

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
July 20, 2023

The 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 Rogers and a second by Councilor Carr, 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 July \$150*
- D. *Treasurer's Warrants City through July 19, 2023*
 \$ 982,092.78
- E. *Treasurer's Warrants School through July 19, 2023*
 \$ 535,648.07
- F. *Treasurer's Warrants Water through July 19, 2023*
 \$ 158,767.10
- G. *Liquor License Renewal-St. Croix Country Club*

The City Manager then gave his report. He noted that the next Economic/Community Development Committee meeting will be on September 28th at 5PM. He reminded the public of the many events at this year's International Festival on August 2nd through the 5th. The parade still has room for entries. He also let the public know that the 131st Maine Legislature officially recognized July 21st, 2023 as Parks and Recreation Professionals Day in the State of Maine. He then gave an update on the Main St. Water/Sewer project. Work is expected to be wrapped up by the end of August. Lastly he took a moment to explain the intent of the reinstallation of two-hour parking signs on Main Street.

Under follow ups, discussion was had regarding some issues with the library building. The grass is quite high and not being maintained properly by the company hired to do so. Also the gutters need cleaning. The lack/quality of the mowing at the Red Beach Cemetery has also been a source of public concern. The Sunrise Trail Coalition met on 7/19 in Calais and much of the discussion was about expanding the trail into Calais. Lastly, no

Attendance

Consent Agenda

City Manager's Report

Follow Ups

results have been received yet from the geotechnical sampling done for the pier replacement.

For committees, the Property Committee met on 7/19 to discuss a proposal that was received for the property at 43 North St. The School Liaison Committee met prior to this council meeting and discussed updates on several topics. Lastly the Economic/Community Development Committee met on 7/19 and continued discussion of the challenges faces by downtown businesses.

Continuing under old business, discussion was held regarding estimates received for fencing at the proposed dog park. No motions were made and this item was tabled.

Next, the council discussed the Milltown Park WWII Honor Roll. Estimates were received for two different color monument tablets. A motion was made by Councilor Niles to approve the purchase of black tablets for \$7995. Councilor Sherrard seconded. All were in favor. The cost of the tablets is to be taken from Other Capital Projects.

New Business

The first item of new business was the submission of Tax Collector's Certificates of Settlement for tax years 2020, 2021 and 2022. Councilor Carr made a motion to approve. Councilor Beale seconded. All were in favor.

Next the council selected a new tax collector. Councilor Rogers made a motion to appoint Gregory R. Williams as Tax Collector. Councilor Macdonald seconded. All were in favor.

The council then discussed a proposal from Chris Niles for usage of the property at 43 North St. After discussion it was decided to table this item for the time being while some details of the proposal are worked out.

The last item of new business was the purchase of trees to replace ones that have died along Main Street. City Manager Ellis requested that the council move \$2400 from Other Capital Projects in order to purchase the remaining trees needed. Councilor Sherrard made a motion to do so. Councilor Carr seconded. All were in favor.

Committee Updates

Dog Park Fencing

Milltown WWII Honor Roll

Tax Collector Settlement

Appointment of Tax Collector

43 North St. Proposal

Trees for Downtown

Other Items Discussed

Other topics discussed with no action taken included:

- Comments about the positive direction the downtown area is moving in
- Calais Little League having an International Series with St. Stephen.
- Encouragement for Council and Mayor to participate in Hands across the border ceremony on 8/2 @6pm.

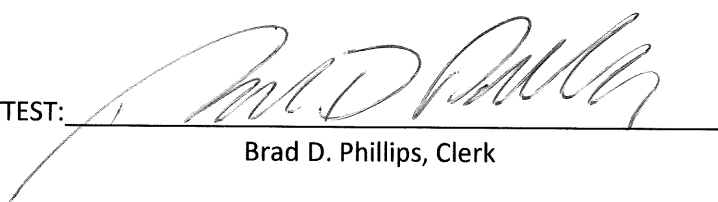
Executive Session

At this time, pursuant to MRSA Title 1, §405 (6)(d), a motion was made to enter executive session for discussion of a personnel matter. The motion was made by Councilor Sherrard and seconded by Councilor Carr. The motion carried with all in favor. The council entered executive session at 6:37 pm.

The council returned from executive session at 6:50 PM. No motions were made.

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 6:50 p.m.

ATTEST:



Brad D. Phillips, Clerk

Roundtable

Executive Session

Adjournment