

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL

September 26, 2013

The second regular monthly meeting of the Calais City Council was held this date in the Gymnasium of Washington County Community College at 6:00 p.m.

Present was Mayor Moore presiding over Councilors Parks, Howard, Bernardini, Mingo, Dwelley, and Nixon.

On a motion by Councilor Bernardini and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to approve the following consent agenda items as presented:

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Warrants City through September 25, 2013 \$ 490,653.14
- C. Treasurer's Warrants School through September 25, 2013 \$ 275,128.35
- D. Treasurer's Warrants Water through September 25, 2013 \$ 158,936.07
- E. Victualer's License – King China
- F. Liquor License Renewal – King China
- G. Annual Calais Free Library Halloween Parade – Oct 31st at 3:30 pm
- H. Victualer's License – Chen Family Garden Restaurant – 43 North Street

The City Manager then gave her report. She informed the Council that there will be a contingent of people from the Federal Government in Calais on Wednesday October 16th inspecting the proposed site for a new Veteran's Memorial Cemetery.

The Following Council Committee Reports were then submitted:

- 1. **Finance Committee** – No report
- 2. **Property Committee** – No report
- 3. **Public Safety Committee** – met prior to City Council meeting to discuss the possibility of changing the vacant Sergeant position to a detective position at a

savings of \$6,000 - \$7,000 per year.

- 4. **Public Works Committee** – also met prior to Council meeting to discuss the purchase of a truck for the Cemetery Department.
- 5. **School Liaison Committee** – No report

Attendance

Consent Agenda

City Manager's Report

Committee Reports

6. **Economic & Community Development Committee** – met with designers of the City's Logo/Website 2 weeks ago. There will be an unveiling sometime in October.

The next agenda item was moved by Councilor Mingo, seconded by Councilor Howard, and unanimously voted on to authorize the expenditure in the amount of \$12,500 from the Recreation Department CIP- Roof Replacement to replace the roof on the Community Center.

There was no Public Input on Agenda Items.

On a motion by Councilor Dwelley and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to schedule a public hearing on Thursday, October 10, 2013 on the Business District Revitalization Emergency Ordinance.

It was moved by Councilor Parks and seconded by Councilor Mingo to authorize the purchase of a 2006 Ford F350 from High Country Truck & Van, located in Asheville, NC in the amount of \$19,300 and up to \$1,400 for delivery by a licensed and insured Car Carrier and authorize funds to be expended from the Cemetery CIP – One Ton Truck with Dump Body. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Parks, Bernardini, Mingo, and Dwelley. Councilors Nixon and Howard were opposed. Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilor Dwelley and seconded by Councilor Bernardini to authorize the Police Chief to change the vacant sergeant position to a detective and authorize the Police Chief to advertise for a Police Detective. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Dwelley, Bernardini, Parks, and Mayor Moore. Councilors Howard, Mingo, and Nixon were opposed. Motion carried.

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Bernardini it was unanimously voted to authorize the City

Manager to solicit RFP's for an analysis of re-establishing a Nursing Home in Calais.

At this point the Mayor asked that the Council consider suspending the Council Rules in order to add the agenda item of discussion of the School Department Budget. It was so moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Parks, and unanimously voted.

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Councilor Mingo and seconded by Councilor Howard to direct the City Manager to make more cuts to the City's CIP and bring this back to the Council at a special meeting on October 1st. All in favor.

Rec Dept – CIP
Withdrawal

Schedule Public Hearing –
Downtown Revitalization
Ordinance

Cemetery Truck

Police Dept – Sergeant Vacancy

RFP Nursing Home Analysis

Suspend Rules

School Budget Discussion

On a motion by Councilor Parks and a second by Councilor Bernardini, it was unanimously voted to rescind the motion made on September 10th approving an amount of \$8,429,834.63 to be sent to the voters for validation.

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Howard, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Police Chief to purchase three (3) bullet proof vests too be expended from the Police CIP-Bullet Proof Vests in an amount not to exceed \$1,965.00.

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

--Discussion and Ideas and Thanks from the public on the school budget.

--need for Calais to look into local sales tax option

--thanks extended to all City Department Heads for their excellent demeanor during this whole budget process.

--Congrats to Capt Dale Purton – VFW Award

--Letter of thanks from Town of Springfield for Fire Department Training Opportunity

It was moved by Councilor Mingo, seconded by Councilor Bernardini, and unanimously voted to take a 5-minute recess at 7:10 before retiring into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue.

Executive Session commenced at 7:15 p.m.

Open Session resumed at 7:45 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Nixon, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Theresa M. Porter,
City Clerk

Rescind Motion

Recess

Bullet Proof Vests

Other Items

Adjourn