

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
September 14, 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 Sherrard, Rogers, Carr, and Macdonald.

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Macdonald, 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 September \$150*
- D. *Treasurer's Warrants City through September 14, 2023*
 \$ 478,525.03
- E. *Treasurer's Warrants School through September 14, 2023*
 \$ 863,867.46
- F. *Treasurer's Warrants Water through September 14, 2023*
 \$ 25,426.41
- G. *Catering Permit-Riverview Restaurant & Lounge*
- H. *Application for Perpetual Care-Carlow Lot*
- I. *Special Event Application-Calais Free Library*

The City Manager then gave his report. He reminded everyone that school is now in session and urged people to drive with caution. He also encouraged folks to stay home and avoid travel during the potential storm forecast for the weekend. He also gave an update on the county budget meeting he attended. Lastly, he asked the council to suspend the rules and move agenda item: "Main Street Paving" to executive session pursuant to MRSA Title 1, §405 (6)(e), (attorney/client privilege). Councilor Sherrard made a motion to do so. Councilor Macdonald seconded. All were in favor.

There was no discussion on any follow-up items.

For committees, the school liaison committee met and discussed several items including staffing, the interim principal and expansion of the elementary school among others.

Attendance

Consent Agenda

City Manager's Report

Follow Ups

Committee Updates

New Business

The first item of new business was the scheduling of a public hearing for the adoption of new General Assistance Ordinance Appendices. Councilor Sherrard made a motion to schedule it for 9/28. Councilor Macdonald seconded. All were in favor.

Next the council scheduled a public hearing for consideration of the new Domestic Livestock Ordinance. Councilor Sherrard made a motion to schedule it for 9/28. Councilor Macdonald seconded. All were in favor. Later in the meeting it was determined that 10/12 would be a better date for this hearing and it was thus changed.

Next the council scheduled a public hearing to amend the city's Land Use Code. Councilor Sherrard made a motion to schedule it for 9/28. Councilor Macdonald seconded. All were in favor.

The council then discussed the speed limit of Route 1 through the Red Beach region. After talks it was decided that the City Manager should reach out to Maine DOT to look into adding/improving signage through the area to improve safety and potentially reduce noise from heavy truck traffic.

The last item of new business was a review of the city's Animal Control and Anti-Loitering ordinances. It was determined that a small amount of wording needed to be added to the Anti-Loitering Ordinance. After the ordinance wording is updated a public hearing will be scheduled for the first meeting in October.

Other Items Discussed

Other topics discussed with no action taken included:

- Blinking red light at intersection of South and North Streets obscured by branches.
- Shelter concerns during coming tropical storm
- Dump hours during tropical storm
- Question of construction detour signage for Main St.
- Thank you to the Fire Chief and Calais EMS for their service during response
- Support expressed for the workers at EMEC particularly during storms
- Remembrance of Eric Hinson and Tom Webster
- Library mowing update

Public Hearing GA Ordinance

Public Hearing Domestic Livestock Ordinance

Public Hearing Land Use Code

Red Beach Speed Limit

Review of City Ordinances

Roundtable

- The need to take care of our personnel that may be working extra hard during the storm this weekend
- Thank you to all departments for their hard work throughout the summer.


Executive Session

At this time, pursuant to MRSA Title 1, §405 (6)(a) and (e) a motion was made to enter executive session for discussion of a personnel matter as well as a matter covered by attorney/client privilege. 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 6:31 pm.

The council returned from executive session at 7:40 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 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:



Brad D. Phillips, Clerk

Executive Session

Adjournment