

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 11, 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 Geel, Howard, Mingo, and Moreside.

Attendance

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

Consent Agenda

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Warrants City through June 10, 2015
\$ 211,170.07
- C. Treasurer's Warrants School through June 10, 2015
\$ 297,007.11
- D. Treasurer's Warrants Water through June 10, 2015
\$ 15,753.46
- E. Monthly Departmental Reports
- F. Chase Fund for June - \$150.00
- G. Calais Fire Assn – 4th of July – Kids Games
- H. Calais Fire Assn – Int'l Festival Street Dance – August 5th

The Mayor then called for a public hearing on a proposed zone change on South Street as requested by Karen Delaney, DDS.

Zone Change

The City Manager explained that the request was to change the zoning in the area on South Street between Manning Street and Palmer Street currently zoned R-1 and R-2 to R-1P. It includes Map 27, Lots 199, 205, 206, 209, 208-1 and a portion of Lots 208 and 207. The proposed change would allow a dental office at 254 South Street and has been recommended by the Planning Board.

Councilor Nixon entered the meeting at 6:04 pm.

There being no public concern voiced, it was moved by Councilor Moreside, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to approve this zone change as recommended by the Planning Board.

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

Suspend Rules – add agenda item

agenda item, award of bid on demolition of the former Methodist Church located at 507 Main Street.

It was moved by Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Nixon, and unanimously voted to suspend the Council Rules and add agenda item.

It was then moved by Councilor Howard and seconded by Councilor Nixon to award this bid to Richard Mingo Construction in the amount of \$29,260.00 to be paid from unexpended Fund balance. Voting in favor were Councilors Geel, Howard, Moreside and Nixon. Councilor Mingo abstained. Motion carried.

The City Manager then reported on audit proposals and asked that this be referred to the Finance Committee for a recommendation.

The Finance Committee will meet on Monday, June 15th at 5:00pm

The City Manager then also reported on a complaint by the St. Croix #1 Firehouse Committee of vehicles parking in front of their building leaving them limited access to get into their facility. The Manager limited parking sign.

Councilor Nixon then reported on the following CDRC events and projects:

- replacing the decorative lighting on downtown poles
- flowers ready to be hung on downtown poles
- CDRC sponsored Orchestra concert at Congregational Church
- Road Toll in July
- Need for help with weeding downtown

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Howard it was unanimously voted to adopt the 2015-2016 School Department Budget in the amount of \$8,800,455.77, to be sent to the voters for validation.

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to schedule the School Budget Validation Election on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the City Building.

Add Agenda Item

Award of Demolition Bid

Audit Proposals – referred to Finance Committee

CDRC Report

School Department Budget

School Budget Validation Election

The City Manager then asked that Council consider retiring into Executive Session for a Personnel Issue. It was moved by Councilor Mingo, seconded by Councilor Nixon, and unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 6:37 p.m.

Open Session resumed at 7:44 p.m.

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to schedule the Public Hearing on the 2015 – 2016 Municipal Budget on June 25, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to grant an abatement of sewer charges in the amount of \$124.56 for Account # 1129.

It was moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Howard, and unanimously voted to accept the IUUAL Credit from MAINEPERS and authorize the Finance Dept to set up a reserve fund in the GL to put these funds. This fund is estimated to be \$225,000.

On a motion by Councilor Mingo, it was seconded by Councilor Nixon to write off Ambulance Debt in the amount of \$1079.11. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Geel, Howard, Mingo, and Nixon. Councilor Moreside Abstained. Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilor Mingo and seconded by Councilor Geel to write-off and send to collections, Ambulance Debt in the amount of \$4516.80. Voting in favor were Councilors Geel, Mingo, Nixon, and Mayor Moore, Councilor Howard was opposed and Councilor Moreside abstained. Motion carried.

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to set the summer meeting schedule with 2 meetings. The first meeting will be on July 9th and the second one will be on August 13th.

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

- Fine Job done by Fire Dept on downtown fire.
- paving project almost complete
- Commend work of CDRC

Executive Session

Open Session

Schedule P Hearing Budget

Sewer Abatement

Maine PERS refund

Ambulance Write-offs

Summer Meeting Schedule

Other Items

- Council Recognition of Citizens.
- Need for an Economic Dev. Meeting – “Signs”
- Library Carpeting Installation
- Need for Storm Drain Clean out
- Commend School Dept, City Manager and Finance Budget Sessions
- Relay for Life – June 27th

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. for the following:

Exec. Session

A. Personnel Issue Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA, 405 6 (a)

Open Session resumed at 7:17 p.m.

Open Session

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Geel, seconded by Councilor Howard, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:17pm

Adjourn

ATTEST: _____
Theresa M Porter, City Clerk