

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
October 12, 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, Rogers, and Macdonald.

On a motion by Councilor Rogers 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 October \$150*
- D. *Treasurer's Warrants City through October 11, 2023*
\$ 272,277.52
- E. *Treasurer's Warrants School through October 11, 2023*
\$ 445,694.63
- F. *Treasurer's Warrants Water through October 11, 2023*
\$ 14,364.49
- G. *Special Event Permit-Calais Lioness Christmas Parade*
- H. *Application for Perpetual Care-J. Seeley Lot*
- I. *Application for Perpetual Care-B. Seeley Lots*

The City Manager then gave his report. He suggested to the council that the November meeting schedule should be 11/9 and 11/30 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. He also reminded the council and the public that the next county budget meeting will be on 10/16 @6:30pm in the Machias Superior Court Room. Lastly, he informed the council that Laurel Perkins has put in her resignation as Economic Development Director for Calais and Baileyville.

There was no discussion of follow up items at this time.

For committees, none of them had held meetings however members of the School Liaison Committee met as stakeholders with school staff regarding the expansion of the elementary school.

Continuing under old business, the council considered the scheduling of a public hearing for adoption of a revised bond-

Attendance

Consent Agenda

City Manager's Report

Follow Ups

Committee Updates

Water/Sewer Project Bond Ordinance

ordinance for funding of the Main St. water/sewer project. Councilor Sherrard made a motion to schedule the public hearing for 10/26. Councilor Macdonald seconded. All were in favor.

The last item of old business was the annual winter sand bids. As no bids had been received during the advertising period, Public Works Director Seelye had sought quotes from prospective suppliers. He presented three quotes to the council. Councilor Sherrard made a motion to accept the quote from Sunrise Sand & Gravel in the amount of \$16,360. Councilor Macdonald seconded the motion. All were in favor.

New Business

The first item of new business was approval of the municipal election warrant for the November 7, 2023 election. Councilor Sherrard made a motion to approve the warrant. Councilor Niles seconded. All were in favor.

Next the council considered a request from the Wabanaki Cultural Center to place a movable storage building on property adjacent to theirs that belongs to the city. Councilor Sherrard made a motion to tentatively approve the placement of the building while reserving the right to revoke this permission if the council deems it necessary. Councilor Macdonald seconded. All were in favor.

The next agenda item was discussion of the potential sale of what's known as the Marden's parking lot as well as the old AMMEX parking lot. After discussion the council determined it to be prudent to monitor this potential sale, however no motions were made at this time.

The last item of new business was discussion of the downtown streetlights. City Manager Ellis presented a quote to the council for four new light fixtures. Councilor Sherrard made a motion to purchase these lights at a cost of \$3844. Councilor Rogers seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Winter Sand Bids

Municipal Election Warrant

Wabanaki Storage Building

Marden's and AMMEX
Parking Lots

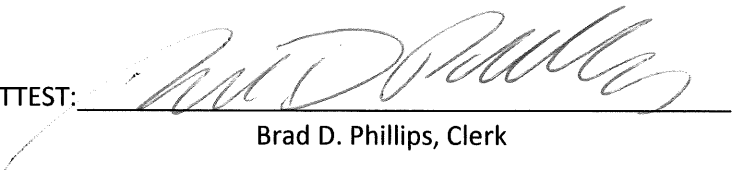
Downtown Streetlights

Other topics discussed with no action taken included:

- Attendance of meetings by current City Solicitor
- Concern over the play-surface at Milltown Playground
- County Budget Meeting

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Sherrard, seconded by Councilor Niles, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 6:24 p.m.

ATTEST:



Brad D. Phillips, Clerk

Roundtable

Adjournment