

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 13, 2018

The sole 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 Sherrard, Mingo, and Moreside.

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

- A. Previous Minutes November 15 & December 6
- B. Monthly Departmental Reports
- C. Chase Fund for November - \$375.00
- D. Treasurer's Warrants City through December 12, 2018
\$ 602,816.11
- E. Treasurer's Warrants School through December 12, 2018
\$ 693,411.27
- F. Treasurer's Warrants Water through December 12, 2018
\$ 33,097.14
- G. Liquor License Renewal - Chen Family Garden
Restaurant
- H. Liquor License Renewal – Karen's Korner Pub and Main
Street Diner
- I. Victualer's License – Karen's Korner Pub and Main
Street Diner

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

- Consideration of placing an ad in Chamber of Commerce Magazine
- consideration of Filing a Waiver of Foreclosure
- Union Negotiations to Executive Session

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to suspend the rules and add these items to the agenda

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

Attendance

Consent Agenda

City Manager Report

Committee Reports

5. **School Liaison Committee** – Met to discuss next year’s budget expectations
6. **Economic/Community Development Committee** – will meet on Friday, January 4th at 9:00 a.m.

Councilor Geel entered meeting at 6:04 p.m.

The next agenda item was a request to purchase foreclosed property located at 53 Carson Road. Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Councilor Moreside, seconded by Councilor Geel, and unanimously voted to authorize the City Clerk to send a letter to the Geraldine Bailey Heirs, offering them one last chance to redeem this property before advertising for sale by sealed bids.

On a motion by Councilor Geel and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to close non-essential City services on Christmas Eve and offer the day off. If employees want to use vacation time, they will still be paid for the day.

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to authorize the City Clerk to send a 30-day Tax Acquired Property Redemption letter to all owners of property that automatically foreclosed on December 28, 2018.

It was moved by Councilor Moreside, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to offer a Free Dump Day on Wednesday, December 26th and Saturday December 29th.

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Finance Director to write off the balance of the Richard Davis Revolving Loan, in the amount of \$11,862.28.

It was moved by Councilor Moreside, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to authorize the new City Manager, Michael Ellis, to be an authorize signer on all city bank accounts and trust funds.

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to place an ad in the Chamber of Commerce, Best Kept Secrets Way Downeast Magazine. This item is \$1200.00 to be charged to the Economic Development Account.

It was moved by Councilor Moreside, seconded by Councilor Geel, and unanimously voted that the City authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of a certain tax lien mortgage on real estate for a tax assessed against J D Thomas, Inc to the City of Calais dated June 28, 2017, and recorded in the Washington County Registry of Deeds at Book 4369, Page 291.

Councilor Geel

53 Carson Road Foreclosure

Christmas Eve off

Redemption Letter on Foreclosures

Free Dump Day

Write off Davis Loan

Authorize Signer

Ad in Chamber of Commerce Magazine

Waiver of Foreclosure

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

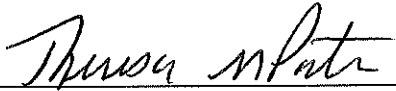
- Thanks, and Happy Retirement to Jim Porter
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Years
- Downtown looking nice
- Welcome to new City Manager, Mike Ellis
- Status of Loader
- North Street Traffic light
- progress on McAllister Bldg.

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session for a Personnel Issue and Union Negotiations at 6:23 p.m.

Open Session resumed at 6:43 pm

On a motion by Councilor Geel and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to approve the Union Contracts.

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Moreside, seconded by Councilor Geel, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Theresa M Porter, City Clerk

Other items

Executive Session

Approve Union contracts

Adjourn