

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL  
April 9, 2015

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 Moore presiding over Councilors Geel, Howard, Rogers, Mingo, Moreside, and Nixon.

The Mayor asked that the Council consider suspending the Council Rules in order to add an agenda item. On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Rules.

It was then moved by Councilor Mingo, seconded by Councilor Moreside, and unanimously voted to add a Liquor License renewal for Townhouse Restaurant to new business agenda.

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

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Monthly Departmental Reports
- C. Chase Fund for April - \$150.00
- D. Treasurer's Warrants City through April 8, 2015  
\$ 187,873.50
- E. Treasurer's Warrants School through April 8, 2015  
\$ 426,654.33
- F. Treasurer's Warrants Water through April 8, 2015  
\$ 9,856.86

The Mayor then called for a Public Hearing on Rural Development Financing required, CSO Master Plan, and infrastructure upgrades including South Street and Harrison Street sewer improvements as well as replacement of the Poole Street and Main Street ejector pumping stations.

There were no public comments made. Following a few questions from the City Council, it was moved by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Howard, and unanimously voted to authorize the City

Attendance

Suspend Rules

Add Agenda item

Consent Agenda

Public Hearing – Rural  
Development Financing  
Sewer Improvements

Manager to sign the documents to proceed with this application for financing of this project.

The City Manager then gave his report on the following:

- proceeding with Safe Route to School
- Recycling with Southwest Solid Waste

The following Council Committee reports were submitted:

1. **Finance Committee** – no report
2. **Property Committee** – met prior to Council meeting to listen to a proposal for outside seating from Gary Young of South of the Border.
3. **Public Safety Committee** – no report
4. **Public Works Committee** – met on Wednesday to discuss the Public Works Dept Work Plan.
5. **School Liaison Committee** – no report
6. **Economic/Community Development Committee** – will meet on Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Council Rules.

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to add Pavement Management Contract to new business agenda.

There was no CDRC report.

The next agenda item, Memorial Day Parade will be put on the next agenda.

It was moved by Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Moreside, and unanimously voted to authorize the Calais American Legion to take over the American flag Project on North, Main and Union Street.

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to grant an abatement of sewer charges for Acct # 456 in the amount of \$467.10.

It was moved by Councilor Moreside and seconded by Councilor Nixon, to grant and abatement of sewer charges to Acct #1217 in the amount of \$155.70. Voting in favor of this motion were

City Manager's Report

Council Committee Reports

Suspend Rules

Add Agenda Item

Memorial Day Parade

Flag Project

Sewer Abatements

Councilors Geel, Rogers, Mingo, Moreside, and Nixon. Councilor Howard abstained. Motion carried.

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to approve a Liquor License renewal for The Townhouse Restaurant.

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to contract with Pavement Management Services.

It was moved by Councilor Mingo, seconded by Councilor Nixon, and unanimously voted to suspend the Council Rules.

It was moved by Councilor Geel, seconded by Councilor Moreside, and unanimously voted to authorize the City Manager to expend an amount not to exceed \$27,000 for a 2014 Chev. 2500 Truck.

Other items addressed with no Council action being taken at this time included:

--question on whether or not American Flags will be American Made.

--Status of Methodist Church Demolition

--Need for Citizen and Employee Recognition

--Revenue from Crematorium to help with Cemetery Expenses

--thanks to Departments from Supt of Schools

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Rogers, it was unanimously to retire into Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. to discuss the following:

A. Personnel Issue Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA, 405 6 (a)

B. Union Contract Negotiations Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA, 405 6 (d)

Open session resumed at 8:05 p.m.

It was moved by Councilor Nixon and seconded by Councilor Geel to add a clause to the EMS Union Contract to allow for a FSA (Flexible spending Account). Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Geel, Howard, Rogers, Mingo, and Nixon. Councilor Moreside abstained. Motion carried.

Liquor License – Townhouse

Pavement Management Contract

Suspend Rules

WWTP Truck Purchase

Other items

Executive Session

Open Session

EMS Union Contract

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Geel, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Adjourn

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Theresa M Porter, City Clerk