

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 9, 2014

The first 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, Dwelley, and Nixon.

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

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Warrants City through January 9, 2014
\$ 872,215.28
- C. Treasurer's Warrants School through January 9, 2014
\$ 622,710.72
- D. Treasurer's Warrants Water through January 9, 2014
\$ 8,124.46
- E. Monthly Departmental Reports
- F. Chase Fund for January - \$150.00

The City Manager then gave her report on the following items:
-- She informed the Council that the joint meeting with the Baileyville Town Council will be held at WCCC on Thursday, January 30th at 5:30 p.m.
--gave thanks to the P Works, Police & Fire for their excellent works during the Ice Storm.
--reported that the Audit will be done by January 15 and gave thanks to the Finance Dept for their work.
--presented the council with her written testimony on the proposed Casino Initiative.

The City Manager then asked that the Council consider suspending the Council rules in order to add 2 agenda items.

It was moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Dwelley, and unanimously voted to suspend the Council Rules in order to add the following items:

Attendance

Consent Agenda

City Manager's report

Suspend Rules

--change in collection company for written off debts & acceptance of exercise equipment from Town of Baileyville, Police Dept.

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Dwelley, it was unanimously voted to authorize the City Manager to close out the Canadian Debts from the Thomas Agency and seek the services of a Canadian Collection Agency for these debts.

Canadian Collections

It was then moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Dwelley, and unanimously voted to authorize the Calais Police Department to accept the gift of some exercise equipment from the Baileyville Police Department.

Gift of exercise equipment –
Baileyville PD

The following Council Committee reports were submitted:

Council Committee Reports

1. **Finance Department** – no report
2. **Property Committee** – no report
3. **Public Safety Committee** – met prior to City Council meeting with the agenda item of *Domestic Violence and Critical Incident Report*
4. **Public Works Committee** – no report
5. **School Liaison Committee** – will be meeting on January 21st at 5:00 prior to the next School Committee Meeting in the Library of Calais High School.
6. **Economic/Community Development Committee** – Website is up and working with good reviews so far.

The next agenda item was a discussion on the Library Hours. The City Manager informed the Council that following a discussion with the Librarian, the new hours of operation at the library will be Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Library Hours

The next agenda item was a continued discussion on snowplowing at the Schools. Following some discussion, it was moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Rogers, and unanimously voted to not charge the School Department for winter salt.

School Snowplowing

The City Manager presented the Council with the following list of Ambulance bad debts that need to be written off and sent to collections:

Ambulance Write offs

Patient #34	\$3709.00 + court fees of \$190.50 =	\$3899.50
Patient #666	\$620.00 + court fees of \$70.00 =	\$690.00

Patient #773/782	\$1112.00 + court fees of \$70.00 =	\$1182.00
Patient #603	\$2168.00 + court fees of \$70.00 =	\$2238.00
Patient #564	\$510.00 + court fees of \$70.00 =	\$580.00
Patient #1368	\$1102.86 + court fees of \$70.00 =	\$1172.86
Patient #933	\$2352.00 + court fees of \$70.00 =	\$2422.00
Patient #1519	\$631.60 + court fees of \$70.00 =	\$701.60
Patient #1584	\$2878.40 + court fees of \$70.00 =	\$2948.40
Patient #1575	\$1144.00 + court fees of \$70.00 =	\$1214.00
Patient #1116	\$2330.80 + court fees of \$70.00 =	\$2400.80

It was moved by Councilor Dwelley and seconded by Councilor Parks to write off ambulance debt in the amount of \$18,558.66 and court fees in the amount of \$890.50 as presented and send to collections. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Parks, Rogers, Mingo, Dwelley, and Nixon. Councilor Howard was opposed. Motion carried.

The Manager then presented the following debt that has been discharged by bankruptcy court:

Patient #202	\$1187.00 + court fees of \$70.00 =	\$1257.00
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On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to write off this debt as presented.

The Manager then presented the following debtor that is incarcerated until 2016:

Patient #1929	\$628.00
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It was moved by Councilor Parks, seconded by Councilor Nixon, and unanimously voted to write off this ambulance debt in the amount of \$628.00 as presented and send to collections.

The City Manager then presented the following list of deceased debtors with estates not probated:

Patient #1868	\$544.60
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Patient #1114 \$139.70

Patients #1350 \$178.48

On a motion by Councilor Dwelley and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to write off this ambulance debt in the total amount of \$862.78 as presented.

The City Manager presented the following debt of deceased with the estate offered settlement of \$1000.00

Patient #1855/1486 \$2208.72

On a motion by Councilor Parks and a second by Councilor Dwelley, it was unanimously voted to accept the estate settlement of \$1000 from the above listed patient accounts and write off the remaining balance of \$1208.72.

The City Manager presented the following debts from debtors that are no longer in the area:

Patient #528 \$533.80

Patient #1735 \$2236.60

It was moved by Councilor Parks and seconded by Councilor Mingo to write off these debts and send to collection agency. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Parks, Rogers, Mingo, Dwelley, and Nixon. Councilor Howard was opposed. Motion carried.

The Manager then presented the Council with the following Water Debt that has a bankruptcy discharge:

Acct #3569 Carl Bailey \$234.34

On a motion by Councilor Parks and a second by Councilor Dwelley, it was unanimously voted to write off this debt.

The Manager then presented the following debt from a deceased Debtor

Acct# 4022 Daniel Pinney \$114.84 + court costs of \$70.00

On a motion by Councilor Dwelley and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to write off this debt totaling \$184.84.

Water Write-offs

The City Manager then presented the following debt which was dismissed due to inability to pay:

Acct #528 Jeannine Moffett \$27.42 + 75.00 Court Fees

It was moved by Councilor Parks and seconded by Councilor Dwelley to write off this debt totaling \$102.42. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Parks, Rogers, Mingo, Dwelley, and Nixon. Councilor Howard was opposed. Motion carried.

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Parks, it was unanimously voted to schedule a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 23, 2014 on the Business District Revitalization Emergency Ordinance.

The City Clerk presented the following list of applications for Voluntary Road Tolls:

1. St Croix #1 Committee
2. Calais Fire/EMS Association
3. Calais Little League
4. Calais Lions Club
5. Paws Bravehearts
6. Int'l Festival Committee
7. Calais Lioness
8. Friends of Scouts 132
9. Calais Downtown Revitalization Coalition
10. Calais Rotary
11. Sunrise Snowmobile Club

Due to the limit of only 10 days allowed per the Volunteer Road Toll Ordinance, it was moved by Councilor Dwelley and seconded by Councilor Nixon to instruct the City Clerk to hold a lottery to see which applications will be approved. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Parks, Rogers, Mingo, Dwelley, and Nixon. Councilor Howard was opposed. Motion carried.

The next agenda item was to ask for a volunteer Councilor to serve on the Washington County Council of Government's Board. Councilor Howard volunteered.

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Parks, it was unanimously voted to authorize the installation of a

Schedule P Hearing –
Business District
Revitalization Ordinance

Voluntary Road Toll
Applications

WCCOG Representative

Street Light Palmer St.

street light on Palmer Street in the area of the Former Hospital/Nursing Home Location.

It was moved by Councilor Dwelley and seconded by Councilor Mingo to approve the Sewer Commitment for the Quarter Ending December 31, 2013 in the amount of \$221,057.54.

The last agenda item was a discussion on Mid-Year School Dept Audit. No motion made at this time.

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

- possibility of ice scraping machinery
- Excellent Job on domestic Violence Incident
- WCCOG Dues increase
- Email from Citizen concerning the need for more PW Dept personnel
- Need for traffic light at South & Garfield
- Reception for Marilyn Sotirelis
- Thanks to PW Dept from many on Council
- Rec Center heating problem
- Discussion on possible Charter Commission for Charter revision
- Questions on Calais Fire/EMS Dept
- Ice Rink looking good
- Long Term Care Study
- MMA to campaign for retention of Revenue Sharing
- Happy Birthday to Councilor Nixon.

On a motion by Councilor Parks and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session to discuss a contract negotiation at 7:40 p.m.

Open session resumed at 8:20 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 Parks, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST: Theresa M. Porter
Theresa M. Porter, City Clerk

Sewer Commitment

Mid-Year School Audit discussion

Other Items

Executive Session

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