

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 23, 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 Howard and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Warrants City through January 22 ,2014  
\$ 142,995.69
- C. Treasurer's Warrants School through January 22, 2014  
\$ 392,003.43
- D. Treasurer's Warrants Water through January 22, 2014  
\$ 17,992.95
- E. Perpetual Care Application – Mildred Burgess Lot by Mays Funeral Home
- F. Liquor License Renewal – Karen's Main St Diner, LLC, 439 Main St
- G. Liquor License Renewal – Calais Motor Inn, 663 Main St

The Mayor called for a Public Hearing on the proposed Emergency Business District Revitalization Ordinance. Following discussion on this emergency ordinance, as well as discussion on the need for a meeting with the Planning board to discuss the amendments to the permanent ordinance, on February 27, 2014 at 5:00 pm, it was moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Howard, and unanimously voted to adopt this emergency ordinance.

The City Manager then gave her report. She reminded the Council of the Retirement Party for Dick Barnard on Sunday and she also informed the Council that Sgt. Preston of the Police Dept will be receiving an award for bravery from the Maine Chiefs of Police Assn.

Attendance

Consent Agenda

Public Hearing – Emergency  
Business District  
Revitalization Ordinance

City Manager's Report

The following Council Committee reports were submitted:

1. **Finance Committee** – reported on budget discussion scheduling and whether or not to hold each initial dept budget review at the various depts. It was moved by Councilor Nixon and seconded by Councilor Rogers to suspend the Council rules in order to make a motion to hold the meetings at the City Building. Voting in favor of this motion to suspend the rules was Councilor Nixon, Rogers, and Howard. Councilors Dwelley, Mingo, and Mayor Moore were opposed. Motion does not carry.
2. **Property Committee** – No Report
3. **Public Safety Committee** – Councilor Dwelley read a letter from Councilor Tom Parks, acting as President of the Friends of Scouts #132, concerning the Voluntary Road Toll Application Lottery that was held following the last Council meeting. Councilor Dwelley informed the Council that he would be making a donation to the Friends of the Scouts and challenged the Council and those present to do the same.
4. **Public Works Committee** – No Report
5. **School Liaison Committee** – met on Tues, Jan 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss several maintenance issues and the need to budget for these issues in the future. Next meeting will be on Feb 4<sup>th</sup>.
6. **Economic Development Committee** – need to schedule meeting.

There was no public input on Agenda Items requested.

The first item under new business was an update from the US Customs and Border Protection's Area Port Director, Richard Rowley and Patrol Agent in Charge, Todd Smith. No motions needed.

It was moved by Councilor Mingo and seconded by Councilor Nixon, to authorize an abatement of sewer fees in the amount of \$134.94 for quarter ending 12/31/13 on account #184, at 11 Swan Street. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Rogers, Mingo, Dwelley, and Nixon, Councilor Howard abstained, Motion carried.

## Council Committee Reports

US Customs and Border  
Protection Update

Sewer Abatement

On a motion by Councilor Dwelley and a second by Councilor Rogers, it was unanimously voted to authorize an abatement of sewer fees in the amount of \$491.66 for quarter ending 12/31/13 on account #3375 at 23 Lincoln St.

It was moved by Councilor Mingo, seconded by Councilor Nixon, and unanimously voted to authorize the withdrawal of \$626.50 from the Administration Maintenance CIP to replace the glass in the rear entrance City Building door.

On a motion by Councilor Dwelley and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to authorize the City Manager to send out a request for proposals for the City Audit, including, Ambulance, Sewer, Water, and School for a period of 5 years.

On a motion by Councilor Dwelley and a second by Councilor Rogers, it was unanimously voted to extend the Property and Casualty insurance with the Kyes Agency for an additional year.

The next agenda item was to schedule a date for the Audit presentation. This will be done at the High School on February 5, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Next was a discussion on the City Audit. It was decided to schedule a "Charter Workshop" on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

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

- Complaint from Taxpayer on Foreclosure Issue
- Taxpayer complaints on City Spending
- School Liaison Committee Meeting -- Encouragement
- Challenge on Donations to Scouts.
- Mayor's Testimony of support for Revenue Sharing
- sympathy extended to family of former St. Stephen Mayor Purcell.
- Need for support for proposed bill on Long Term Care

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 7:46 p.m.

ATTEST:   
Theresa M. Porter, City Clerk

Sewer Abatement

CIP – Administration  
Maintenance

Solicit RFP's Audit

Extend Insurance 1 year

August Presentation

Charter Workshop

Other Items