

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL  
JULY 10, 2014

The only scheduled monthly meeting of the Calais City Council was held this date in the Council Chambers of the Calais City Building at 6:00 pm.

Present were Councilors Nixon, Dwelley, Rogers, and Howard.

The City Clerk opened the meeting asking for nominations for Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilor Rogers nominated Councilor Howard as Mayor Pro Tempore; this was seconded by Councilor Nixon and unanimously voted.

Councilor Howard took the Mayor's seat and gavel.

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

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Monthly Departmental Reports
- C. Chase Fund for July - \$150.00
- D. Treasurer's warrants through June 30, 2014  
\$ 54,063.38
- E. Treasurer's Warrants City through July 10, 2014  
\$261,124.70
- F. Treasurer's Warrants School through July 9, 2014  
\$414,095.90
- G. Treasurer's Warrants Water through July 9, 2014  
\$ 9,108.70

The City Manager then gave his report. The first thing he asked was for the Council to consider suspending the rules in order to add the agenda item of Approval of Sewer Commitment to the end of the agenda.

On a motion by Councilor Dwelley and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Council Rules to add this above mentioned agenda item.

Attendance

Mayor Pro Tempore

Consent Agenda

Manager Report -  
Suspend Rules – add agenda  
item

The City Manager then reported on the clean-up from Hurricane Arthur. He also asked the Council for permission to advertise for spare worker for the Public Works Department to cover for employees out on sick leave and vacations

The following Council Committee Reports were submitted:

1. **Finance Committee** – No report
2. **Property Committee** –met to discuss the installation of the public boat ramp.
3. **Public Safety Committee** – No report
4. **Public Works Committee** – No report
5. **School Liaison Committee** – No report
6. **Economic/Community Development Committee** – No report

Councilor Nixon gave the CDRC Report. She asked that the City Council consider turning over the Meridian Park Funds to the CDRC so that they could use those funds for the maintenance of Meridian Park.

It was moved by Councilor Dwelley, seconded by Councilor Rogers, and unanimously voted to suspend the Council Rules in order to add this request to the Agenda.

It was then moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Rogers, and unanimously voted to turn over the funds in the Meridian Park General ledger Account #3782 to the CDRC so that they can pay for maintenance at Meridian Park.

It was moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Rogers, and unanimously voted to approve the Beer Tent Plan for Just South of the Border and to sign the off-premise catering license for this event on August 7-10, 2014. Councilor Dwelley asked that the St. Croix firehouse be notified that there will be no buffer between the tent and their building as recommended.

On a motion by Councilor Dwelley and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to submit a ballot for the Legislative Policy Committee choosing Lewis Pinkham of Milbridge and Christopher Loughlin of Machias to serve.

Council Committee Reports

CDRC Report

Suspend Rules

Meridian Park Funds to CDRC  
for Maintenance

Just South of the Border –  
Beer Tent

Legislative Policy Committee  
– Ballot

It was moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Dwelley, and unanimously voted to authorize the Calais Skatepark Committee to hold their annual Competition on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at the Skatepark.

Calais Skatepark Competition

On a motion by Councilor Dwelley and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to approve the International Festival Events planned for the Waterfront Park on August 8, 9 & 10, 2014

International Festival Events

On a motion by Councilor Dwelley and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to approve the following Emergency Suspension of the City of Calais ATV Ordinance:

Suspension of ATV Ordinance

#### EMERGENCY SUSPENSION OF THE CITY OF CALAIS ATV ORDINANCE

Whereas, the All Terrain Vehicle Ordinance was enacted for the purposes of allowing the public to gain access to ATV trails, and goods and services by using certain Public Ways, and

Whereas, there is currently no such connection that exists to connect to the public ATV trails, and

Whereas, the City is in negotiations to obtain land that would allow appropriate access in the future, and

Whereas, this creates an emergency in the opinion of the City Council, which affects the health and safety of the citizens of the City of Calais, as described in the City Charter Section 2-13, it is hereby ordained: that the City of Calais All Terrain Vehicle Ordinance be suspended pending further order of the City Council.

This ordinance shall stand repealed 61 days from its adoption unless rescinded or extended in accordance with appropriate law.

Following some discussion, it was moved by Councilor Rogers and seconded by Councilor Dwelley to schedule a Public Hearing on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 6:00pm to consider the adoption of a Fireworks Ordinance. Voting favor were Councilors Rogers, Dwelley, and Nixon Councilor Howard was opposed. Motion carried.

Schedule Public Hearing -  
Fireworks Ordinance

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Dwelley, it was unanimously voted to schedule a Public Hearing on August 14, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. to consider the adoption of an Animal Control Ordinance.

Schedule Public Hearing –  
Animal Control Ordinance

It was moved by Councilor Dwelley, seconded by Councilor Rogers, and unanimously voted to approve an application for the Calais Lions Club to sell Sealed Tickets, as licensed by the Maine State Police, at the International Festival Street Fair on August 9, 2014.

Lions Club – Sealed Tickets

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Dwelley, it was unanimously voted to approve a special application for the St. Croix Valley Chamber of Commerce to hold an “Art Show” at the Waterfront Park on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 pm.

Chamber of Commerce – Art  
Show

On a motion by Councilor Dwelley and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to approve the Sewer Commitment for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$224,799.66.

Sewer Commitment

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

Other Items

--Fine Job done on Storm Clean-up.

--Thanks to Public Works, Police and Fire Departments

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Rogers, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. to discuss the following:

Executive Session

- A. Personnel Issue pursuant to Title 1 MRSA §405 6 (a)
- B. Legal Issue pursuant to Title 1 MRSA §405 6 (e)
- C. Union Contract Negotiation pursuant to Title 1 MRSA §6 (d)

Open Session resumed at 7:50 p.m.

Open Session

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by councilor Dwelley and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:50pm.

Adjourn

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