

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 25, 2016

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 Geel, Howard, Rogers, and Moreside.

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

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Warrants City through February 24, 2016  
\$ 233,028.73
- C. Treasurer's Warrants School through February 24, 2016  
\$ 88,510.37
- D. Treasurer's Warrants Water through February 24, 2016  
\$ 34,023.61
- E. Monthly Departmental Reports – Olver Associates
- F. Victualer's License – Tradewinds Shop n' Save

Councilor Nixon entered the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

At this point, Terri Woodruff of Healthy Acadia, made a presentation to the City Council of their new program, "Parents who host, lose the most". Following the presentation, this item was referred to the Public Safety Committee.

The Mayor then opened a Public Hearing on an application for a CDBG Public Infrastructure Grant. Porter outlined the project as a one million dollar the replacement of the Main Street and Poole Street pump stations that are in poor shape as they are original 1968 ejector stations. He went on to explain that this funding would tie in nicely with recently obtained Rural Development funding. He also told the public that the Calais Advertiser failed to insert the Equal Opportunity Housing symbol into the ad as required, so he requested the Public Hearing be re-advertised and re-scheduled. Porter appealed to businesses and members of the public to submit letters of support for the application and attend the new Public Hearing. Public input was welcomed but none received. On a motion by Councilor Nixon, and a second by

Attendance

Consent Agenda

Parents who Host, Lose the Most

Public Hearing – CDBG Public Infrastructure Grant App.

Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to schedule the new public hearing on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

The City Manager then gave his report. He asked that the Council consider suspending the Council Rules in order to add 2 agenda items.

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Council Rules to add 2 agenda items.

It was moved by Councilor Nixon and seconded by Councilor Geel, to add the agenda item, Consideration of purchase of Heart Monitor to Old Business of the agenda. All in favor.

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to add a legal issue to the Executive Session.

Other items the City Manager addressed were:

- St. Croix Apartment HUD Violations
- Public Works Dept Trucks repaired
- Pool Project Fund Raising

There were no Council Committee Reports submitted and there was also no CDRC Report

On a motion by Councilor Geel and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to authorize the City Manager to sign a Professional Services Agreement, with Eaton Peabody Consulting Group, for their assistance in creating a Municipal Tax Increment Financing District, to be reviewed every \$5,000.00 spent. This expense will be paid with the Economic Development Loan Fund.

The next agenda item was Tax Acquired Property. The City Clerk informed the Council that there were 3 issues for them to make a decision on immediately, with the rest of the properties needing to be referred to the Property Committee for disposition.

City Manager's Report

Suspend Rules

Add Agenda Items

Manager's Report Continued

No Committee or CDRC Reports

TIF Agreement

Tax Acquired Property

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to allow Kenneth Bailey to pay for his Tax Acquired Property described as Map 6, block, 6, Lot 28, in the following installments: \$10,000 on February 26, 2016, with additional installments of \$650.00 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of each Month beginning March 2, 2016.

It was then moved by Councilor Moreside, seconded by Councilor Howard, and unanimously voted to have the finance director send a letter to Robert Ramsey concerning his tax acquired property described as Map 10, Block 4, Lot 3, asking him to come before the Council with a payment plan on the redemption of his property.

Karry Ann Nadeau came before the Council asking for a payment plan for their tax and sewer acquired property. She indicated that she had \$1300.00 to pay immediately and would make monthly payments with this bill being paid within 1 year. On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to allow this payment plan.

The remaining properties will be addressed at a property committee meeting on March 3, 2016 following the already scheduled special Council meeting.

At this point, Chief Posick and FF/Paramedic Eric Mailman gave a demonstration of the proposed Heart Monitor to be purchased for both the Calais Fire/EMS and the Northern Washington Southern Aroostook Regional Ambulance Service. Following the demonstration and a lengthy discussion on the Ambulance Finances, it was moved by Councilor Nixon and seconded by Councilor Rogers to authorize Chief Posick to purchase 4 Monitors for his department. The down payment for this purchase will be made from the NWSARAS budget, the monitors will be financed with a loan from The First. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Nixon, Rogers, Geel, and Mayor Moore. Councilor Howard was opposed and Councilor Moreside abstained from voting. Motion carried.

There was no action taken on the next agenda item, Calais Food for Thought.

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to approve the request from the Immaculate Conception Church to hold an event, "Stations of the

Calais Fire/EMS Heart Monitors

Calais Food for Thought

Stations of the Cross

Cross” beginning at 765 Main Street up to Calais Avenue and ending at the Church on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Howard, it was unanimously voted to approve the request to hold the “Relay for Life” in the Main Street Triangle Park on June 25, 2016 from Noon to Midnight.

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

- Citizen’s Happy with several decisions made during Council meeting
- Status of Former Tourist Info Center Building purchase
- Calais Fire/EMS – Heart Monitor Purchase
- Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit PAWS at Congo Church on Saturday
- Schedule of Political Caucuses

On a motion by Councilor Geel and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. for the following:

- A. Personnel Issue Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA, 405 6 (a)
- B. Legal Issue Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA, 405 6 (e)

Open Session resumed at 8:07 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Rogers, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 8:07 p.m.

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

Relay for Life

Other Items

Executive Session

Open Session

Adjourn