

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 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 were Councilors Quinn, Sherrard, Rogers, Beale, Carr, and Macdonald.

The City Clerk opened the meeting, asking for nominations for Mayor Pro Tempore. On a motion by Councilor Sherrard and a second by Councilor Quinn, it was unanimously voted to appoint Council Marcia Rogers as Mayor Pro tempore.

It was moved by Councilor Sherrard, seconded by Councilor Quinn, and unanimously voted to approve the following Consent Agenda:

- A. *Previous Minutes*
- B. *Monthly Departmental Reports*
- C. *Treasurer's Warrants City through March 9, 2022*
\$227,055.10
- D. *Treasurer's Warrants School through March 9, 2022*
\$267215.61
- E. *Treasurer's Warrant Water through March 9, 2022*
\$ 10,492.26
- F. *Chase Fund - March, 2022 - \$300.00*

The City Manager then gave his report on the following:

- scheduling a Public Works Committee meeting on March 23rd at 1:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
- Medical Marijuana Workshop at 5:30 p.m. on March 24th
- Equipment List provided by Public Works Director
- Federal Procurement Policy
- Finance Committee to meet on March 24th at 5:00 p.m.
- Main Street Wtr/Swr Project to begin on 04/11/22

The City Manager then asked the Council to consider suspending the Council rules to add Fire Chief Retirement and PW Truck purchase change in price to the agenda.

This was so moved by Councilor Carr, seconded by Councilor Macdonald, and unanimously approved.

Attendance

Mayor Pro Tempore

Consent Agenda

City Manager Report

Suspend Rules – add agenda items

The City Clerk presented the Council with a list and recommendation from the Property Committee to put the following tax acquired properties out for sale by sealed bid:

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| 1609 River Rd | Map 037, Block 239, Lot 1 |
| 574 Main St | Map 007, Block 002, Lot 012 |
| 180 Union St | Map 005, Block 008, Lots 002 & 003 |
| 1 Baring St | Map 002, Block 001, Lot 010-001 |
| 171 South St | Map 009, block 003, Lot 007 |

Also recommended by the property committee, was to solicit bids for the demolition of 71 Germain Street.

On a motion by Councilor Macdonald and a second by Councilor Quinn, it was unanimously voted to approve the above listed Property Committee recommendations.

On a motion by Councilor Sherrard and a second by Councilor Macdonald, it was unanimously voted to accept the final Fiscal Year 2020/2021 audit presented by our Auditors.

It was moved by Councilor Carr and seconded by Councilor Beale to authorize Woodland Baptist Church to hold a Voluntary Road Toll on at the Walmart South Street Location for the benefit of Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine. All in favor.

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Councilor Carr, seconded by Councilor Quinn, and unanimously voted to donate \$10,000 to the Princeton Regional Airport Association, to go toward the purchase of a snowplow to be used on the runway. These funds will be taken from the ARPA or undesignated fund balance.

The next agenda item was a discussion on City Building closures, due to snowstorms. It was the consensus on the Council that this should be an administrative decision by the City Manager.

It was moved by Councilor Quinn and seconded by Councilor Macdonald to purchase an ad in the annual Chamber of Commerce Magazine for \$1200.00. This amount will be charged to Economic Development. Voting in favor were Councilors Quinn, Beale, Carr, Macdonald, and Mayor Pro Tempore Rogers. Councilor Sherrard was opposed. Motion carried.

On a motion by Councilor Carr and a second by Councilor Quinn, it was unanimously voted to authorize the City Manager to solicit bids for the mowing contract of City Parks and for planting of flowers at the Milltown round-a-bout.

Tax Acquired Property

Approval of Audit

Voluntary Road Toll – Aid for Ukraine

Princeton Airport Snowplow donation

City Building closures

Chamber of Commerce Ad

Solicit mowing and planting

On a motion by Councilor Sherrard and a second by Councilor Quinn, it was unanimously voted to authorize the City Manager to solicit bids for the repair of the City Building Facia and Soffit.

On a motion by Councilor Quinn and a second by Councilor Macdonald, it was unanimously voted to accept with regret, the July 30, 2022, retirement letter from Fire Chief Ken Clark.

Following some discussion, it was moved by Councilor Sherrard, seconded by Councilor Carr, and unanimously voted to authorize the City Manager to sign the new contract with H P Fairfield, for the plow equipment to be put on the new dump truck. Also, required will be a letter to guarantee that the price will not increase any further.

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

- disappointment with the County for not helping Princeton Airport.
- Planned Little League T Ball Field
- Need for Gym use schedule at Rec Center.
- Thanks and Congrats to Chief Ken Clark
- New additional provider for DBU

On a motion by Councilor Quinn and a second by Councilor Beale, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 6:53pm for 2 poverty abatement requests.

Open session resumed at 7:00 p.m.

On a motion by Councilor Quinn and second by Councilor Sherrard, it was unanimously voted to grant 2 Poverty Abatements for 2019 Taxes plus interest and costs.

It was then moved by Councilor Carr and seconded by Councilor Macdonald to retire into executive session, for a discussion on the Seavey/Young Property at 7:02 p.m.

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

ATTEST: Theresa M Porter
Theresa M Porter, City Clerk

Solicit Bids – City Bldg.
Facia & Soffit

Retirement – Fire Chief Ken
Clark

New Contract H P Fairfield

Other items

Exec. Session

Poverty Abatements

Exec. Session

Adjourn