

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 22, 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, Mingo, Carr and Moreside.

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

1. Consent Agenda

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Warrants City through April 21, 2021
\$ 174,194.80
- C. Treasurer's Warrants School through April 21, 2021
\$ 313,886.23
- D. Treasurer's Warrant Water through April 21, 2021
\$ 23,510.37
- E. Liquor License Renewal – St. Croix Country Club

The City Manager then gave his reported on the following:
-- filling the vacant Public Works Driver/Laborer Position
--Reminder of "Free" Dump Day at Transfer Station April 24 & 25

The following Council Committee Reports were submitted:

- 1. Finance Committee** – No report
- 2. Property Committee** – met prior to Council meeting to discuss St. Croix #1, Overlay Zoning, Waterfront Walkway/East Coast Greenway, and a request to re-locate a utility Pole.
- 3. Public Safety Committee** – No report
- 4. Public works Committee** – No report
- 5. School Liaison Committee** – No report
- 6. Economic/Community Development Committee** – No report

It was moved by Councilor Carr and seconded by Councilor Mingo to have the Public Works Department repair the damaged section of the sidewalk in front of the Post Office steps using concrete. The estimated price for this repair is \$800.00. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Cody, Sherrard, Mingo, Carr, and Moreside. Mayor Howard was opposed. Motion carried.

Attendance

Consent Agenda

City Manager report

Council Committee reports

North Street Sidewalk Repair

It was moved by Councilor Sherrard and seconded by Councilor Cody to deny the request to purchase a \$1200.00 ad for the Chamber of Commerce's Best Kept Secrets Downeast Magazine. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Sherrard and Cody. Councilors Mingo, Carr, Moreside and Mayor Howard were opposed. Motion failed. It was then decided to table this request until the next regular meeting.

On a motion by Councilor Sherrard and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to authorize CDRC the use of the green space near Hardwicke's and the Trestle to recognize the East Coast Greenway, with the stipulation that the City remain in control of this property.

It was moved by Councilor Moreside and seconded by Councilor Carr to authorize \$3,000 from the Economic Development line to be used for a firework's show at the conclusion of a "Festival" celebration. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Cody, Mingo, Carr, Moreside, and Mayor Howard. Councilor Sherrard was opposed. Motion carried.

On a motion by Councilor Carr and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to re-appoint Andrea Walton as Code Enforcement Office and Jim Porter as Plumbing Inspector.

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Cody, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Fire Chief to advertise the old Ambulance for sale with a minimum bid of \$3,000.

On a motion by Councilor Carr and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Fire Chief to purchase 3 sets of Bunker Gear at \$1675.00 each to be charged to their CIP acct and absorb any balance to his budget.

The next agenda item, St Croix #1 Concerns. Following a brief discussion, this item was referred to the Property Committee with a meeting slated for May 27, 2021.

Following a brief discussion on the possible need for an Overlay Zone to enable ground level apartments in certain Commercial Zones, it was moved by Councilor Cody and seconded by Councilor Mingo, to schedule a Public Hearing to consider an amendment to the Land Use Codes to allow for this change. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Cody, Sherrard, Mingo, and Carr. Councilor Moreside and Mayor Howard were opposed. Motion carried.

Chamber of Commerce
Magazine Ad

East Coast Greenway

Fire Works

CEO & Plumbing Inspector

Sale of ambulance

Purchase of bunker gear

St Croix #1 concerns

Overlay Zone

Following a brief discussion on the request for the City to relocate a utility pole located at the rear of John Chambers' Building at 421 Main Street, it was decided that this item would be tabled to enable the City Manager to contact the company owning this utility pole for a current price to accomplish this task.

Chambers Utility Pole relocation

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

Other Items

- Thanks to the PW Dept for their work this past winter
- Status of enforcement of Dumpster Ordinance
- Business on Main Street picking up
- Children using Milltown Park
- Need for Basketball Hoop at Red Beach Playground
- Status of Security Camera purchase for Milltown Park
- New Fire Truck
- need for Trash clean-up in Parks
- Need to contact State and Federal Representatives for help in getting Canadian Border open again

On a motion by Councilor Cody and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. for Union Negotiations and a Personnel Issue.

Executive Session

Open session resumed at 8:07 p.m.

Open Session

On a motion by Councilor Sherrard and a second by Councilor Cody, it was unanimously voted to accept Eaton Peabody's proposal to provide legal services for the City of Calais.

Eaton Peabody – City Solicitors

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Carr, seconded by Councilor Moreside, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 8:10pm

Adjourn

ATTEST: 
Theresa M Porter, City Clerk