

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
February 12, 2015

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 Moore presiding over Councilors Howard, Rogers, Mingo, and Moreside.

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

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Monthly Departmental Reports
- C. Treasurer's Warrants City through February 11, 2015
\$ 205,091.80
- D. Treasurer's Warrants School through February 11, 2015
\$ 329,654.88
- E. Treasurer's Warrants Water through February 11, 2015
\$ 14,282.08

The City Manager then gave his report on the following
--Public works crew busy with snow removal downtown with the help of private contractors.
--public hearings on Governor's budget in Augusta on Wed Feb. 18th, the Mayor to speak on behalf of the City
--need for a public safety committee meeting on Surveillance cameras, to be held on Thurs Feb 26th at 5:30 p.m.

Councilor Geel entered the Meeting at 6:05 pm

The Following Council Committee Reports were submitted:

1. **Finance Committee** – No report
2. **Property Committee** – No report
3. **Public Safety Committee** – met to discuss Police Officer Position, this item will be addressed later in agenda
4. **Public Works Committee** – No report
5. **School Liaison Committee** – No report

Attendance

Consent Agenda

City Manager's Report

Council Committee Reports

6. Economic/Community Development Committee – met on Ad for this weekend’s paper, and also discussed the Downtown TIF

The City Manager also gave the CDRC Report. He reported that the Committee is looking to return all of the lights on the downtown poles due to problems. He also reported that the Committee is busy planning events.

CDRC Report

The next agenda item was an update on police coverage plan. The City Manager asked that this item be moved to Executive Session under Union Negotiations.

Police Coverage Plan

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Council Rules.

Suspend Rules

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to add Union Negotiations to the Executive Session part of the agenda.

Add Executive Session Item

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to add a Special event application from the Relay for Life Committee to the new business of the regular agenda.

Add New Business Agenda Item

There was no public input on agenda items.

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to offer the City's Insurance to employees with Domestic partnerships.

Domestic Partnership Insurance

It was moved by Councilor Moreside, seconded by Councilor Howard, and unanimously voted to adopt the following Order authorizing an agreement with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank

Maine Municipal Bond Bank – Agreement

INSERT ORDER

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and Finance Director to sign the Water Department Audit Engagement Letter.

Water Dept Audit Engagement Letter

On a motion by Councilor Howard, and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to approve a request for the Annual American Cancer Society's St. Croix Valley, Relay for Life to be held at the Triangle Park and Waterfront Walkway on June 27, 2015.

Relay for Life

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

Other Items

--Roads looking great, following Snow Storms.
--need for an early start on Calais Fire/EMS Budgets...Public Safety Committee to meet on this budget at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24th at WCCC Assembly Room.
--TV News Story on Town of Millinocket re-focusing and re-building.

It was moved by Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. for the Following:

Executive Session

Land Negotiation Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA, 405 6 (c)
Personnel Issue Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA, 405 6 (a)
Union Contract Neg. Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA 405 6 (d)

Open Session resumed at 7:31 p.m.

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Moreside it was unanimously voted to authorize the City Manager to agree to a union contract amendment for Police Officers to work 12 hour shifts for the remainder of the contract.

Police Contract Amendment

It was moved by Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Geel and unanimously voted to accept the offer \$22,600 from Mark Thorum to purchase his property described as Map 7, Block 3, Lot 34 on the condition that the payment can be split into two equal installments with the second installment due within 12 months and an equal amount of funds be re-invested in his downtown buildings.

Purchase of Property from Mark Thorum

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Geel, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Adjourn

ATTEST: _____

Theresa M Porter, City Clerk