

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 25, 2021

The second regular monthly meeting of the Calais City Council was held this date in the Library at Calais High School at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Warrants City through March 24, 2021  
\$ 296,260.01
- C. Treasurer's Warrants School through March 24, 2021  
\$ 403,148.25
- D. Treasurer's Warrant Water through March 24, 2021  
\$ 39,811.04
- E. Good Friday Church Service – Triangle Park April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- F. Victualer's License – Fitzgerald's Tavern & Townhouse Restaurant

The Mayor then called for a Public Hearing on a Liquor License Application for Fitzgerald's Tavern and Townhouse Restaurant. There being no public concern voiced, it was moved by Councilor Mingo, seconded by Councilor Carr, and unanimously voted to approve this Liquor License application.

The Mayor then called for a Public Hearing on a proposed Garbage Dumpster/Grease Bin Ordinance. Following some discussion, it was decided to table this item to enable the City Manager to address some unclear matters dealing with the different kinds of dumpsters used throughout the City.

The City Manager then gave his report on the Downeast Broadband Utility Annual Meeting.

The City Manager then asked that the City Council consider suspending the Council Rules to add a Police Department County-wide MOU to the agenda, and to also add Union Negotiations and Legal Issues to the Executive Session. On a motion by Councilor Cody and a second by Councilor Carr, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Rules and add these items to the Agenda.

Attendance

Consent Agenda

Public Hearing – Liquor License – Fitzgerald's

Public Hearing – Garbage Dumpster Ordinance

City Manager Report

Suspend Rules/Add Agenda Items

The following Council Committee Reports were submitted:

- A. **Finance Committee** – No report
- B. **Property Committee** – No report
- C. **Public Safety committee** – Met prior to Council meeting to discuss PD Schedule and County-Wide MOU.
- D. **Public Works Committee** – No report
- E. **School Liaison Committee** – will be meeting soon.
- F. **Economic/Community Development Committee** – No report

The City Clerk informed the Council that the person awarded the bid for the 34 King Street Property at the previous meeting wished to forfeit his deposit and remove his bid from consideration. On a motion by Councilor Cody and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to award the bid for this property to the second highest bidder, Christopher Scott in the amount of \$1249.99, contingent upon the clerk receiving a letter from the high bidder or the expiration of the 30-day time limit on payment of bid balances.

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Cody, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Fire Dept to apply for a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$35,000.

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to adopt a resolution rejecting the enforcement of state or federal laws perceived to violate the Second Amendment.

The next agenda item was a discussion on the absentee balloting process. Following a brief discussion, it was determined that there is currently no need for a motion on this topic.

The next agenda item was a discussion on the need for the sidewalk near the Post Office on North Street to be repaired. The Public Works director and City Manager will investigate the cost of this matter.

It was moved by Councilor Moreside, seconded by Councilor Cody, and unanimously voted to solicit proposals on retrofitting the Library, the Rec. Center, and Police Dept with LED Lighting.

It was moved by Councilor Cody, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to appoint William Quinn to the Planning Board.

## Committee Reports

34 King Street Bid Award

Homeland Security Grant

Second Amendmdent

Absentee Ballots

North Street Sidewalk Repair

LED Retro-Fit Proposals

Quinn – Planning Board

On a motion by Councilor Carr and a second by Councilor Cody, it was unanimously voted to advertise for RFPs for IT services for the City.

On a motion by Councilor Sherrard and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to schedule a Public Hearing on April 8, 2021 to consider an amendment to the Business District Revitalization Ordinance.

It was moved by Councilor Sherrard, seconded by Councilor Moreside, and unanimously voted to schedule a Spring Cleanup Weekend on April 24 & 25 and offer free disposal of yard materials at the transfer station.

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Chief of Police to sign a County-Wide MOU for Police Services.

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

- Thanks to the Public Works Dept for beginning Street sweeping
- Sale of Calais Regional Hospital approve by Bankruptcy Court

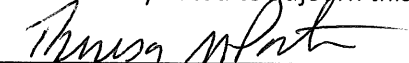
On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Carr, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss:

- A. Personnel Issue- City Solicitor
- B. Union Negotiations
- C. Legal Issue

Open session resumed at 6:58 p.m.

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Cody, it was unanimously voted to solicit RFP for the vacant City Solicitor Position.

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Cody, seconded by Councilor Carr, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:00 pm.

ATTEST:   
Theresa M Porter, City Clerk

IT Services RFP

Amendment to Business District Revitalization Ordinance

Spring Clean-up

Police MOU

Other Items

Executive Session

Open Session

RFP for City Solicitor

Adjourn