

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL  
June 12, 2014

The first regular monthly meeting of the Calais City Council was held this date at St. Croix #1 Firehouse at 6:00 p.m.

Present was Mayor Moore, presiding over Councilors Parks, Howard, Mingo, and Dwelley.

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

- A. Previous Minutes May 22, 2014
- B. Previous Minutes May 29, 2014
- C. Monthly Departmental Reports
- D. Chase Fund for June - \$150.00
- E. Treasurer's Warrants City through June 11 ,2014  
\$318,986.85
- F. Treasurer's Warrants School through June 11, 2014  
\$694,195.43
- G. Treasurer's Warrants Water through June 11, 2014  
\$ 4,080.86
- H. Liquor License Renewal – Jo's Pizza
- I. 2014 Victualer's Licenses
- J. Calais Fire Assn – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Kid's Games at DiCenzo Park
- K. Calais Fire Assn – Street Dance-City Building Parking Lot – Aug 6, 8-11 pm
- L. St. Croix Valley Walk to End Alzheimer's – Sept 2, 2014  
9am – 12noon

The Mayor then called for public hearing on Dangerous Buildings Jim Porter updated the conditions of the following properties and asked that the Council consider signing an order on each.

45 Baring Street

The side porch is near collapse and there is general dilapidation of entire structure. There is an abundance of junk strewn over the property. The property's lack of maintenance and dilapidation contributes to neighborhood blight. Based on these findings, it was moved by Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Nixon, and unanimously voted to order that this building constitutes a

Attendance

Consent Agenda

Public Hearing – Dangerous Buildings

hazard to health and safety because of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation and abandonment and issued an order to remove the buildings/structures, said abatement to be completed within 30 days of this service order.

#### 77 Garfield Street

The front porch is near collapse and there is general dilapidation of entire structure. Vermin have been seen going in and out of the building. The property's lack of maintenance and dilapidation contributes to neighborhood blight. Based on these findings, it was moved by Councilor Dwelley, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to order that this building constitutes a hazard to health and safety because of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation and abandonment and issued an order to remove the buildings/structures, said abatement to be completed within 30 days of this service order.

#### 15-17 School Street

A lack of maintenance has caused general dilapidation to the trailers. The entry platform of Trailer #3 has collapsed and is unsafe. Portions of the skirting have been removed exposing bags of insulation. The property's lack of maintenance and dilapidation contributes to neighborhood blight. Based on these findings, it was moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Parks, and unanimously voted to order that this building constitutes a hazard to health and safety because of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation and abandonment and issued an order to remove the buildings/structures, said abatement to be completed within 30 days of this service order.

#### 78 Monroe St

The property is posted as unfit for human habitation by Health Officer. The trailer has been wrecked with appliances and pieces of the structure strewn around the property. Based on these findings, it was moved by Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to order that this building constitutes a hazard to health and safety because of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation and abandonment and

issued an order to remove the buildings/structures, said abatement to be completed within 30 days of this service order.

The Mayor then opened a public hearing on a Special Amusement Permit renewal for Just South of the Border. There being no public concern voiced, it was moved by Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to approve this permit.

The City Manager introduced Walter Greenleaf, III, the new Finance Director for the City.

The following Council Committee reports were submitted:

1. **Finance Committee** – No report
2. **Property Committee** – No report
3. **Public Safety Committee** – will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss dog ordinance and Fireworks ordinance.
4. **Public Works Committee** – No report
5. **School Liaison Committee** – thankful School Budget Validated by Voters
6. **Economic Development Committee** – need to meet to discuss railroad access to Eastport

Councilor Nixon gave the CDRC report. She reported that the Flowers are up downtown, a new arbor has been built by students at Calais High School, Public Works and Cemetery Department have been recognized with the Golden Broom Award, Penobscot Bay Symphony Orchestra at Congregational church, "Get Mugged Downtown" event June 21, 2014.

There was no public input on items.

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Parks, it was unanimously voted to authorize the withdrawal of \$5000 from the CIP Administration for an invoice for legal expenses for the AOS Withdrawal.

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Parks, it was unanimously voted to deny the request from Carl Bailey, 84 Boardman Street, to pay less than the minimum sewer charge due to the water being discharged into the sewer system

Public Hearing – Special Amusement Permit – Just South of the Border.

New Finance Director Introduction

Council Committee Reports

CDRC Report

CIP withdrawal – Legal Fees for AOS Withdrawal

Deny Sewer Abatement Request

and treated by the sewer works and also due to ordinance language that states each user will pay a minimum based on 1200 cubic feet of metered water use.

On a motion by Councilor Parks and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to accept donation from the Calais Fire Department Assn of a 2004 Polaris Sportsman 700 4-Wheeler and a 2014 utility Trailer for use by Calais Fire – EMS.

On a motion by Councilor Parks, and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to schedule the 2014-2015 Calais Municipal Budget public hearing for Thursday, June 26, 2014 at Washington County Community College at 6:00 p.m.

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to give consent for St. Croix #149, Knights of Columbus, of Calais Maine to hold a game of chance – Bingo, and also game of chance – sealed tickets, licensed by the State of Maine

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Parks, it was unanimously voted to approve the following Return of Votes Cast:

INSERT RETURN OF CAST

It was moved by Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Dwelley, and unanimously voted to hold one meeting in July on July 10<sup>th</sup> and one meeting in August on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Request to start meeting on Budgets sooner next year.
- Location of Carnival
- Public Works Dept with Manholes, street sweeping has resumed.
- Library Tour
- Councilor asking School Board to approach retired teachers continuing to work to reconsider to budgetary help with budget constraints.
- MDOT night time paving working well.
- glad to see some dilapidated buildings being taken f
- Relay for Life – Saturday

Fire Assn Donation to Calais  
Fire-EMS

Schedule Budget Public  
Hearing

Blanket Letters of Approval

Return of Votes Cast

Summer Meeting Schedule

Other Items

A motion by Councilor Parks and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 6:56 pm to discuss to the following:

- A. Union Contract Negotiation Pursuant to Title 1MRSA §405 6 (d)
- B. Personnel Matter Pursuant to Title 1, MRSA §405 6 (a)

Open session resumed at 7:13 p.m.

It was moved by Councilor Parks and seconded by Councilor Mingo to remove Job Task Classification (JTC)/Job Description from the Fire Department collective bargaining agreement dates 7/1/14 – 6/30/16, but does not negate the fact that all employees hired or promoted on or after January 1, 2013 will be held to the standards of the Job Classifications (JTC)/Job Description commensurate with their rank, as a condition of continued employment. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Parks, Mingo, Dwelley, Nixon, and Mayor Moore. Councilor Howard opposed. Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to re-enter Executive Session at 7:15pm

Open session resumed at 8:00pm

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Parks, it was unanimously voted to appoint Jim Porter as Interim City Manager, effective June 27<sup>th</sup>, with an additional \$1000 per month salary.

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 8:02 p.m.

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

Executive Session

Open Session

Job Task Classification

Re-enter Exec. Session

Open Session

Jim Porter – Interim Manager

Adjourn