,290.00	\$32,000.00
T Buck Construction Auburn, ME	\$568,519.00	\$12,800.00
R F Jordan & Sons Ellsworth, ME	\$681,780.00	\$23,250.00
Sargent Corporation Stillwater, ME	\$691,965.00	\$39,000.00

Land Use Codes – Public Hearing

Budget Workshop

Broadband Commitment Letter

Downtown Lighting Project – Solicit Bids

Award of Bid – Manning Street Project

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to award this bid to Donovan Construction for the total bid amount of \$488,252.00, contingent upon DEP and DWP approval.

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to schedule the following Council meetings for the summer months:

June 8th June 29th July 13th August 24th

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to send a Letter of Appreciation to Library Trustee Julie MacMannis.

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

- Calais being 200th town to register for on-line Recreational Vehicle Registrations
- Ambulance Purchase by Downeast EMS
- Gazebo Maintenance at Memorial Park
- Need for stump removal at Milltown park
- Rotary Flowers
- Playground Maintenance

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

- A. *Property Negotiations Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA 405 (c)*
- B. *Union Negotiations Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA 405 (d)*

Open Session resumed at 8:31 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Geel, seconded by Councilor Moreside, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 8:31 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Theresa M Porter, City Clerk

Summer Meeting Schedule

Letter of Appreciation – Julie MacMannis

Other Items

Executive Session

adjourn