

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
MAY 14, 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 Moreside and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to approve the following consent agenda:

Previous Minutes

Monthly Departmental Reports

Chase Fund for May - \$150.00

Treasurer's Warrants City through March 13, 2015

\$ 214,267.57

Treasurer's Warrants School through March 13, 2015

\$ 537,941.53

Treasurer's Warrants Water through March 13, 2015

\$ 9,487.03

Annual Farmer's Market – Triangle Park

The next agenda item was a presentation of the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014 audit. No motion needed at this time.

Councilor Geel entered the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

The City Manager then gave his report on the following:

--Liaison Committee meeting to be on May 27th

--Public Safety Committee meeting to be on May 21st at 5:30 p.m.

--recycling at Southwest Solid Waste in Lawrence Station

--Paving Program

The City Manager asked that the Council consider suspend the rules in order to add the agenda item, the paving program.

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Moreside it was so moved to suspend the Council rules.

Attendance

Consent Agenda

Budget Presentation

City Manager's Report

Suspend Rules – add agenda item

It was then moved by Councilor Moreside, seconded by Councilor Howard, and unanimously voted to authorize the City Manager to solicit bids on the following projects needed and to authorize the following roads to be done by Pavement Management Services:

Paving for half of Hardscrabble Road, all culverts

Paving for half of Brogan Road, all culverts

Paving for Palmer Street

Paving for Fowler Street

Paving for Cemetery Road

The funds for this project will be taken from undesignated fund balance = \$43,000 & \$39,000, with the remaining balance from Paving Program CIP.

The following Council Committee reports were submitted:

1. **Finance Committee** – No report
2. **Property Committee**- met to discuss, a land issue with PCT Communications, an application for an outside café for South of the Border, and a request to archery hunt on City owned property.
3. **Public Safety Committee** - No report
4. **Public Works Committee** – met to discuss the paving program.
5. **School Liaison Committee** – No report
6. **Economic/Community Development Committee**- Joint Committee w/Baileyville hired Julie Jordan.

The City Manager then gave the CDRC Report. He reported that there is another “Get Mugged in Downtown Calais” event and also reported that the replacement lights have been received.

Randy McCormick reported on the DiCenzo Complex project. Very good turnout last weekend, project is approximately 85% complete.

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to schedule a Public Hearing on June 11th to consider a zone change on South Street.

Paving Program

Committee Reports

CDRC Report

DiCenzo Project

Schedule PH – South St Zone change

The next agenda item was a request from Just South of the Border to have an outside Café at the rear of their building with live music on the weekend. Following some discussion, it was moved by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Howard and unanimously voted to approve this request, with the live music being turned off by midnight, this motion pending State Liquor Licensing approval.

Outside Café “Just South of the Border”

It was moved by Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Geel, and unanimously voted to deny the request for Archery Hunting on City owned property.

Deny Request for Archery Hunting

The next agenda item was to schedule budget workshops. It was decided to hold workshops on Thursday, May 21st and Thursday May 28th, prior to the Council Meeting.

Budget Sessions

It was moved by Councilor Mingo, seconded by Councilor Howard, to write-off ambulance debt in the amount of \$6849.00 for deceased debtors with no assets. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Geel, Howard, Rogers, and Mingo. Councilor Moreside abstained. Motion carried.

Ambulance Debt Write-offs

It was moved by Councilor Mingo and seconded by Councilor Geel to write off ambulance debt in the amount of \$5202.60, plus court fees of \$100 for patient #1453 and send to collections. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Geel, Rogers, and Mingo. Councilor Howard was opposed and Councilor Moreside Abstained. Motion carried.

Following some discussion on whether or not to provide a proposal for Ambulance Service to the Towns of Baileyville and Alexander, it was moved by Councilor Howard and seconded by Councilor Rogers not to offer proposals at this time. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Howard, Rogers, and Geel. Councilor Mingo and Mayor Moore were opposed and Councilor Moreside abstained. Motion carried.

Deny Request – Ambulance Proposals

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to approve and authorize the Chief of Police to sign an MOU with the Washington County Sheriff’s Office.

Police Dept/Sheriff’s Office - MOU

It was moved by Councilor Rogers and seconded by Councilor Mingo to authorize the City Manager to advertise to fill the vacant position of Firefighter/Paramedic for the Fire/EMS Dept. Voting in favor were Councilors Geel, Howard, Rogers, and Mingo. Councilor Moreside abstained. Motion carried.

Fire Fighter/Paramedic
Position

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

Other Items

- status of Pool Opening
- culvert on Shattuck Road in need of repair
- Commend Police Dept on Drug Bust
- Tough Budget ahead
- grading on Dump road
- Need for Retaining wall on dump road
- Volunteerism in City
- Flags look nice
- Relay for Life and CF Walks

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 8:09 pm for the Following:

Executive Session

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

Open Session resumed at 8:20 p.m.

It was moved by Councilor Geel, seconded by Councilor Moreside and unanimously voted to give David Townsend an additional Stipend while he is filling in for the PW Director.

Townsend Stipend

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 8:21 p.m.

Adjourn

ATTEST: _____

Theresa M Porter, City Clerk