

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 23, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Calais City Council was held this date at the Calais Recreation Center on Academy Street at 6:00 p.m.

Present was Mayor Howard presiding over Councilors Moreside, Carr, Geel, Sherrard, and Rogers.

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

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Monthly Departmental Reports
- C. Chase Fund for April - \$200.00
- D. Treasurer's Warrants City through April 22, 2020
\$ 763,797.62
- E. Treasurer's Warrants School through April 22, 2020
\$1,095,608.97
- F. Treasurer's Warrants Water through April 22, 2020
\$ 46,644.11

The City Manager then gave his report on the following:

- Downeast Broadband Utility
- Need for a Fulltime Paramedic
- Application of a Fire/EMS Grant to purchase Equipment
- St Croix Tissue Donation of Toilet Tissue
- National Park Service closure of St Croix Island Park
- Covid-19 Report

There were no Council Committee Reports

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Sherrard, it was unanimously voted to accept a \$1000.00 grant from Walmart to be used for Covid-19 issues.

It was moved by Councilor Moreside, seconded by Councilor Carr, and unanimously voted to accept Care Act Funds in the amount of \$33,790.35 from the Federal Government.

Due to Councilors not all receiving the 2018-2019 Audit by email, it was moved by Councilor Moreside, seconded by Councilor Geel, and unanimously voted to table this item until the next meeting.

Attendance

Consent Agenda

City Manager Report

Walmart Grant

CARE Act Funds

Table-Audit

It was moved by Councilor Sherrard, seconded by Councilor Rogers, and unanimously voted to authorize the deferral of payments for Economic Development Loans until things get back to normal.

Deferred payments for Economic Development Loans

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Sherrard, it was unanimously voted to waive interest charges for the time being on current sewer bills that become overdue.

Waiver for Sewer Bill Interest

It was moved by Councilor Moreside and seconded by Councilor Geel to split the charges with the Town of St Stephen for a fireworks display for International Festival if the rest of the festival has to be cancelled.

Festival Fireworks

The next agenda item was a consideration of cancelling Voluntary Road Tolls for this calendar year. It was moved by Councilor Sherrard and seconded by Councilor Carr to cancel. Following some discussion, voting in favor of this motion was Councilor Sherrard, with all others were opposed. Motion failed.

Voluntary Road Tolls

It was then moved by Councilor Carr and seconded by Councilor Geel to only cancel the road tolls that are scheduled before Phase 1 of the reopening of the State by the Governor. Voting in favor were Councilors Moreside, Carr, Geel, Rogers and Mayor Howard. Councilor Sherrard was opposed. Motion carried.

On a motion by Councilor Sherrard and a second by Councilor Rogers, it was unanimously voted to grant an abatement of Sewer Charges in the amount of \$529.38 for Acct #408.

Sewer Abatement

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

Other items

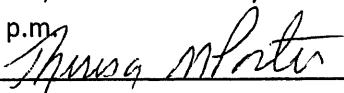
- Internet service to Nash's Lake
- City Manager's interview on Radio was very informative & well done
- appreciation of first responders
- thanks to City Manager and all City Employees

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Carr, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 6:23 p.m. for a legal issue.

Executive Session

Open session resumed at 7:01 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 7:01 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Theresa M Porter, City Clerk