

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL  
September 14, 2017

The 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, Mingo, Moreside and Nixon.

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and seconded by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to approve the following consent agenda:

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Monthly Departmental Reports
- C. Chase Fund for September - \$150.00
- D. Treasurer's Warrants City through Sept. 13, 2017  
\$321,402.44
- E. Treasurer's Warrants School through Sept. 13, 2017  
\$441,626.18
- F. Treasurer's Warrants Water through Sept. 13, 2017  
\$ 7,232.96

The City Manager then gave his report. He informed the Council that there would be a Dark Fiber workshop on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 6:00 in Council Chambers. He also stated that Union Negotiations were scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2017.

The following Council Committee reports were submitted:

1. **Finance Committee** – scheduled a workshop to discuss the budget and CIP planning for October 3, 2017 at 6:00.
2. **Property Committee** – No report
3. **Public Safety Committee** – No report
4. **Public Works Committee** – No report
5. **School Liaison Committee** – Had a productive meeting on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> with good ideas for possible school consolidation.
6. **Economic/Community Development Committee** – scheduled a meeting for September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. to discuss nursing home issue.

The CDRC reported on preparing for fall events and scarecrows beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Attendance

Consent Agenda

City Manager's Report

Council Committee Reports

CDRC Report

The City Manager then presented the Council with the following bid results for the Library Painting job:

INSERT LIBRARY PAINTING BIDS

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and seconded by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to go with the stain option for both the trim and cupola and award the bid to Wilson's Renovation with the funds to come from the Pike Fund account.

The next agenda item was a discussion on Calais Regional Hospital. There was no motion made at this time.

The City Manager stated that the Baileyville Town Council wants to meet with the Calais City Council to discuss school consolidation. A meeting was tentatively set for Sept 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00.

Councilor Mingo clarified that he wanted to discuss the gate on Hardscrabble Road, not Carson Road. There was a brief discussion and no motion was required at this time.

The next agenda item was the request from Donald Shain regarding redemption of tax acquired property. The Council authorized the City Manager to deal with this matter. There was no motion made at this time.

The City Manager stated that the security cameras at the City Building were in need of repair or replacing. It was moved by Councilor Moreside, seconded by Councilor Geel to replace the City Building security cameras with new HD cameras at a cost of approximately \$1,500; with the funds to come from the City Building CIP account. Motion carried.

On a motion by Councilor Mingo, seconded by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to schedule a Public Hearing on October 12<sup>th</sup> to consider abandoning the public way between St. Croix #1 and the Just South of the Border building.

The City Manager stated that there was no longer a need to schedule a Public Hearing to adopt upper Barker Street as a Public Way. No motion was made at this time.

On a motion by Councilor Sherrard, seconded by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to write off the following Personal Property and Water bad debt:

INSERT PERSONAL PROPERTY AND WATER WRITE OFFS

Library Painting Bids

Calais Regional Hospital

Joint Consolidation Meeting

Gate – Hardscrabble Road

Donald Shain Request

City Building Security  
Cameras

Schedule Public Hearing –  
Abandon Public Way

Barker Street Public Way

Personal Property & Water  
Bad Debt

Library painting bids

Paint exterior window and eave trim

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
1. Wilson's renovation	\$5850.00

Paint exterior of Calais Free Library Cupola

1. Wilson's renovation	\$2499.99
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Stain exterior window and eave trim

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
2. Wilson's renovation	\$5550.00

Stain exterior of Calais Free Library Cupola

2. Wilson's renovation	\$2445.00
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Write off's

Name	Account #	Service/Tax	Date of bill	Amount	Reason
FORSYTH-BROWN, LEA	637	Personal Property	2016	\$ 53.94	Moved to Texas-Send to Collections
ORAN, TANER	3287	Water Bill	9/30/2016	\$ 57.42	Deceased
POPE, WILLIAM	1344	Water Bill	3/31/2016	\$ 57.42	Deceased
COOKSON, GERALD	3566	Water Bill	3/31/17 & 12/30/16	\$ 114.84	Deceased
ROSENBERG, MORGAN	4177	Water Bill	3/31/16 & 6/30/16	\$ 114.84	Whereabouts unknown-Collections
SMALL, MELANIE	4199	Water Bill	3/31/17 & 6/30/17	\$ 114.84	Moved to California-Send to Collections
STEADMAN, BEAULAH	1706	Water Bill	12/30/15 & 3/31/16	\$ 114.62	Beaulah had stroke-in assisted living-family not responsive to paying bill

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

- Hire an additional Public Works employee to begin training now
- Dump Road condition
- Traffic light project looks great
- Skating rink in Milltown status
- Lincoln St. property status update
- County Budget
- Condition of South Street property
- Status of house beside Tim Hortons
- Complaint about speeding on Eaton St.

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 6:57 p.m. for the following:

- A. Legal Issues Pursuant to MRSA §405 6 (e)

Open session resumed at 7:33 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Mingo, seconded by Councilor Sherrard and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Crystal A. Gallina, Finance Director

Other Items

Executive Session

Adjourn