

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 13, 2014

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 Parks, Howard, Rogers, Mingo, and Nixon.

Attendance

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

Consent Agenda

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Monthly Departmental Reports
- C. Treasurer's Warrants City through February 12, 2014
\$ 235,583.75
- D. Treasurer's Warrants School through February 12, 2014
\$ 573,939.20
- E. Treasurer's Warrants Water through February 12, 2014
\$ 41,213.45
- F. Chase Fund for February - \$150.00
- G. Calais Fire Assn –Snowmobile Parade, Bonfire, Skating & Food, Feb 21

The City Manager had no report.

Manager/committee Reports

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** – No report
- 6. **Economic /Community Development Committee** – met to review new Website and Branding, new ideas on marketing are being talked about.

There was no public input on agenda items requested.

It was moved by Councilor Howard and seconded by Councilor Rogers to make the following re-appointments to the various boards.

- Planning Board – Richard Ramsey 11/16
- Planning Board – Gail Wahl 11/16
- Planning Board – Bill Cody 9/16
- Planning Board – Everett Libby (Alt.) 9/16
- Zoning Board of Appeals – Andrew Tickle 9/16
- Zoning Board of Appeals – Ronald Hanbury 9/16
- Revolving Loan Board – Everett Libby 9/16
- Revolving Loan Board – Charlie McAlpin 12/16
- Revolving Loan Board – Joe Moses (Full Voting) 2/15
- Board of Assessment Review – Ronald Hanbury 9/16
- School District Trustees – John Smith 6/16
- School District Trustees – Nick DelMonaco, Jr 1/17
- School District Trustees – Pam Bridges 5/15

Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Howard, Rogers, Mingo and Nixon. Councilor Parks was opposed. Motion carried.

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Howard, it was unanimously voted to advertise the still vacant positions on the various boards before appointing the two nominated by administration.

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to re-appoint Jim Porter to a 3-year term as Health Officer.

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to re-allocate \$105,000 from the Economic Development Loan Fund to the Revolving Loan Fund for the purpose of providing match for the façade grants and funding the State Cinema Loan.

It was moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Howard, and unanimously voted to designate \$1200 from the Dawson Fund for the annual floating dock expense.

It was moved by Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to expend \$7000 from the Dawson Fund

Board Appointments

Advertise Board Vacancies

Jim Porter – Health Officer

Re-Allocate Loan Funds

Dawson Fund requests

for the City's annual contribution to the Princeton Airport to be designated as follows: \$4000 for operations and maintenance and \$3000 towards their reserve account.

On a motion by Councilor Parks and a second by Councilor Rogers, it was unanimously voted to write off ambulance debt in the amount of \$919.00 for patient #2101.

It was moved by Councilor Nixon and seconded by Councilor Parks to write off ambulance debt in the total amount of \$4091.20 and send to collections. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Parks, Rogers, Mingo, and Nixon. Councilor Howard was opposed. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilor Mingo, seconded by Councilor Nixon, and unanimously voted to write off Water Debt for Account #3397, in the amount of \$202.70 and send to collections. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Parks, Rogers, Mingo, and Nixon. Councilor Howard was opposed. Motion carried.

The next agenda item was a discussion on whether or not to wire the office building located at the Transfer Station so that it could be heated with electricity. On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to authorize this conversion.

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Howard, it was unanimously voted to authorize a withdrawal from the Police CIP-Cruiser in the amount of \$531.25 to reimburse Trident Insurance for over-payment of sales tax.

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Howard, it was unanimously voted to authorize the over-expenditure in the Library benefit lines due to personnel turnover.

The City Treasurer presented the Council with the following list of Tax and/or Sewer acquired properties:

16 Stillson St 2/1/15

Stillson St 2/1/16

27 Price St 5/5/23

Write-offs

Transfer Station Electricity

CIP Police Cruiser

Library Over-Expenditure

Tax Acquired Properties

106 Union St 6/7/8
40 Spring St 10/9/22
Carver St 5/4/28
King St 3/3/5
King St 3/3/4-1
3 Garfield St 5/9/1
River Rd 29/177&179
72 Downes St 9/5/24
48 Franklin St 8/5/1-3
23 Chapel St 3/3/18-1Z
114 Union St 5/4/4

Due to the fact that there have been requests for payment plans or Extensions of time for payment, it was moved by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to authorize the City Treasurer to advertise these properties for sale by sealed bids and to also authorize the City Treasurer to accept full payment from property owners, if received before bids are due, on any of these properties and to issue quitclaims deeds for the same. These property Bids will be due in 60 days.

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

- Summer Food Program
- request from citizen for refund of sewer charges paid.
- Offers of Road Toll proceeds extended by PAWS and Lioness Club to Boy Scouts.
- Status of Symposium
- Thanks to Councilor Mingo for work on Economic Development
- Need for CDRC to give report to Council
- Nashes Lake Dam
- Fundraiser for Recreation Dept
- CDRC request for electricity outlets on Lamps Posts downtown
- possibility of installing ice rink in downtown location
- Need for Spring Clean-up

Other Items

--Status of Tourist Info Center Building
--Police Chief to look into Harbor Master Certification—
Condolences to Austin Ginn Family
--Republican Caucus Scheduled

On a motion by Councilor Parks, and second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 7:16 to discuss the following:

Executive Session

Contract Negotiations Pursuant to Title 1, MRSA §405 6 (d)

Open Session

Open session resumed at 7:54 p.m.

The City Manager presented the City Council with the following Fire Department Collective Bargaining Union Contract Ratification requests:

Ratification of Fire Union Contracts

INSERT FIRE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNION RATIFICATION

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Parks, it was unanimously voted to Ratify Fire Union Contract effective July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014 with no changes and to ratify Fire Union Contract effective July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2016 with changes as presented.

It was then moved by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Nixon, and unanimously voted to amend the Triple Option Health Plan offered to eligible Fire Union employees to POS C, POS 200 being the core plan, and PPO 500 effective July 1, 2014.

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Mingo, seconded by Councilor Nixon, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Adjourn

ATTEST: _____

Theresa M. Porter, City Clerk