

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
April 27, 2023

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

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

- A. *Previous Minutes*
- B. *Treasurer's Warrants City through April 26, 2023*
\$ 163,408.58
- C. *Treasurer's Warrants School through April 26, 2023*
\$ 649,861.16
- D. *Treasurer's Warrants Water through April 26, 2023*
\$ 21,091.26
- E. *Special Event Application-International Festival*

The City Manager then gave his report. He requested that the first budget workshop of the season be scheduled for May 4th @6pm. He also wanted to remind the public that free dump days would be held on May 13th & 14th with the exception of tires. Fees for tire disposal remain in effect and must be paid for at the transfer station. Lastly he requested that the council suspend the rules to add Public Works summer hours and plow-truck purchase to new business. A motion to do so was made by Councilor Sherrard and seconded by Councilor Carr. All were in favor.

No updates were given on follow up items.

The Public Works committee met at 5:30 pm on April 27, 2023 to discuss the purchase of a new plow truck and also a change in the public works department hours for the summer.

The School Liaison committee did not meet, however, a joint meeting was held between the City Council, School Committee and new School Superintendent.

Attendance

Consent Agenda

City Manager's Report

Follow Ups

Committee Updates

The City Manager then presented the council with the results of its request for mowing and trimming bids. (see insert for bid details)
The bids were awarded as follows:

Block One consisting of Union St. playground, North St. Public Safety Building, Milltown Park, Basketball Court, and Playground, Grass Island at intersection of North and Baring Streets and the Rotary: A motion was made by Councilor Carr to award the bid to Leeman’s Lawncare in the amount of \$2550. Councilor Macdonald seconded. All were in favor.

Block Two consisting of the Red Beach Cemetery and the Red Beach Ballfield & Playground: A motion was made by Councilor Carr and seconded by Councilor Niles to award the bid to Lund Construction in the amount of \$6900. The motion passed with only Councilor Rogers opposed.

Block Three consisting of the Waterfront Walkway & Park: A motion was made by Councilor Rogers and seconded by Councilor Carr to award the bid to St. Croix Services in the amount of \$3170. All were in favor.

Block Four consisting of Fountain Park (Main St), Library, Union St Parking Lot (beside EMEC), City Building area, Triangle Park, Memorial Park and the grass strips on Calais Ave (between Main and Washington Street): A motion was made by Councilor Sherrard and seconded by Councilor Carr to award the bid to Lund Construction in the amount of \$3800. All were in favor.

The council then moved on to new business. The first agenda item was a discussion on the state of law enforcement in Washington County. Lieutenant Michael Johnston of the Maine State Police, along with Sheriff Barry Curtis and Chief Deputy Michael Crabtree of the Washington County Sheriff’s Department shared their thoughts on the challenges facing law enforcement agencies across the state. Members of the council and the public also shared their thoughts on the matter. No motions were made, and no action was taken.

The next agenda item was the consideration of a request by Living Innovations for permission to install a small, raised garden on city owned property adjacent to their office. A motion was made by Councilor Sherrard to approve the request. Councilor Niles Seconded. All were in favor.

Mowing/Trimming Bids

New Business

Law Enforcement Discussion

Request for Raised Garden

Next the council considered a sewer abatement request for account #4, 29 Steamboat St. in the amount of \$1951.44. Councilor Sherrard made a motion to approve the request. Councilor Macdonald seconded. All were in favor.

The council then discussed the purchase of new video surveillance cameras to be installed in various locations around the city. After discussion, Councilor Niles made a motion to purchase 10 Verkada cameras, mounts and 5-year licenses at a cost of \$10,650 as detailed in a quote from ByteSpeed. The cost of the purchase is to be paid from Other Capital Projects. Councilor Beale seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The next item of business was consideration of the purchase of a new plow-truck. The public works committee made a recommendation to purchase a new truck from H.P. Fairfield. A motion was made by Councilor Carr to purchase the truck with a loan amount not to exceed \$275,000. Councilor Niles Seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Lastly the council discussed the change in work hours during the summer for the Public Works Department. It was determined that this change was simply an administrative change and did not require a council vote. No motions were made.

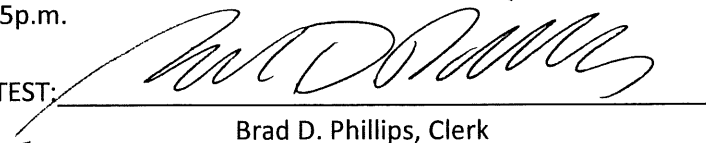
Other Items Discussed

Other topics discussed with no action taken included:

- More discussion on the policing situation
- School Zone signs on South Street
- Creation of a dog park in Calais
- Planning needed for future capital equipment purchases
- 200 kids signed up for little league this spring
- Thank you to Skeet/Public works for the clean streets
- Thank you to the police for tonight's discussion

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Carr, seconded by Councilor Rogers, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:35p.m.

ATTEST:


Brad D. Phillips, Clerk

Sewer Abatement

Video Camera Purchase

Plow-Truck Purchase

Public Works-Summer Hours

Roundtable

Adjournment

Mowing & Trimming Bid Results 2023

Name	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
St. Croix Services-Calais, ME	\$ 4,670.00	No Bid	\$ 3,170.00	\$ 5,770.00
Lund Construction-Pembroke, ME	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,800.00
Leeman's Lawncare-Calais, ME	\$ 2,550.00	No Bid	\$ 3,260.00	\$ 5,899.00

***Procurement Policy 10% Local Preference Considered**

Block 1: Union St. Playground, Public Safety Building, Milltown Park-Basketball Ct & Playground, Grass Island intersection of North & Baring St., Rotary

Block 2: Red Beach Cemetery, Red Beach Ballfield & Playground

Block 3: Waterfront walkway & park

Block 4: Fountain Park (Main St), Library, Union St Parking Lot (EMEC) City Building Area, Triangle Park, Memorial Park, Calais Ave grass strips

Witness: *Nancy Biquin*

Attest: *[Signature]* City Clerk