

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
February 8, 2018

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 Howard presiding over Councilors Geel, Sherrard, Rogers, Mingo, and Carr.

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

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Monthly Departmental Reports
- C. Chase Fund for February - \$200.00
- D. Treasurer's Warrants City through February 7, 2018
\$ 149,394.18
- E. Treasurer's Warrants School through February 7, 2018
\$ 419,110.84
- F. Treasurer's Warrants Water through February 7, 2018
\$ 7,963.79

The City Manager then gave his report. He asked that the Council approve the sample ad that he created for the Chambers of Commerce Magazine. The City Manager also asked that the Council consider suspending the Council Rules in order to add Surplus Equipment Bids to the Agenda. On a motion by Councilor Geel and a second by Councilor Mingo it was unanimously voted to suspend the rules and add this agenda item.

The City Clerk presented the Council with the following bid opening results:

Tire Changer	Bid Amount
Greg Bridges	\$217.00
Gene Cookson	\$232.00
Propane Tube Heater	Bid Amount
Greg Bridges	\$105.00
5 Used lights	Bid Amount
Greg Bridges	\$27.00
Empire Wall Furnace	Bid amount
Douglas Porter	\$76.00

Attendance

Consent Agenda

City Manager Report

Surplus Equipment Bids

On a motion by Councilor Sherrard and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to award these bids to the highest bidders.

The Following Council Committee Reports were submitted:

1. **Finance Committee** – met prior to the City Council meeting to discuss CIP, Budget Strategies, and Tax Acquired Property Redemption Policy.
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 on School Consolidation.
6. **Economic/Community Development Committee** – No report

There was no CDRC Report

The next agenda item, Requests for Payment Arrangements on Tax Acquired Property, went as follows:

Roderick & Cindy Bailey #507 Map 30, Block 124, Lot 3

On a motion by Councilor Sherrard and a second by Councilor Carr, it was unanimously voted to authorize payments of \$250.00 per month until paid in full. Since the balance will not be paid until after the April 1st date of assessment, the 2018 taxes will need to be added to the contract.

Geraldine Bailey Heirs #510 Map 30, Block 129

On a motion by Councilor Sherrard and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to authorize Cathy Bailey to pay all unpaid taxes, including 2018 taxes, if not paid prior to April 1st, on this property by July 1st.

Lorraine Orkin #1323 Map 20, Block 9

It was moved by Councilor Mingo and seconded by Councilor Rogers to table this request until the next meeting in order to enable the City Solicitor to provide more information on the proposed public auction by the mortgage holders. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilor Geel, Rogers, Mingo, Carr and Mayor Howard. Councilor Sherrard was opposed. Motion carried.

John V Chambers, Jr. #2049 W/S #3373 Map 7, Block 5, Lot 7

It was moved by Councilor Rogers and seconded by Mayor Howard to authorize 8 months of payments in the amount of \$1100.00 each, because the taxes will not be paid prior to the April 1st date of

Council Committee Reports

Tax/Sewer Acquired Property
– Payment Arrangements

assessment, the 2018 taxes will need to be added to the contract. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Geel, Rogers, Mingo, Carr, and Mayor Howard. Councilor Sherrard was opposed. Motion carried.

The remainder of the list of newly acquired properties will be brought back to the next Council meeting.

On a motion by Councilor Geel and a second by Councilor Carr, it was unanimously voted to authorize an expenditure of \$5000 from the Storm Drain Maintenance Reserve Fund in order to clean and video the Calais Avenue Drain System to determine if there are issues that need to be addressed.

The next agenda item was a discussion on the Washington County Commissioner's Budget increase proposal. The City Manager will draft a letter of opposition to be brought back to Council.

Councilor Rogers nominated Michael McLean for the 2018 Spirit of America Tribute.

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

- Councilor Geel asked to be excused from the next 3 meetings
- need for School Meeting
- Festival Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 22nd

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 7:09 p.m. for Union negotiations.

Open Session resumed at 7:20 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Sherrard, seconded by Councilor Rogers, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:20 p.m.

ATTEST: Theresa M Porter
Theresa M Porter, City Clerk

Wastewater Maintenance Expenditure

County Budget Increase

Spirit of America Tribute

Other items

Executive Session

Open Session

Adjourn