

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

The first regular monthly meeting of the Calais City Council was held this date in the Council Chambers of the Calais City Building 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 Mingo, it was unanimously voted to approve the following Consent Agenda as submitted:

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Monthly Departmental Reports
- C. Chase Fund for August - \$300.00
- D. Treasurer's Warrants City through September 8, 2021
\$399,651.14
- E. Treasurer's Warrants School through September 8, 2021
\$768,357.72
- F. Treasurer's Warrant Water through September 8, 2021
\$ 53,813.15
- G. Victualer's License – Subway
- H. Liquor License – St. Croix Bowling Club

The City Manager then gave his report. He informed the Council of his intent to fill a soon to be vacant Driver/Laborer Position at the Public Works Dept. The manager then asked that the Council consider suspending the Council Rules to add, Councilor Cody resignation to the agenda.

It was moved by Councilor Carr, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to add this item to New Business.

There were no follow-up Issues or Committee Reports submitted.

The City Manager presented the Council with the following bid results for the purchase of a Trench Box for the Public Works Dept.

Jordan Equipment, Bangor, ME	\$12,037.59 (Delivered)
Sunbelt Rentals, Shrewsbury, MA	\$13, 590.52 (Delivered)
Northeast Shoring, Norton, MA	\$14,325.00 (not delivered)

On a motion by Councilor Sherrard and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to award this bid to Jordan

Attendance

Consent Agenda

City Manager Report

Suspend Rules-Add Item

Trench Box Bids

Equipment, in the amount of \$12,037.59. \$10,000 will be charged to Public Works CIP Expense and \$2,037.59 will be charged to Undesignated Fund Balance.

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Councilor Cody, seconded by Councilor Carr, and unanimously voted to authorize Sunrise Economic Council to submit a Grant Application in the City's Name to the Federal RTP Program. This grant will be used for the East Coast Greenway Walkway Improvements.

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Cody, it was unanimously voted to write off Ambulance Service Bad Debt in the amount of \$433.08, for patient #5536.

It was moved by Councilor Sherrard, seconded by Councilor Cody, and unanimously voted to authorize CDRC to hold their Annual Harvest Fest on Saturday, October 2nd at Triangle Park and on Main Street from North Street to Church Street.

On a motion by Councilor Sherrard and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to adopt the provisions of 5 M.R.S § 18252-C (PL 2021, Chapter 286) as allowed by Maine PERS Rule Chapter 803. As follows:

INSERT PERS PROVISION

The City Manager is also authorized to sign the Amended Agreement between Employer and Maine PERS.

Following a brief discussion on a proposed Amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance, this item was referred to the Public Safety Committee.

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Carr, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Public Works Director to Solicit Bids for Winter Salt/Sand.

It was moved by Councilor Sherrard and seconded by Councilor Mingo to postpone signing the authorization of a Pole Permit Application from Consolidated Communication until they act on the application submitted by Downeast Broadband Utility for poles in the Nash's Lake area. All in favor.

Sunrise Economic Grant Application

Write-off Ambulance Debt

CDRC Harvest Fest

ME PERS update

Animal Control Ordinance

Winter Salt/Sand Bid

Pole Permit

**Sample wording for EMPLOYER NAME's governing
body to adopt the provisions of 5 M.R.S. § 18252-C (PL 2021, Chapter
286)**

To see if the EMPLOYER NAME will vote to adopt the provisions of 5 M.R.S. § 18252-C (PL 2021, Chapter 286) as allowed by MainePERS Rule Chapter 803.

The EMPLOYER NAME agrees:

- 1) To adopt the provisions of 5 M.R.S. §18252-C as enacted by PL 2021, Chapter 286 as allowed by MainePERS Rule Chapter 803 for its non-participating employees with optional membership who previously declined to participate in MainePERS (“eligible employees”) and to comply with the following requirements:
 - a. To offer by November 1, 2021 the opportunity to join MainePERS prospectively to all its eligible employees who have been employed for 5 years or more, to advise these employees that this will be their only opportunity to join, and to provide MainePERS with documentation of each eligible employee’s election; and
 - b. Beginning in 2022, to annually offer eligible employees who have been employed for less than 5 years, and in 2022 eligible employees who had reached 5 years of employment between November 1, 2021 and November 1, 2022, the opportunity to join MainePERS on a prospective basis during an open enrollment period from September 1st through November 1st and to provide MainePERS with documentation of each election made by eligible employees under this provision: and
 - c. To withhold employee contributions for employees who join under this provision after all taxes have been withheld, and to remit them to MainePERS as after-tax contributions.
- 2) To authorize (*Name and Title of Authorized Signor*) to sign the Amended Agreement between the Employer and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Article approved as written.

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Carr, it was unanimously voted to accept with regret the resignation of Councilor Cody, with an effective date of October 1, 2021.

It was then moved by Councilor Carr and seconded by Councilor Sherrard to advertise for interested person for the replacement of Councilor Cody effective October 1st with the term expiration of November 8, 2022. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Cody, Sherrard, Rogers, Mingo, Carr, and Moreside. Mayor Howard was opposed, motion carried.

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

- thanks, from Councilor Cody to Department Heads and Council.
- North Street Sidewalk Looking nice.

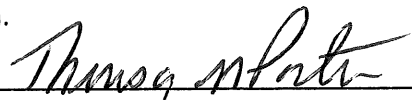
It was then moved by Councilor Moreside, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 6:24 p.m. for the following:

- A. Union Negotiations
- B. Purchase or Sale of City Real Estate (Seavey/Young Property)

Open session resumed at 6:57 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Carr, seconded by Councilor Moreside, and unanimously voted that this meeting be adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

ATTEST: _____


Theresa M Porter, City Clerk

Cody resignation

Advertise for Councilor

Other items

Executive Session

Open Session

Adjourn