

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 28, 2016

The second regular monthly meeting of the Calais City Council was held this date in the Council Chambers of the Calais City Building at 6:15 p.m.

Present was Mayor Moore presiding over Councilors Geel, Howard, Rogers, Mingo, Moreside, and Nixon.

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

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Warrants City through January 27, 2016
\$281,842.39
- C. Treasurer's Warrants School through January 27, 2016
\$364,179.38
- D. Treasurer's Warrants Water through January 27, 2016
\$ 21,772.30
- E. Liquor License Renewal – Calais Motor Inn

The City Manager asked that the Council consider suspend the Council Rules in order to add an agenda.

It was moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Geel, and unanimously voted to suspend the Council Rules to vote on scheduling a Public Hearing on the Sewer Pumping Station Replacement Project on Main and Poole Streets.

It was then moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Howard, and unanimously voted to schedule a Public Hearing on this project for February 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

The City Manager then reported on the following:

- St. Croix Apt. HUD Violations
- City solicitor excused from next meeting on Feb 11th.

The following Council Committee Reports were submitted:

1. **Finance Committee** – met to review the current year Budget and Finances.
2. **Property Committee** – met on the Nashes Lake Dam

Attendance

Consent Agenda

City Manager's Report

Suspend the Council Rules

Schedule P Hearing – Sewer Pumping Station Project

C Manager report continued

Council Committee Reports

3. **Public Safety Committee** – also met on Nashes Lake Dam
4. **Public Works Committee** – No report
5. **School Liaison Committee** – No report
6. **Economic/Community Development Committee** – met to discuss TIF and Dark Fiber

The CDRC reported on City Banners

The next agenda item was a discussion on the Downtown TIF. This item will have more committee meeting and be brought back to a later meeting.

In the public input on agenda items, Tom Webster mentioned his concerns with the Steamboat Street Pumping Station.

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to charge the bill in the amount of \$26,145.00 for Emergency Pumping due to the Steamboat Street malfunction, to General Ledger Account #G7-7500-00.

It was moved by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Nixon, and unanimously voted to authorize the City Manager to contract with Pinetree Engineering for the Engineering of the Boating Infrastructure Grant Project in an amount not to exceed the Grant amount.

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Sunrise Snowmobile Club to hold their annual Parade and Bonfire on February 12th.

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

- Plans for green space at Community Thrift Store.
- Fairpoint Land lines in jeopardy?
- St. Croix Historical Society – Veteran’s Paver
- Need to address pot holes
- Status of Committee Volunteer List
- Culvert replacement on Hardscrabble Road
- Councilor Nixon’s Retirement

On a motion by Councilor Nixon, and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 6:53 p.m. for the following:

- A. Personnel Issue Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA, 405 6 (a)
- B. Poverty Abatement Pursuant to Title 36, MRSA, 841 5

CDRC report

TIF

Public Input

Emergency Pumping Bill

BIG Grant Engineering

Snowmobile Parade and Bonfire

Other Items

Executive Session

Open Session resumed at 7:04 p.m.

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to grant a Poverty/Infirmity Abatement for the 2013 Taxes/Interest/Fees on Account #2353.

It was then moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to re-enter Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

Open Session resumed at 7:18 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 Moreside, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:18 p.m.

ATTEST:



Theresa M Porter, City Clerk

Open Session

Poverty Abatement

Executive Session

Open Session

Adjourn