

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

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 Moore presiding over Councilors Geel, Howard, Rogers, Mingo, and Moreside.

Attendance

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

Consent Agenda

- ~~A. Previous Minutes~~
- B. Treasurer's Warrants City through September 23, 2015
\$480,629.80
- C. Treasurer's Warrants School through September 23, 2015
\$349,559.10
- D. Treasurer's Warrants Water through September 23, 2015
\$168,745.35
- E. Calais Free Library – Annual Halloween Parade – October 30, 2015
- F. Common Ground Church of God – Concert in Memorial park – Oct. 10, 2015

The previous minutes were amended to reflect the following input on agenda items:

Previous Minutes

The Mayor then asked if there was anyone wanting to have any input on agenda items. ~~The Property Owner of the Obstructive View Hedge spoke on that issue.~~ Melodie Green requested to address Item E under New Business stating that the hedge was not the issue but rather the speed, citing several accidents in the vicinity of Dr. Dawson's house.

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Rogers, it was unanimously voted to approve the Previous Minutes as amended.

The City Manager then gave his report. He asked that the Council consider suspend the Council Rules in order to add the following items:

City Manager's report

- Maine Coastal Management BIG Grant
- SCRTC Reserve Account Expense
- Fuel Bids

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Council Rules to add the above items.

Suspend Council Rules

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to authorize the City Manager to apply for a \$10,000 BIG Grant from the Dept of Conservation's Maine Coastal Program to be used for an engineering study for the floating dock expansion project.

BIG Grant

It was moved by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Geel, and unanimously voted to authorize the expenditure of \$11,212.97 from the SCRTC Truck Driving Reserve Account #2120-0000-0000-30100-0000 to purchase a 2008 Truck to replace the current 1994 Truck.

SCRTC Reserve Acct

The Finance Director presented the Council with the following bid results on fuel bids:

Fuel Bids

VL Tamaro Oil	Unleaded Gas	Diesel
Rack Price	\$1.5576	\$1.7076
Differential/mark up	\$.085	\$.085
Fixed Price Option	\$1.643	\$1.793
Dead River Company	Unleaded Gas	Diesel
Rack Price	\$1.5283	\$1.6174
Differential/mark up	\$.3930	\$.1930
Fixed Price Option	N/A	N/A

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Moreside it was unanimously voted to award this bid to VL Tamaro Oil for the Fixed Price Option of \$1.643 for Unleaded Gas and \$1.793 for Diesel.

The other item that the City Manager included with his report was a request for permission to recruit and train someone for the posted Public Works Driver/Laborer position.

PW Driver/Laborer position

The following Council Committee reports were submitted:

1. **Finance Committee** – No report
2. **Property Committee** – met to discuss tax acquired property
3. **Public Safety Committee** – No report
4. **Public Works Committee** – met to discuss ditching, culverts and Public Works vehicle
5. **School Liaison Committee** – No report
6. **Economic/Community Development** – No report

Committee Reports

There was no CDRC report given.

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to approve the following recommendations for the Property Committee:

Tax Acquired Property

Advertise the following Properties for sale by sealed bids:

M/B/L	10-1-3-1	Garfield Street
M/B/L	5-8-8	16 Garfield Street
M/B/L	37-239-1	1609 River Rd
M/B/L	6-8-4	McLean Street
M/B/L	9-3-8	167 South Street
M/B/L	5-5-7, 8, 9	146 Union Street

Authorize the City Clerk and/or City Solicitor to research further:

M/B/L	10-11-10	59 Downes Street
M/B/L	10-1-13	23 Lincoln Street

Authorize eviction process

M/B/L	5-5-23	27 Price Street
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Allow Payment Arrangement

M/B/L	3-3-4	20 King Street
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Authorize the City Clerk to invite property owner to speak with Council in order to negotiate a higher payment arrangement

M/B/L	5-5-24	25 Price Street
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It was moved by Councilor Moreside and seconded by Councilor Rogers to award the bid to Richard Mingo Construction at \$26,050 and authorize expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$35,000 for ditching and culverts on Carson and Shattuck Roads as well as trench paving on Brogan Road. These funds will be taken from Unexpended Fund Balance. Voting in favor were Councilors Geel, Howard, Rogers, and Moreside. Councilor Mingo Abstained and the motion carried.

Carson/Shattuck Rd –
Ditching and Culverts

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to authorize the City Manager to negotiate with Pratt Chevrolet for the purchase of a 2012 GMC Sierra pickup truck for the Public Works Dept, in an amount not to exceed \$16,000. This motion is pending a valid inspection. This amount will be taken from the Public Works Budget.

Public Works Truck Purchase

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to award the bid to Sunrise Sand and Gravel for Winter Sand in the amount of \$23,715 for undelivered and to authorize the City Manager to solicit bids for trucking this sand from the pit to the City's Public Works Garage.

Winter Sand

It was moved by Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Moreside and unanimously voted to award the contract for hauling solid waste to Mark Wright Disposal at a rate of \$28.00 per ton.

Solid Waste Disposal

There was no public input on agenda items.

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to approve the Black Magic Saturday events requested by the CDRC. These events will be on Saturday, October 24th.

Black Magic Saturday Events

It was moved by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Geel, and unanimously voted to schedule a Public Hearing on October 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to consider a proposed Property Management Ordinance.

Property Management
Ordinance

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to confirm the City Manager's

Assessing Clerk –
Appointment

appointment of Andrea Walton as the Assessing Clerk, pending favorable drug test and background check.

The City Manager updated the Council on the design of the Welcome sign for the Traffic Circle. No action needed at this time.

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

- other equipment needs for the Public Works Dept
- Nice to see roadwork being done
- donation to Fire Science Program
- Hospital CEO at next Council Meeting
- need for Resolutions acknowledging 60th Anniversary of local businesses

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. for the following:

- A. Personnel Issue Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA, 405 6 (a)
- B. Legal Issue Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA, 405 6 (e)

Open Session resumed at 7:38 p.m.

It was moved by Councilor Moreside and seconded by Councilor Geel, to authorize the City Solicitor to proceed with negotiations with MDOT concerning the removal of the hedge on the corner of Route 1 and Shattuck Road. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Geel, Howard, Rogers, and Moreside. Councilor Mingo was opposed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Geel and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Theresa M Porter, City Clerk

Welcome Sign

Other items

Executive Session

Open Session

Hedge

Adjourn