

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 27, 2015

The 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 Howard, Rogers, Mingo, Moreside and Nixon.

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

- A. *Previous Minutes*
- B. *Monthly Departmental Reports*
- C. *Treasurer's Warrants City through August 26, 2015*
\$574,131.59
- D. *Treasurer's Warrants School through August 26, 2015*
\$580,816.96
- E. *Treasurer's Warrants Water through August 26, 2015*
\$ 67,243.23
- F. *Chase Fund for August - \$150.00*
- G. *Perpetual Care Applications: Jeffrey Peakall Lots by Jeffrey Peakall*

The City Manager then gave his report on the following:

- Rails to Trails
- Need for Library to close for a carpeting installation from Friday, October 9th through Tuesday October 13th.
- Need for a Public Works Committee Meeting to discuss the need for ditching on the Carson and Hardscrabble Roads, problem Hedge at corner of Shattuck road and Rte 1, and Transfer Station proposals
- Resignation of Lea Farrar, assessing clerk and the intent to fill this position.

The City Manager also asked that the Council consider suspending the Council Rules in order to add the following agenda items:

1. BIG Grant application fee to be charged to Dawson Fund
2. Surveillance Cameras to be charged to Police Dept. J Baig Fund
3. Need to Solicit Bids for winter Sand
4. Union Negotiations/Exec. Session

Attendance

Consent Agenda

City Manager Report

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Council Rules to add these items to the Agenda

Suspend Rules

It was moved by Councilor Mingo, seconded by Councilor Moreside, and unanimously voted to authorize the charge of \$350.00 application fee for the BIG Grant to the Dawson Fund.

BIG Grant Application Fee

The following Council Committee Reports were submitted:

Committee Reports

1. **Finance Committee** – No report
2. **Property Committee** – met prior to Council meeting to discuss several issues.
3. **Public Safety Committee** – No report
4. **Public Works Committee** – will meet on Tuesday, Sept 1st at 5:00 pm
5. **School Liaison Committee**- No report
6. **Economic community Development Committee** – will meet on Friday at 9:00 a.m.

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Police Dept to expend up to \$2000.00 from the PD Jessie Baig Fund to purchase (4) surveillance cameras .

Surveillance Cameras

Councilor Nixon gave the CDRC report on the following:

CDRC Report

- Hanging Flowers
- Chair Affair
- Scarecrow contest

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Moreside it was unanimously voted to schedule a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 10th at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a general obligation bond of the City of Calais, the proceeds of which will be used to finance safe drinking water projects in the City, including but not limited to water main replacements on portions of Temperance Street in the amount of \$217,352.00.

Schedule Public Hearings –
General Obligation Bonds

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Nixon it was unanimously voted to schedule a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 10th at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a general

obligation bond of the City of Calais, the proceeds of which will be used to finance sewer system improvement projects in the City, including but not limited to sewer system improvement projects in the vicinity of South Street and Harrison Street in the amount of \$500,000.00.

It was moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Moreside, and unanimously voted to schedule a Public Hearing to consider the proposed Consumer Fireworks Ordinance on Thursday, September 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Consumer Fireworks Ordinance

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to authorize the City Manager to contract with PCT Communications to install GPS tracking systems in 4 Police Dept vehicles at a cost of \$35.00 per vehicle per month.

GPS City Vehicles

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to authorize the City Manager to solicit bids for winter sand. These bid requests will be for both delivered and not delivered.

Winter Sand

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

Other Items

--school begins next week; police officers will be present to invite children back to school.

--status of new ambulance

--Int'l Festival successful, thanks to committee

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 6:41 p.m. for the following:

Exec. Session

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

B. *Legal Issue Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA, 405 6 (e)*

C. *Union Negotiations Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA, 405 6 (d)*

Open Session resumed at 7:33 pm

Open Session

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Moreside and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Adjourn

ATTEST: _____

Theresa M Porter, City Clerk