

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
MAY 8, 2014

The first regular monthly meeting of the Calais City Council was held this date at St. Croix #1 Firehouse located at 9 Church Street at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Monthly Departmental Report
- C. Chase Fund for May, 2014 - \$150.00
- D. Treasurer's Warrants City through May 7, 2014
\$150,471.74
- E. Treasurer's Warrants School through May 7, 2014
\$363,686.12
- F. Treasurer's Warrants Water through May 7, 2014
\$ 7,563.08
- G. Liquor License Renewal – St. Croix Country Club
- H. Liquor License Renewal – Yancy's Restaurant
- I. Liquor License Renewal – Wickachee Dining Room
- J. 2014 Victualer's Licenses

The Mayor then called for public hearing on new Business District Revitalization Ordinance. Following comments, it was moved by Councilor Howard and seconded by Councilor Mingo to repeal the existing ordinance as of the effective date of new ordinance and approve this new ordinance. Voting in favor were Councilors Parks, Howard, Rogers, Mingo, and Nixon. Councilor Dwelley was opposed. Motion carried.

The City Manager then gave her report. She informed the Council of her intent to place an ad in the brochure for the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame Ceremony to be held at the Garcelon Center at a fee of \$100. She also asked that the Council consider suspending the Council Rules in order to add an agenda item to authorize the Recreation Department to accept donation funds.

Attendance

Consent Agenda

Public Hearing – Business
District Revitalization
Ordinance

City Manager's Report

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Parks, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Council Rules to add this agenda item.

Suspend Rules

It was then moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to authorize the Recreation Department to accept donation funds to set up a GL Account for these funds.

Recreation Donation Account

The following Council Committee reports were submitted:

Council Committee Reports

1. Finance Committee – No report
2. Property Committee – No report, but need to set up meeting
3. Public Safety Committee- No report
4. Public Works Committee – No report
5. School Liaison Committee – met on May 1st to discuss budgets.
6. Economic/community Development Committee – have received a draft of brochure set up a meeting on Friday, May 16th at 9:00 am

The CDRC reported on the following:

CDRC report

--Passamaquoddy Bay Orchestra performing at Congregational Church

--Meridian Park Clean-up

--Boy Scouts volunteering to water downtown flowers

Annaleis Hafford of Olver Associates presented the Wastewater Budget to the Council. This item will be voted on June.

Waste Water Budget

Ms Hafford also presented the Council with the requirements of open burning of brush & wood from construction or demolition debris. No motion needed at this time.

Open burning requirements

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Parks, it was unanimously voted to approve an amended and updated Backflow Policy for the Water Department.

Backflow Policy

Annaleis Hafford presented the Council with the following bid results on the King, Chapel, Pleasant Street Utility Improvements Project:

T Buck Construction	\$1,490,918.00
Donovan Construction	\$1,520,580.00
Fundy Contractors	\$1,976,483.00

On a motion by Councilor Dwelley and a second by Councilor Rogers, it was unanimously voted to award the bid to T. Buck Construction for the total bid amount of \$1,490,918.00 and execute a change order to reduce the scope of a contract award of \$1,420,010 contingent upon DECK and DEP approval.

It was moved by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Nixon, and unanimously voted to go ahead with the MDOT paving work since it is not known at this time when grant funding will be available for further sewer work in the project areas.

It was moved by Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to deny the request to abate a portion of the sewer bill for quarter ending 3/31/14 for Karry Ann Nadeau and account #88 at 171 South Street due to the water going through the sewer system.

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to schedule public hearings on the following listed properties for June 12, 2014 to consider whether they are dangerous buildings:

26 Garfield Street	Owner- Ruby Andrews
45 Baring Street	owner- James McKeown Heirs
15-17 School Street	Owner-Moses Cilley
78 Monroe St	Owner-Christopher Dow
77 Garfield St	Owner-Christina John Fullmore

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Rogers it was unanimously voted to approve a sewer abatement in the amount of \$311.40 for Edith Sears for sewer charges at 14 Boardman Street.

King/Chapel/Pleasant St –
Bid Award

MDOT Paving

Deny Sewer Abatement

Schedule Public Hearing –
Dangerous Buildings

Grants Sewer Abatements

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Dwelley it was unanimously voted to approve a sewer abatement in the amount of \$1,525.86 for Peter Cline for sewer charges at 904 Main Street.

On a motion by Councilor Mingo, and a second by Councilor Howard, it was unanimously voted to amend the amount of the Sewer abatement granted on April 10, 2014 to Bonnie Dwelley at 831 Main Street from #368.16 to \$301.02.

It was moved by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Dwelley, and unanimously voted to write-off a Personal Property Tax in the amount of \$379.79 for tax account #566.

On a motion by Councilor Dwelley and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to approve and the certificate of settlement for Diane Barnes, Tax Collector for the tax year 2012.

On a motion by Councilor Dwelley and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to approve Calais Fire-EMS' proposal for renewing the EMS service agreement with NWSARAS under service option B for an additional period of performance from July 1014 to June 30, 2014 and authorize the City Manager to sign the Master Service Agreement.

It was moved by Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Nixon, and unanimously voted to allow all Public Works Employees to attend the 2014 Highway Congress in Skowhegan on Thursday, June 5, 2014.

It was moved by Councilor Nixon and seconded by Councilor Howard to authorize the Recreation Department to open the Calais Pool this summer. Voting in favor were Councilors Parks, Howard, Rogers, Mingo, and Nixon. Councilor Dwelley was opposed. Motion carried.

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Rogers, it was unanimously voted to authorize an off premise catering license to allow the Calais Motor Inn to hold a "Beer Tent" in their parking lot on Friday, August 8th and Saturday, August 9th.

Amendment to Sewer abatement

Write-off Personal Property Tax

Tax collector's Certificate of Settlement

NWSARAS Contract

Highway Congress

Pool to remain open

Off-premise Catering license – Calais Motor Inn

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to approve Karen's Main Street Diner and Korner Pub's application for her International Festival Event.

Karen's Diner Int'l Festival Event

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to sign the following proclamation for Letter Carriers' Food Drive Day, May 10, 2014.

Letter Carrier's Day

INSERT PROCLAMATION

The next agenda item was a discussion on the School Budget. Since this item was discussed at the budget workshop prior to the City Council meeting, Councilor Rogers asked for a straw poll vote on the School Budget. Councilor's Rogers, Howard and Nixon were inclined to vote to give the School the minimum local share of \$1,448,877.50 plus an additional \$322,900, requested. Councilor's Mingo, Dwelley, and Parks and Mayor Moore are not willing to give that total amount.

Straw Poll – School Budget

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

Other Items

- Tourism marketing
- Thanks to volunteers for Meridian Park Clean-up.
- Amendment status
- Thanks to Department Heads for working on Budget cuts
- Need for more Economic Development and Slum/Blight clean-up
- possibility of cutting 10% across the board for this year's budget
- condolences to Police chief David Randall for Death of sister.

On a motion by Councilor Dwelley and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to take a brief recess at 7:55 p.m. before retiring into Executive Session to discuss the following:

Recess

A. Legal Issue Pursuant to Title 1, MRSA § 405 6 (e)

Executive Session

Open Session resumed at 8:10 p.m.

Open session

There being no further business to come before the City Councilor at this time, it was moved by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Parks, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Adjourn

ATTEST: _____

Theresa M. Porter, City Clerk