

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 3, 2016

A special meeting of the Calais City Council was held this date in the Council Chambers of the Calais City Building at 5:00 p.m.

Present was Mayor Moore presiding over Councilors Geel, Howard, Rogers, Moreside, and Nixon.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing on the consideration of submitting a State of Maine CDBG Public Infrastructure Grant application for the replacement of pumping stations on Main and Poole Streets in order to comply with Maine DEP requirements.

The City Manager explained the project as follows:

INSERT CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

The following public comment was submitted:

My name is Brad Phillips. I am in favor of this application because we need to keep our sewer rates affordable, especial for the elderly to be able to stay in their homes. I see folks struggling every day to pay their bills, so anything we can do to lessen that burden would be helpful.

My name is Andrea Walton. The City needs to take advantage of every program it can to get the sewer system into compliance with DEP's rules. I know we have been making steady progress cleaning up the river, but if we can get our system completely modernized, we can pass that on to the next generation. These grant programs are important because we can't bankrupt the current generation either.

My name is Nathaniel Moore and I am the pastor at the St. Croix Valley Assembly in the city as well as a resident. I share the same concern that others have expressed concerning the sewer rates. The church is small church with several elderly adherents. A rate increase would mean an extra strain on the church budget as well as the social security income of my adherents who live in Calais.

My name is Joan Perry and I believe this grant is needed in order to keep in compliance with DEP.

Christine Phillips commented that she agrees with all being said.

Attendance

Public Hearing – CDBG Public Infrastructure Grant Application.

Public Comment

Following Public comment, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing and asked for comment from the City Council.

The City Council made the following comments:

Councilor Howard stated that it is imperative that the City submit this grant application in order to keep bills down.

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Rogers it was unanimously voted to authorize the submission of this grant application.

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Moreside seconded by Councilor Nixon and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 5:08 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Theresa M. Porter, City Clerk

Submit Grant Application

Adjourn