

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL  
August 17, 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, and Carr.

On a motion by Councilor Carr and a second by Councilor Sherrard, 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 August \$150*
- D. Treasurer's Warrants City through August 16, 2023  
\$ 499,127.44*
- E. Treasurer's Warrants School through August 16, 2023  
\$ 1,383,014.21*
- F. Treasurer's Warrants Water through August 16, 2023  
\$ 79,431.45*
- G. Liquor License Renewal-Jo's Diner & Pizzeria*

The City Manager then gave his report. He gave an update on the Main Street sewer and water project. It is currently about 95% complete with cleanup and paving remaining to be done. He also let the public know that nomination petitions were available in the clerk's office for anyone interested in running for city council or school board in the November 7, 2023 election.

There was no discussion on any follow-up items.

For committees, the finance committee met just prior to this council meeting to discuss a recommended mil rate for this year's tax commitment. The school liaison committee will meet at Calais High School on 8/23 at 5PM.

The last item of old business was a proposal for use of the property located at 43 North St. This agenda item was tabled until the next council meeting on 9/14/23.

Attendance

Consent Agenda

City Manager's Report

Follow Ups

Committee Updates

43 North Street

## **New Business**

The first item of new business was the annual solicitation of winter sand bids. Councilor Sherrard made a motion to go out to bid. Councilor Carr seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Next the City Manager made a recommendation to fill the open Basic EMT position available at Calais Fire/EMS. He put forth the name of Reginald Ellingwood for this role. Councilor Carr made a motion to do so. Councilor Rogers seconded. All were in favor.

The council then discussed a review of our current city ordinances. There were no motions, but a decision was made to try and review one or two ordinances at each regular meeting going forward.

The last item of new business was a brief discussion of this year's tax commitment and mil rate. No motions were made on the topic.

## **Other Items Discussed**

Other topics discussed with no action taken included:

- Welcome to new office assistant Wendy Leighton
- Need to form a group to review city policies
- Reiteration from several councilors that they do not wish to raise taxes
- Concern that needed repairs and maintenance on city properties may necessitate a tax increase at some point
- Thank you to all involved with a successful International Festival
- Thank you to the council for their work throughout the budget process

## **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 Carr and seconded by Councilor Beale. The motion carried with all in favor. The council entered executive session at 6:21 pm.

Winter Sand Bids

Filling of Basic EMT Position

Review of City Ordinances

Tax Commitment

Roundtable

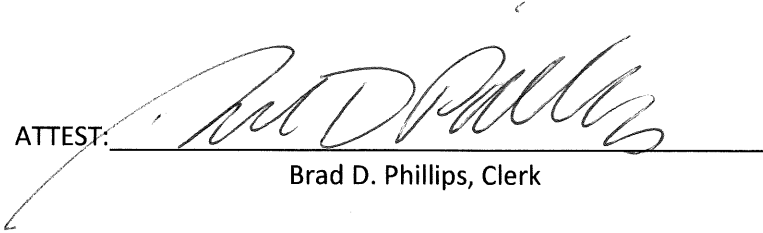
Executive Session

The council returned from executive session at 7:15 PM. No motions were made.

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Carr, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Adjournment

ATTEST:



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Brad D. Phillips, Clerk