

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 11, 2014

The only 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, 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. *Chase Fund for December \$225.00*
- D. *Treas. Warrants City through December 10, 2014*
\$ 435,650.81
- E. *Treas. Warrants School through December 10, 2014*
\$ 711,447.00
- F. *Treas. Warrants Water through December 10, 2014*
\$ 55,103.15

The City Manager then reported on the following:

- introduced new Finance Director, Crystal Myers
- increase in Worker's Comp Insurance Premium
- Efficiency Study
- asked for Council to consider suspending the Council rules in order to add an agenda item to Executive Session.

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

It was then moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Moreside, and unanimously voted to add a legal issue to Executive Session.

The Following Council Committee reports were submitted:

1. **Finance Committee** – No report
2. **Property Committee** – No report

Attendance

Consent Agenda

City Manager Report

Suspend Council Rules

Add Executive Session item-
Legal issue

Council Committee Reports

3. **Public Safety Committee** – met prior to Council meeting to discuss the barricades at Urban Moose.
4. **Public Works Committee** – No report
5. **School Liaison Committee** – Councilor Howard reported that he attended the School Board Meeting and was impressed with the Superintendent of Schools reporting to the public.
6. **Economic/Community Development Committee** – met on Wednesday, had a guest speaker from Bangor Community Development with a lot of great ideas.

Joan Perry from the CDRC expressed thanks from the Committee on all of the cooperation and support from the City and several service organizations in Calais area.

CDRC Report

At this point, Randy McCormick addressed the Council with some ideas for improvements to the Thomas DiCenzo Athletic Complex. These ideas were well received and it was moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Moreside and unanimously voted to approve the concept.

Athletic Complex Improvements

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to have the Annual “Free Trash Day” at the Transfer Station on Saturday, December 27th.

Free Trash Day

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

Other Items

- St. Croix #1 Firehouse Christmas Party Sat. Dec 13th
- Plan for demolition of Boy Scott Hall
- Sanding at Transfer Station
- Thanks extended to Police and Public Works Dept for offer of help on Athletic Complex improvements
- outdoor activities planned for Recreation Dept
- Meridian Park Trimming
- Annual Christmas Parade well done
- Condolences to Cecil Moreside Family

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session for the following items at 6:48 p.m.

- A. Personnel Issue Pursuant to Title 1MRSA 405 6 (a)
- B. Union Contract Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA 405 6 (d)
- C. Legal Issue Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA 405 6 (e)

Executive Session

Open Session resumed at 7:45 pm

Open Session

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to promote Jim Porter to City Manager with an annual salary of \$62,000 plus a monthly gas stipend of \$250.00, effective December 15, 2014.

Jim Porter – City Manager

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Nixon, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Adjourn

ATTEST: _____
Theresa M. Porter, City Clerk