

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
November 17, 2022

The only November 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 Mingo presiding over Councilors Niles, Sherrard, Rogers, Beale, Carr, and Macdonald.

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

- A. *Previous Minutes*
- B. *Approval of Monthly Departmental Reports*
- C. *Approval of Chase Fund for November \$200*
- D. *Treasurer's Warrants City through November 16, 2022*
\$ 471,256.88
- E. *Treasurer's Warrants School through November 16, 2022*
\$ 999,782.25
- F. *Treasurer's Warrant Water through November 16, 2022*
\$ 180,195.02

Councilor Macdonald arrived at 6:02 pm.

The mayor then called for a public hearing regarding an application for a Special Amusement Permit for the Calais Motor Inn. After no one from the public commented, a motion to approve the permit was made by Councilor Rogers and seconded by Councilor Niles. The motion carried with all in favor.

A second public hearing was then held regarding a zone change in the South Street area. Assessor Walton gave an explanation of the proposed change. No comments from the public were offered. Councilor Sherrard made a motion to approve with a second from Councilor Carr. The motion carried with all in favor.

A third and final public hearing was held to discuss a proposed zone change in the area of St. Croix Drive. Again, Assessor Walton gave an explanation of the proposal. After discussion, a motion to approve was made by Councilor Rogers with a second from Councilor Sherrard. The motion carried with all in favor.

The City Manager then gave his report on the following:
--Requested a Welfare Committee meeting be scheduled for 12/15/22 directly after the regular council meeting.

Attendance

Consent Agenda

Councilor Macdonald Arrived

Public Hearing-Special
Amusement Permit

Public Hearing-Zone Change

Public Hearing-Zone Change

City Manager's Report

--Tree lighting ceremony at Triangle Park on 11/26
--Calais Lioness Christmas Parade on 12/2 @ 6pm
--Congratulations and thanks to Theresa Porter for 40 years of service to the City of Calais

After sharing these items, City Manager Ellis then asked the council to suspend the rules to add "Appointment of New City Clerk" to new business. Councilor Carr made a motion to do so with a second from Councilor Beale. All were in favor.

Under follow ups, an update was given on the Union Street playground and the installation of playground equipment donated by Downeast Community Partners.

No committee meetings had been held and therefore no updates were given. School Liaison Committee plans to meet on 11/30/22 at 6pm.

The council then moved on to new business. The first item discussed was the appointment of Brad Phillips as City Clerk, Treasurer, Welfare Director, and Registrar effective 12/23/22. A motion to appoint Mr. Phillips was made by Councilor Carr and seconded by Councilor Sherrard. The motion carried with all in favor.

The next item was an application for an off-premises catering license submitted by the Spednic Club. A motion to approve was made by Councilor Rogers and seconded by Councilor Macdonald. The motion carried with all in favor.

Next, the Council addressed the approval of the 2022 board appointments. A motion to approve was made by Councilor Carr and seconded by Councilor Niles. The motion carried with all in favor.

The next item on the agenda was a special event request for the tree lighting ceremony at Triangle Park on 11/26. A motion to approve was made by Councilor Beale and seconded by Councilor Sherrard. The motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion was then held regarding EMS/Ambulance billing. Our current provider for these services will stop doing so in January of 2023. A motion was made by Councilor Carr to solicit bids for such services. This was seconded by Councilor Niles. All were in favor.

Suspension of the rules-add agenda item

Follow ups

Updates from Committees

Appointment of new city clerk/treasurer

Off Premises Catering License

Approval of 2022 Board Appointments

Special Event Permit-Triangle Park

EMS/Ambulance Billing

The next item to consider was a letter of support for Calais Community Hospital regarding a grant application they are submitting. Councilor Rogers made a motion to issue such a letter. The motion was seconded by Councilor Niles and passed with all in favor.

Letter of Support-Calais
Community Hospital

The last item for discussion was the 2023 County budget. The City Manager shared about the proposed budget and in particular the increase proposal by the Sheriff's Department. Discussion was held and several councilors shared their thoughts on the topic. In general, they were not supportive of the increase in the city's portion of the county budget that the Sheriff's Department's proposal would cause. No motions were made at this time.

County Budget

During roundtable, some councilors offered their congratulations to the newly elected mayor and council members. Also, the mayor and many members thanked City Clerk Theresa Porter for her service to the city for forty years. Mayor Mingo also requested a public safety committee meeting be scheduled for 12/14 @ 6:30pm.

Roundtable-Other Items

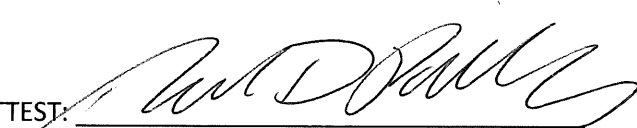
At this time, pursuant to *MRSA Title 1, §405 (6)(d)*, a motion was made to enter executive session for a discussion on union negotiations. The motion was made by Councilor Carr and seconded by Councilor Macdonald. The motion carried with all in favor. The council entered executive session at 6:39 pm.

Executive Session

The council returned from executive session at 8:25pm. There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Sherrard, seconded by Councilor Carr, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Adjournment

ATTEST:


Brad D. Phillips, Deputy Clerk