

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 30, 2017

The second 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 Geel, Sherrard, Rogers and Carr.

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

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Warrants City through November 29, 2017
\$ 578,123.57
- C. Treasurer's Warrants School through November 29, 2017
\$ 629,723.86
- D. Treasurer's Warrants Water through November 29, 2017
\$ 118,562.45

The City Manager gave his report. He stated that he has received a letter of resignation from Assessor Lorna Thompson effective January 1, 2018. It was moved by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Carr and unanimously voted to accept this resignation with regret.

The following Councilor 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
- 5. School Liaison Committee – No report
- 6. Economic/Community Development Committee – the City Manager informed the Council that our representatives for the Downeast Broadband Utility Board from Calais will be himself and Councilor Mingo.

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted that based on the testimony of Code Enforcement Officer, Tim Krug, at a public hearing held on November 9, 2017, the property described as Map 3, Block 2, Lot 5 of the current Tax maps of the City of Calais, the Council conclude

Attendance

Consent agenda

Committee reports

Dangerous Buildings

that said structure is dangerous or a nuisance and it constitutes a hazard to health and safety health because of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence or abandonment, and therefore orders to remove the structure or make repairs necessary to make the structure safe, said abatement to be completed within 6 months of service of this order.

On a motion by Councilor Geel and a second by Councilor Carr, it was unanimously voted that based on the testimony of Code Enforcement Officer, Tim Krug, at a public hearing held on November 9, 2017, the property described as Map 7, Block 7, Lot 4 of the current Tax maps of the City of Calais, the Council conclude that said structure is dangerous or a nuisance and it constitutes a hazard to health and safety health because of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence or abandonment, and therefore orders to remove the structure or make repairs necessary to make the structure safe, said abatement to be completed within 6 months of service of this order.

On a motion by Councilor Sherrard and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted that based on the testimony of Code Enforcement Officer, Tim Krug, at a public hearing held on November 9, 2017, the property described as Map 5, Block 5, Lot 1 of the current Tax maps of the City of Calais, the Council conclude that said structure is dangerous or a nuisance and it constitutes a hazard to health and safety health because of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence or abandonment, and therefore orders to remove the structure or make repairs necessary to make the structure safe, said abatement to be completed within 6 months of service of this order.

It was moved by Councilor Sherrard and seconded by Councilor Carr to allow an amendment to the tax acquired property payment arrangement of Eric S Howard. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Geel, Sherrard, Rogers, and Carr. Mayor Howard abstained.

TAP payment amendment

The City Clerk presented the Council with the following bids received on Tax Acquired Property:

Tax acquired property bids

146 Union Street Map 5, Block 5, Lots 7,8,9

- 1. Willard Doliber \$850.00
- 2. Stephen Smith \$1000.00

64 Lafayette Street Map 10, Block 11, Lot 21

- 1. Willard Doliber \$1200.00
- 2. Stephen Smith \$2000.00

287 North Street Map 5, Block 9, Lot 12

- 1. Janet Purton \$3001.00
- 2. Robert Cousins \$ 1.00
- 3. Stephen Smith \$ 100.00

On a motion by Councilor Sherrard and a second by Councilor Carr it was unanimously voted to award these 3 bids to the highest bidders.

The Clerk then presented the Council with the bid results on MSW Transportation

Bidder recyclables	MSW/DEMO	Cont. /metals	
H & H Disposal	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$300.00
Mark Wright Disposal	\$275.00	\$100.00	\$300.00
C & C Trucking	\$260.00	\$100.00	\$250.00

\$36,551.26 from the estate of Barbara D'Alessandris. These funds will be used for the Library Building Fund.

MSW Bids

Following a brief discussion on the concern of the Public Works Director of the quality of equipment and job performance of the low bidder C & C Trucking, it was moved by Councilor Sherrard and seconded by Councilor Rogers to award this bid on the condition that the equipment and vehicles meet the approval of the Public Works Director. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Sherrard, Rogers and Carr. Councilor Geel and Mayor Howard were opposed. Motion carried.

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to offer the Maine Start retirement program to city of Calais Employees as an additional retirement savings tool.

Maine Start

On a motion by Councilor Sherrard and a second by Councilor Rogers, it was unanimously voted to extend the contract with RKO for the City's annual audits for three years.

It was moved by Councilor Sherrard, seconded by Councilor Rogers and unanimously voted to accept the bequest in the amount of

Audit Contract

Library Bequest

On a motion by Councilor Geel and a second by Councilor Carr, it was unanimously voted to appoint Ron O'Brien as an alternate on the Planning Board.

The next agenda item was the St Croix #1 Time Capsule. It was discussed as to what the City will put in. No motion made

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

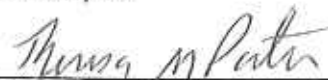
- Chamber of Commerce Magazine
- Christmas light show on Cedar Street
- City Clerk's 35 Anniversary – congrats
- St Croix Historical Society Holiday Party
- installation of Skating Rinks
- improvements at Town of Lincoln
- New Bleachers at High School

On a motion by Councilor Sherrard and a second by Councilor Rogers, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session for Union Negotiations at 6:50 p.m.

Open Session resumed at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Sherrard, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



Theresa M Porter, City Clerk

Ron O'Brien – Planning Board

St Croix #1 – Time Capsule

Other Items

Exec. Session

Open Session

Adjourn