

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 3, 2021

The Organizational Meeting of the Calais City Council was held this date in the Council Chambers of the Calais City Building at 6:00pm.

Present was Mayor Howard presiding over Councilors Quinn, Sherrard, Rogers, Carr, and Councilors-elect James Macdonald and Elery Beale.

The first order of business was the approval of Return of Votes Cast. It was moved by Councilor Carr and seconded by Councilor Sherrard to approve the Return of Votes Cast. Voting in favor were Councilors Quinn, Sherrard, Rogers, Carr, and Mayor Howard. Councilors-elect Macdonald and Beale abstained. Motion carried.

INSERT RETURN OF VOTES CAST

The City Clerk then administered the Oath of Office to Elery Beale and James Macdonald.

The mayor then gave his Address.

On a motion by Councilor Sherrard and a second by Councilor Carr the following Council Committees were approved.

INSERT COUNCIL COMMITTEES

It was moved by Councilor Sherrard, seconded by Councilor Carr, and unanimously voted to approve the Council Rules and Orders.

INSERT COUNCIL RULES AND ORDERS

On a motion by Councilor Carr and a second by Councilor Quinn, it was unanimously voted to schedule a Public Hearing to consider a zone change on November 18, 2021.

It was moved by Councilor Carr and seconded by Councilor Rogers to reconsider the previous motion from September 9, 2021 and sign the application for a Pole Permit for Consolidated Communications. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Quinn, Rogers, Beale, and Carr. Councilor Sherrard and Mayor Howard were opposed. Councilor Macdonald abstained. Motion carried.

Attendance

Return of Votes Cast

Oath of Office

Mayor's Address

Council Committees

Rules and Orders

Schedule Public Hearing –  
Zone Change

Pole Permit

**RETURN OF VOTES CAST – NOVEMBER 2, 2021 – REFERENDUM ELECTION AND MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the City of Calais, in the County of Washington, qualified by the Constitution to vote, said City, on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, the inhabitants gave their votes upon the following. The same were received, sorted, counted and declared in open meeting, by the Warden who presided and in the presence of the Ward Clerk, who formed a list of the candidates and referendum questions voted for and against and made records thereof in the presence of the Warden in open meeting sealed up the copies of said records as appears by copies of said lists, duly attested by the Warden and Ward Clerk, and returned to the City Clerk of said Calais on the 2nd day of November, 2021, the same being within twenty-four hours of said meeting.

**The total Number of ballots cast:                      State 705                      Municipal 706**

**QUESTION 1: CITIZEN INITIATIVE**

**Do you want to ban the construction of high-impact electric transmission lines in the Upper Kennebec Region and to require the Legislature to approve all other such projects anywhere in Maine, both retroactively to 2020, and to require the Legislature, retroactively to 2014, to approve by a two-thirds vote such projects using public land?**

**YES                      340                      NO                      35                      BLANK                      14**

**QUESTION 2: BOND ISSUE**

**Do you favor a \$100,000,000 bond issue to build or improve roads, bridges, railroads, airports, transit facilities and ports and make other transportation investments, to be used to leverage an estimated \$253,000,000 in federal and other funds?**

**YES                      483                      NO                      213                      BLANK                      9**

**QUESTIONS 3: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to declare that all individuals have a natural, inherent and unalienable right to grow, raise, harvest, produce and consume the food of the own choosing for their own nourishment, sustenance, bodily health and well-being?**

**YES                      422                      NO                      272                      BLANK                      11**

**MUNICIPAL BALLOT**

**City Council – Vote for Two**

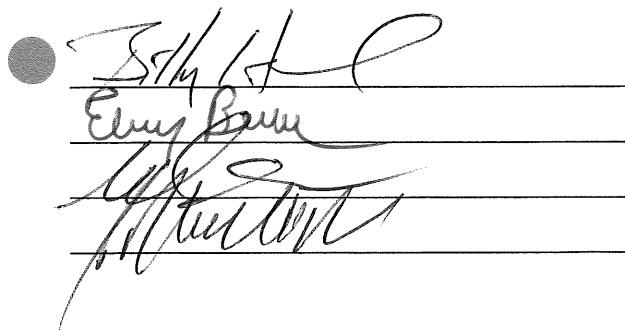
Macdonald, James                      397  
Beale, Elery                      349  
Moreside, C Edward                      331

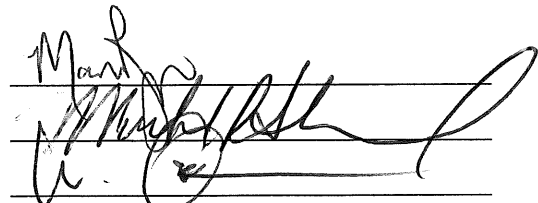
**School Committee – 3 Year - Vote for One**

Jensen, Nils Peter                      465

**School Committee – 1 Year    Vote for One**

Niles, Christopher                      355  
Beale, Rebecca                      271



  
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Calais City Council

CITY OF CALAIS  
COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS  
NOVEMBER 2021–NOVEMBER 2022

**Finance Committee**

<b>Chair</b>	Michael Sherrard Marcia Rogers Elery Beale	Responsible for researching policy issues pertaining to the financial operations and status of the City.
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**Property Committee**

<b>Chair</b>	Mark Carr Marcia Rogers William Quinn	Responsible for researching policy issues pertaining to acquisitions and sale of Calais property.
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**Public Safety Committee**

<b>Chair</b>	Michael Sherrard William Quinn James Macdonald	Responsible for researching policy issues pertaining to the City's public safety services (police, fire, ambulance)
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**Public Works Committee**

<b>Chair</b>	Mark Carr Marcia Rogers James Macdonald	Responsible for researching policy issues pertaining to public works, cemeteries, water department, and wastewater treatment plant.
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**Welfare Committee**

<b>Chair</b>	Elery Beale James Macdonald William Quinn	Responsible for fulfilling the function of the Fair Hearing Authority as stipulated in the City's General Assistance Ordinance.
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**School Liaison Committee**

<b>Chair</b>	Marcia Rogers James Macdonald Mark Carr	Responsible for attending School Board meetings and meeting with two school board members monthly for the purpose of better communication between the two groups.
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**Economic/Community Development**

<b>Chair</b>	Michael Sherrard Mark Carr Elery Beale	
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## RULES AND ORDERS OF THE CALAIS CITY COUNCIL

1. The Mayor shall take the chair precisely at the hour of meeting, and shall call the meeting to order. If a quorum is present, the minutes of the preceding meeting may then be approved.
2. The Mayor shall preserve order. The Mayor may speak on points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the Council.
3. After a motion is made and seconded, it shall be disposed of by a vote of the Council. The mover may withdraw it, before a motion is made to divide or amend.
4. A motion to adjourn is always in order, and it shall be decided without debate.
5. When more than one member addresses the chair at the same time, the Mayor shall name the member entitled to speak.
6. The Mayor may call any member to the chair, provided such substitution does not continue longer than one meeting.
7. In case the Mayor is absent, the clerk shall preside until a Mayor pro tempore is chosen.
8. No member shall speak out of his or her seat unless by permission. Members shall respectfully address the presiding officer with all remarks.
9. No member shall interrupt another while speaking, except to call to order, or to correct a mistake. If any members transgress the rules of the Council, the Mayor shall, or any member may, call to order. The member so called to order shall immediately be silent, unless permitted to explain; and the Council, if appealed to, shall decide on the case.
10. When a motion is under debate no other motion shall be received but:
  - (a) to adjourn
  - (b) to lay on the table
  - (c) for the previous question
  - (d) to postpone to a day certain
  - (e) to commit
  - (f) to divide the question
  - (g) to amend
  - (h) to postpone indefinitely

Which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged.

11. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the Mayor directs, or any member of the Council requests it.
12. When a motion has once been made and carried in the affirmative or negative, any member who voted with the prevailing side may move for a reconsideration of that of the next regular meeting. If seconded, such motion shall be open to debate, and be disposed of by the Council. No more than one motion for the reconsideration of any vote shall be permitted.
13. Every member who shall be present shall vote, unless the Council shall excuse a member for cause.
14. No standing rule or order of the Council shall be suspended, unless four members are in favor of it; nor shall any rule or order be repealed or amended without one day's notice given of the motion therefore, unless four members of the Council shall concur therein.
15. In all votes, when anything is to be expressed by way of command, the form of expression shall be ORDERED; and when opinions, principles, facts or purposes, are to be expressed, the form shall be, RESOLVED.
16. No committee shall act, unless a majority present at the time of action.
17. The standing committees shall be annually appointed by the Mayor, each consisting of three members, unless otherwise ordered by Council. The number and charge of Committees shall be determined at the organizational meeting of the Council, and may be amended from time to time as the Council shall deem expedient.
18. Public comment shall be expressed only during Public Hearings, or during the portion of each meeting at which time such comments are solicited. All such comment shall be addressed to the Chair. The Chair shall recognize persons permitted to speak.
19. All Council meetings shall adjourn no later than 9:30 p.m. unless a majority of the members present shall otherwise decide.
20. Times and places for regular City Council meetings shall be determined at the organizational meeting each year.
21. At special meetings of the Council only agenda items will be discussed unless there is unanimous assent by those present.
22. Items may be placed on the agenda for regular meetings by the Mayor or any member of the Council, by the City Manager or by the Clerk. Placement of an item on the agenda at the request of a citizen does not necessarily constitute approval of the position advocated.

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Quinn, it was unanimously voted to direct the City Solicitor to initiate the legal process to reacquire 393 Main Street, (the "McAllister Building"), 385 Main Street, (the "Sarsaparilla Building"), and 15 Union Street (the "Visitor Information Center") from Seavey & Young LLC due to its failure to satisfy the terms of the mortgages and loan agreements regarding the properties. The City Council is willing to entertain proposals from Seavey & Young LLC to resolve the matter after the legal process to reacquire the properties is initiated.

Seavey & Young

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

Other items

--City Building Computer Company "Trio" updating during the afternoon business hours on November 16, no transactions can be done during this upgrade.

--Update on Covid Testing and Vaccine clinic at Rec Center

--Cell Phone Survey

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Carr, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Adjourn

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_



Theresa M Porter, City Clerk