

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
January 25, 2018

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 were Councilors Geel, Sherrard, Rogers, Mingo, Carr, and Nixon.

The City Clerk opened the meeting asking for nominations for Mayor Prop Tempore. Council Nixon nominated and Councilor Geel seconded Councilor Sherrard. Nominations ceased. All in favor.

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

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Warrants City through January 24, 2018
\$ 213,609.31
- C. Treasurer's Warrants School through January 24, 2018
\$ 307,446.32
- D. Treasurer's Warrants Water through January 24, 2018
\$ 31,798.71
- E. Liquor License Renewal – Calais Motor Inn

The City Manager gave his report asking that the Council consider suspending the Council rules in order to add agenda items. It was so moved by Councilor Nixon and seconded by Councilor Geel to suspend the rules and add the following to the Agenda:

- Calais Regional Hospital Fundraiser
- Exec Session for Personnel Issue and Union Negotiation

The Manager also scheduled a Budget Meeting on February 8th at 5:00 p.m.

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** – a meeting scheduled soon
6. **Economic/Community Development Committee** – met with Downeast Econ Council on Fiber Project

Attendance

Mayor Pro Tempore

Consent Agenda

City Manager's Report

Council Committee Reports

Following a brief discussion on the proposal for offering the Maine Start 457B retirement program, this item was tabled until the end of the meeting to enable the Council to discuss this issue as it pertains to certain personnel in Executive Session.

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to purchase a full page inside cover ad in the Chamber of Commerce – Best Kept Secrets of Way Downeast magazine. Cost of \$1200.00 to be paid from Economic Development Fund.

It was moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Rogers, and unanimously voted to authorize the expenditure of \$4700.00 from the City Building CIP for a new back door at the City Building.

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Carr, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Fire Dept to apply for a FEMA Assistance Grant to purchase a new ladder truck.

It was moved by Councilor Nixon and seconded by Councilor Mingo, to authorize the City Manager to solicit bids on short term financing of the Fiber Project. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Geel, Rogers, Mingo, Nixon, and Sherrard. Councilor Carr abstained. Motion carried.

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Councilor Mingo and seconded by Councilor Geel, to donate \$1000.00 from the Economic Development Fund to the Calais Regional Hospital for the purchase of a Bronchoscopy cleaning equipment. Voting in favor were Councilors Geel, Mingo, Carr and Sherrard. Councilors Nixon and Rogers were opposed. Motion carried.

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

--Nice article in the Calais Advertiser, Tom Webster's son.

On a motion by Councilor Carr and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to enter into executive Session at 6:29 pm. For the following:

- A. Union Negotiations
- B. Personnel Issue

Open Session resumed at 6:57 p.m.

Maine Start -retirement plan

Chamber Magazine ad

CIP Expense – City Bldg door

FEMA Grant

Short term financing – fiber project

Donation to Calais Regional Hospital

Other items

Executive Session

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to approve the Maine Start Program and to offer a match equal to an employee's contribution up to 5% for full-time employees that have opted out of the MEPERS program.

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 6:58 p.m.

ATTEST:



Theresa M Porter, City Clerk

Maine Start Program

Adjourn