

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 10, 2022

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 Councilors Quinn, Sherrard, Rogers, Beale, and Carr.

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

- A. *Previous Minutes*
- B. *Monthly Departmental Reports*
- C. *Chase Fund for February - \$300.00*
- D. *Treasurer's Warrants City through February 9, 2022*  
\$228,342.26
- E. *Treasurer's Warrants School through February 9, 2022*  
\$324,097.31
- F. *Treasurer's Warrant Water through February 9, 2022*  
\$ 24,907.30

The mayor then called for a public hearing on the following proposed amendment to the Cemetery Ordinance:

Councilor Macdonald entered the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

CEMETERY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

6.610 Grave Requirements

All graves, including for cremation remains, shall be dug, and properly backfilled by or under the supervision of the Superintendent. No other person is permitted to perform such tasks except under the supervision of the Superintendent or his authorize representative. All burials, except for cremation remains, shall be in a casket and a ~~ement~~ vault constructed of a durable material with the exception of wood.

Attendance

Consent Agenda

Public Hearing – Cemetery  
Ordinance amendment

There being no public concern voiced, it was moved by Councilor Carr, seconded by Councilor Quinn, and unanimously voted to adopt this Cemetery Ordinance Amendment.

The City Manager then gave his report on the following:  
--Frosty Fun at Calais Free Library, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>  
--need for Medical Marijuana Ordinance Workshop, Feb 24 at 5:00pm  
--Cell Phone Service, Update  
--Audit presentation at Feb 24<sup>th</sup> meeting  
--DBU Meeting Feb 17<sup>th</sup>

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Carr, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Council Rules to add Public Works Driver/Laborer position to New Business.

The Following Council Committee meeting reports were submitted:

1. **Finance Committee** – No report
2. **Property Committee** – No report
3. **Public Safety Committee** – No report
4. **Public Works Committee** – No report
5. **School Liaison Committee** – Met on Wednesday to discuss the Elementary School Addition Project
6. **Economic Development Committee** – met prior to City Council meeting to discuss the Waterfront.

On a motion by Councilor Sherrard and a second by Councilor Carr, it was unanimously voted to appointment Councilor Elery Beale as our Voting Delegate on the Maine Service Center Coalition.

Following some discussion, it was moved by Councilor Quinn and seconded by Councilor Carr to accept the quote of \$44,710.05 excluding any applicable taxes, from Refocus Data of Bangor, Maine for the Information Technology Network Infrastructure Upgrade for the City of Calais. This amount will be charged to the ARPA Funds. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Quinn, Beale, Carr, and Macdonald. Councilors Sherrard, Rogers, and Mayor Howard were opposed. Motion Carried.

City Manager report

Suspend Rules – Add Item to agenda

Committee Reports

Beale – Maine Service Center Coalition delegate

Info Technology Network Infrastructure Upgrade

It was moved by Councilor Rogers and seconded by Councilor Sherrard to file an enforcement action against Daniel Moses seeking a judgement to cease the illegal operation of an auto repair service and junk yard in a residential zone, as well as recovering all associated legal fees. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Quinn, Sherrard, Rogers, Beale, Carr, and Macdonald. Mayor Howard was opposed. Motion Carried.

On a motion by Councilor Sherrard and a second by Councilor Carr, it was unanimously voted to authorize Scout Troop #132 to repair Gravestones at the Calais Cemetery.

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Quinn, it was unanimously voted to solicit bids on the harvesting of wood on the former Karplus Property.

The next agenda item was a request to amend the City's Personnel Policy recognizing "Juneteenth" formerly Emancipation Day as a legal Holiday. It was moved by Councilor Sherrard to deny this request. There was no second to this motion. It was then moved by Councilor Rogers, to add the holiday to the City's Personnel Policy. There was no second to this motion. Following a brief discussion, it was then moved by Councilor Rogers and seconded by Councilor Macdonald to add this holiday to the City's Personnel Policy. Voting in favor were Councilors Rogers, Beale, Carr, and Macdonald. Councilors Quinn and Sherrard and Mayor Howard were opposed. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was a discussion on whether to change the policy at the library for citizens to use Thumb Drives to obtain information from the library's computers. Following discussion, it was decided that the current policy to not allow, will remain in force.

On a motion by Councilor Sherrard and a second by Councilor Carr, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Public Works Department to advertise for a Driver/Laborer.

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

- City Crew doing an excellent job cleaning up from storms
- council in support of Police dept/not the reason for short staff
- thanks, from Councilor Sherrard for Council's show of concern for his wife.

Enforcement action – Daniel Moses

Scout Troop repair of gravestones

Wood harvesting – Karplus Prop.

Juneteenth  
Holiday/Personnel Policy

Library Computer Policy

Other Items

--Councilor's statement on need for Council rules and orders to be followed.

--thanks to School board

--Canadian truckers

On a motion by Councilor Carr and a second by Councilor Macdonald, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 7:42 pm for discussion on the Seavey/Young dispute.

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Macdonald, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:10 p.m.

ATTEST:



Theresa M Porter, City Clerk

Executive Session

Adjourn