

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL

February 2, 2023

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 Mingo presiding over Councilors, Niles, Sherrard, Beale, Carr, and Macdonald.

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

- A. *Previous Minutes*
- B. *Treasurer's Warrants City through February 1, 2023*
\$ 303,582.71
- C. *Treasurer's Warrants School through February 1, 2023*
\$ 732,415.73
- D. *Treasurer's Warrants Water through February 1, 2023*
\$ 52,827.95

The City Manager then gave his report. He shared a thank you letter from St. Croix Regional Technical Center regarding the city's donation of a 2013 Ford Taurus to their program. The manager also wanted the public to know that Downeast Recovery Support Center at 311 Main St. would have their facility open as a warming shelter during the extreme cold snap expected on 2/3 – 2/4.

No updates were given on follow up items.

The Economic/Community Development Committee met at 5:30pm prior to this meeting and discussed beautification ideas for the Calais downtown area.

A Property Committee meeting was scheduled for 5:30 pm on March 9, 2023.

Old Business

The only item considered under old business was a continued discussion of fish passage into Nashs Lake. A motion was made by Councilor Sherrard that The City should voice its disapproval and deny permission to make any changes to the dam at Nashs Lake

Attendance

Consent Agenda

City Manager's Report

Follow Ups

Committee Updates

Nashs Lake Fish Passage

that would promote fish passage into the lake. The motion was seconded by Councilor Niles. The motion carried with all in favor.

New Business

The council then moved on to new business. The first item discussed was improvement to the girls locker room area at the Calais Rec Center. Reese Ellsmore shared her concerns with the current arrangement and requested the city work on improvements. The council asked Rec Director Craig Morrison to come up with some proposals and possible solutions to share at the next meeting.

Girls Locker Room-Rec Center

The next item was a request from the Revenue Collector to write off some bad water debt on accounts 4250, 4254, 4258, 4249, 4252, 4259, 4256, and 4260. A motion to approve the write offs was made by Councilor Sherrard and seconded by Councilor Macdonald. The motion carried with all in favor.

Water Write Offs

See Insert-Water Write Offs

The council then discussed the appointment of delegates to the Maine Service Center Coalition. A motion was made to appoint City Manager Mike Ellis and Councilor Elery Beale. The motion was made by Councilor Carr and seconded by Councilor Sherrard. All were in favor.

Delegates to Maine Service Center Coalition

The final item of new business was the scheduling of council meetings for the remainder of February. A motion was made by Councilor Sherrard and seconded by Councilor Niles to not hold another meeting in February but instead schedule the next council meeting for March 9, 2023.

February Council Meetings

Other Items Discussed

Roundtable

Other topics discussed with no action taken included:

- Thank you to the Public Works Department for their efforts in plowing and clearing the streets etc
- Welcome to new Public Works employee Jonathan Erb
- Update on delivery of new plow truck

- Thank you to Rec Director Craig Morrison for efforts in keeping the skating rink clear of snow.
- Reminder to the public to take care of their pets during the expected extreme cold weather.
- Decorative lights on streetlight poles downtown

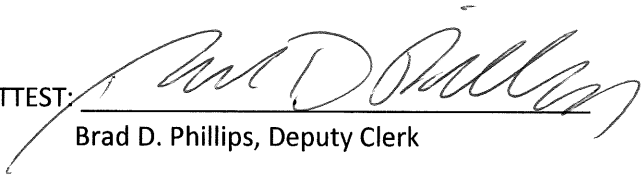
Executive Session

At this time, pursuant to MRSA Title 1, §405 (6)(c), a motion was made to enter executive session for a discussion on the purchase/sale of city property and for union negotiations pursuant to MRSA Title 1, §405 (6) (d). 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 6:32 pm.

The council returned from executive session at 7:35pm. A motion was made to accept the Ambulance Union contract presented with the terms that had been negotiated. The motion was made by Councilor Carr and Seconded by Councilor Macdonald. The motion carried with all in favor.

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Macdonald, seconded by Councilor Sherrard, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:36 p.m.

ATTEST:


Brad D. Phillips, Deputy Clerk

Executive Session

Ambulance Contract

Adjournment