

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL

February 27, 2014

The second 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 Howard, Rogers, Mingo, Dwelley, and Nixon.

On a motion by Councilor Dwelley and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Warrants City through February 26, 2014  
\$ 343,375.77
- C. Treasurer's Warrants School through February 26, 2014  
\$ 9,017.44
- D. Treasurer's Warrants Water through February 26, 2014  
\$ 27,664.43

The City Manager then gave her report. She updated the Council on the Ambulance Budget, informed that she will be on the Radio on Friday morning to discuss the proposed long-term care bill. She also informed the Council that she will be out of the office on Tues and Wednesday next week for meetings.

On a motion by Councilor Dwelley and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Council rules in order to add an agenda item to authorize the repair of the Fire Department's Thermal Imaging Camera.

Following an explanation of the need for the repair of their Thermal Imaging Camera versus the expense of purchasing new, from the Fire Chief, it was moved by Councilor Mingo, seconded by Councilor Howard, and unanimously voted to unassign the \$927.99 approved in October for replacing the intake relief valve on the Ladder Truck and placing it back into the CIP, Firefighting Equipment Line and to authorize the expenditure of \$1213.65 from the CIP, Firefighting Equipment to cover the cost for ISG infrasys to repair one (1) Thermal Imaging Camera.

Attendance

Consent Agenda

City Manager Report

Suspend Rules

Thermal Imaging Camera  
Repair

The following Council Committee Reports were submitted:

1. Finance Committee – no report
2. Property Committee – no report
3. Public Safety Committee – no report
4. Public Works Committee – no report
5. School Liaison Committee – Need to schedule meeting
6. Economic/Community Development Committee – schedule meeting on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am to discuss the proposed brochure.

The next item was to schedule the times and places for upcoming budget workshops. Following some discussion, it was moved by Councilor Mingo and seconded by Councilor Dwelley to schedule budget workshops at 5:00 p.m. on the following dates, March 13, 20, and 27, and April 10, 17 and 24. These workshops will be held at the department locations and at the Community College. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Rogers, Mingo, Dwelley, and Nixon. Councilor Howard was opposed.

On a motion by Councilor Dwelley and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to authorize Chief Randall to submit a grant application for 2014 Federal Stone Garden Funds for the purchase of \$7,245.00 for COP VU cameras and \$12,372.00 for overtime to be used in a 13 week period for a total of \$19,617.00.

The next agenda item was a discussion on waiving the requirement of special event applications having to be submitted 4 months prior to event for the Chamber of Commerce event to be held the last weekend of June.

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Dwelley, it was unanimously voted to authorize writing off Carl Bailey's revolving loan in the amount of \$13,946.74 due to bankruptcy.

On a motion by Councilor Dwelley and a second by Councilor Rogers, it was unanimously voted to sign the following proclamation of support for the Downeast Correctional Facility

INSERT PROCLAMATION

Committee Reports

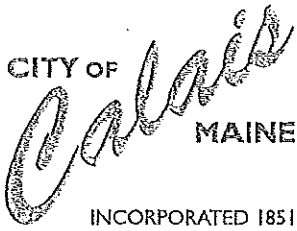
Schedule Budget Workshops

Application to Federal Stone Garden Grant

Waiver for Special Event Application

Write off revolving loan

Downeast Correctional Facility Proclamation



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**A PROCLAMATION OF SUPPORT  
FOR THE  
DOWNEAST CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

- WHEREAS, the COMMISSIONER of CORRECTIONS has proposed closing the Downeast Correctional Facility and issuing a \$150+ million BOND to DOUBLE capacity at the Maine Correctional Center; and
- WHEREAS, the voters of the State of Maine do not have a vote in said bond issue; and
- WHEREAS, bonding is both unwise and imprudent in the current fiscal environment; and
- WHEREAS, the Downeast Correctional Facility is an efficient, well run facility that provides good jobs to Washington County people, vital services to area municipalities/businesses, and effective programs to its inmates;

BE IT RESOLVED, that WE, the undersigned, as duly elected municipal officials of affected communities, on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014, OPPOSE any efforts to close, downsize or absorb Downeast Correctional Facility into any other state correctional facility;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that we will provide ORAL/WRITTEN testimony to the Legislature in support of DCF's continued existence, and encourage our constituents to do likewise.

Marianne Moore  
Arthur Mingo  
Alan Swelley  
Anne Nixon

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It was moved by Councilor Mingo and seconded by Councilor Dwelley to sign the following resolution condemning efforts to further consolidate Maine jails. Voting in favor were Councilors Rogers, Mingo, Dwelley, and Nixon. Councilor Howard was opposed due to unforeseen costs that may be associated with this act. Motion carried.

Resolution on Maine Jail Consolidation

INSERT RESOLUTION

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Rogers, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Mayor, City Manager and Finance Director to sign the Audit Engagement Letter for the Water Department's Calendar Year 2013 Audit.

Audit Engagement Letter

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

Other Items

- MDOT Building Status
- Monthly Report from CDRC
- Congrats and Thanks for years of Service to Tammy Ginn, Good Luck with new Job.
- Icy Sidewalks
- Democratic Caucus on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Congrats to Calais High School Teams and Good Luck!!

It was moved by Councilor Dwelley, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. to discuss the following:

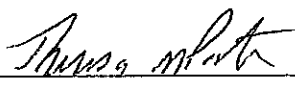
Executive Session

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

Open session resumed at 8:15 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Mingo, seconded by Councilor Dwelley, and unanimously voted that this meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Adjourn

ATTEST:   
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Theresa M. Porter, City Clerk



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**A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING EFFORTS  
TO FURTHER CONSOLIDATE MAINE JAILS**

WHEREAS, the COMMISSIONER of CORRECTIONS has proposed a complete state takeover of Maine's county jail system, jeopardizing the future of Maine's smaller, rural jails; and

WHEREAS, doing so would take accountability and management out of the hands of local people elected and entrusted to manage these facilities in a fiscally prudent manner under Maine law, and place said authority in the hands of a statewide Board of Corrections based out of Augusta; and

WHEREAS, previous jail consolidation efforts have failed to provide the savings promised by state officials and legislators from across the political spectrum; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine has proven time and again that it cannot effectively manage its own finances; and

WHEREAS, ceding control of county jails to the state could place undue hardship on employees, inmates – many of whom await trial – and their families;

BE IT RESOLVED, that WE, the undersigned, as duly elected municipal officials of affected communities, on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014, OPPOSE any efforts by Augusta to take over Maine's rural jails, and view said attempt as a breach of local control.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that we will provide ORAL/WRITTEN testimony before the Legislature to this effect, and will encourage neighboring municipalities, our own constituents, and county officials to do the likewise.

Marianne Moore  
Beth Mingo  
Alan D. Dwyer  
Carrie Star

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