

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 27, 2022

The second 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 Quinn, Beale, Carr, and Macdonald.

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

- A. *Previous Minutes*
- B. *Treasurer's Warrants City through January 26, 2022*
\$178,680.50
- C. *Treasurer's Warrants School through January 26, 2022*
\$497,960.90
- D. *Treasurer's Warrant Water through January 26, 2022*
\$ 25,532.94
- E. *Liquor License Renewal – Calais Motor Inn, 663 Main St*

The City Manager then gave is report on the following:

- property value increase of 17% for 2021, just as the Assessor had predicted. Job well done, Andrea.
- reschedule of Public Hearing for Cemetery Ordinance Amendment
- Curative Labs Covid-19 Testing beginning on Monday, January 31

The City Manager then asked the Council to consider suspending the Council Rules to add an agenda item to new business.

On a motion by Councilor Carr and a second by Councilor Macdonald, it was unanimously voted to suspend the rules and add letter of support for SCEC and WCCC's Tourism and Recreation Competitive Grant Application to new business on the agenda.

There were no Follow-Ups or Committee Reports given.

The City Manager presented the Council with a draft Letter addressing the City's concerns on lack of adequate cell phone service in our area. Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Councilor Quinn and seconded by Councilor Macdonald to authorize the City Manager to send this Letter to Senator Susan Collins and other State Representatives. Voting in favor of this

Attendance

Consent Agenda

City Manager Report

Suspend Rules – Add item

Cell Phone Service Letter

motion were Councilors Quinn, Carr, Macdonald, and Mayor Howard. Councilor Beale was opposed. Motion carried.

On a motion by Councilor Macdonald and a second by Councilor Beale, it was unanimously voted to resolve to agree to participate in the Distributors Settlement and the Janssen Settlement and to ratify the City Manager's signature on the January 20th, 2022, Settlement Forms.

INSERT RESOLUTION

It was moved by Councilor Quinn, seconded by Councilor Macdonald, and unanimously voted to authorize the City Manager to gather RFQ's from local electrical contractors to upgrade the electrical entrance to the Public Safety Building.

The next agenda item, Maine Service Center Coalition, Voting Delegates, was tabled until the next meeting.

It was moved by Councilor Quinn, seconded by Councilor Beale, and unanimously voted to advertise for an at large member to the Downeast Broadband Utility Board.

On a motion by Councilor Carr and a second by Councilor Quinn, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Fire Chief to expend from the Fire Department CIP Reserve, \$9,000 for air bottles and \$5,800 for fire hose.

On a motion by Councilor Beale and a second by Councilor Macdonald, it was unanimously voted to grant an abatement of sewer charges to Bonnie Dwelley for Account #1827 in the amount of \$72.66.

On a motion by Councilor Macdonald and a second by Councilor Quinn, it was unanimously voted to authorize the City Manager to send a letter of support for Sunrise County Economic Council and Washington County Community College's application for a Tourism and Recreation Competitive Grant.

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

- Thanks from City Employees for bonus checks
- Covid 19 Therapeutics
- Status of IT Proposals

Opioid Litigation Settlement

RFQ's for Electrical at Public Safety Building

Tabled Service Center Coalition

DBU at large member

FD CIP Reserve

Sewer Abatement

SCEC & WCCC Grant

Other Items

**RESOLUTION
TO PARTICIPATE IN
SETTLEMENT OF OPIOIDS LITIGATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Calais is a party in Opioids litigation brought by states and local political subdivisions against the three largest pharmaceutical distributors in the United States: McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen ("Distributors"), and manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and its parent company Johnson & Johnson (collectively, "Janssen"); and

WHEREAS, nationwide settlements have been reached to resolve all Opioids litigation and these settlements will provide substantial funds to states and subdivisions for abatement of the Opioids epidemic across the country and will impose transformative changes in the way the settling defendants conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, these settlements require that a critical mass of both state and local governments "opt in," as the extent of this participation will determine whether the settlement agreements take effect and the greater the level of participation, the more funds will ultimately be paid out for abatement; and

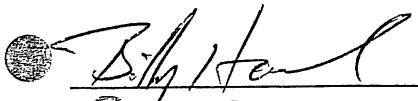
WHEREAS, requirements for subdivisions that are not participating in the national settlements are both expansive and strict as to litigation discovery and experts and will be costly and burdensome to those subdivisions that do not join; and


WHEREAS, it has been determined that participation in the settlements is in the best interest of the City of Calais and its inhabitants.


BE IT RESOLVED, that WE, the undersigned, as duly elected municipal officials of the City of Calais, on this 27th day of January 2022, agree to participate in the Distributors Settlement and the Janssen Settlement; and

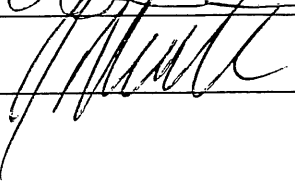
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that WE, the undersigned, as duly elected municipal officials of the City of Calais, on this 27th day of January 2022, ratify the January 20, 2022

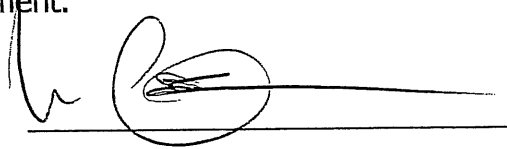
signature of City Manager Mike Ellis on the Settlement Participation Forms for the Distributors Settlement and Distributor Settlement.







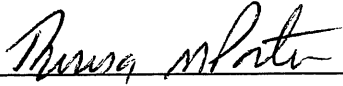




Municipal Officers of Calais, Maine

- ATV Trails
- Nash's Lake Dam
- Waterfront Development

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Quinn, seconded by Councilor Carr, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 6:35 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Theresa M Porter, City Clerk