

Calais City Council  
March 26, 2015

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 Geel, Howard, Rogers, Mingo, Moreside and Nixon.

Attendance

The first order of business was a special recognition of the following students from Calais High School:

Special Recognitions

1. Nicholas Hallowell – Wrestling State Champ
2. Gabrielle Menefee – Maine Junior State Winner – Youth Writing Contest
3. Jack Lander – Maine Senior State Winner – Youth Writing Contest
4. MMEA Jazz Competition Soloists Awards
5. SkillsUSA Medalists
6. Academic Decathlon Medalists
7. Calais Blue Devils Boys Basketball State Champions

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

Consent Agenda

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Warrants City through March 25, 2015  
\$ 340,291.30
- C. Treasurer's Warrants School through March 25, 2015  
\$ 317,449.12
- D. Treasurer's Warrants Water through March 25, 2015  
\$ 36,326.67

The City Manager then gave his report on the following:

City Manager's report

--appraisal being done on Tourist Info Center Building  
--need to schedule a Budget workshop on April 6 at 5:30pm  
--need for Council to consider suspending the Council Rules on order to add an agenda item.

It was moved by Councilor Mingo, seconded by Councilor Moreside, and unanimously voted to suspend the Rules.

Suspend Rules

It was then moved by Councilor Moreside, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to add the following item to Executive Session:

Add Agenda item

Contract Negotiation pursuant to Title 1 MRSA 405 6 (d)

The Following Council Committee reports were submitted:

Committee Reports

1. **Finance Committee** – No report
2. **Property Committee** – scheduled a meeting for April 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 to discuss the request for outside seating in the rear of South of the Border Restaurant.
3. **Public Safety Committee** – met prior to Council meeting to discuss Ambulance Stipends
4. **Public Works Committee** – scheduled a meeting for April 2,d at 9:00 am to discuss Public Works Budgetary items
5. **School Liaison Committee** – met on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> on a rough draft of school dept budget.
6. **Economic/Community Development Committee** – met with Baileyville on Wednesday to formulate a Mission Statement, and to discuss the governance of the joint committee.

There was no CDRC report.

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to allow city personnel to organize and participate in a clinic that would provide eligible seniors with assistance regarding the Maine Property Tax Fairness Credit.

Clinic for seniors, Maine  
Property Tax Fairness Credit

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Howard, it was unanimously voted to schedule a Public Hearing for Thursday April 9, at 6:00 p.m. to consider applying for Rural Development Funds for sewer system improvements.

Schedule Public Hearing – RD  
Funds for Sewer  
Improvements

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to approve the following land swap with the Moosehorn Wildlife Refuge:

Land Swap

A 50 foot swath along the existing trail off of Hardscrabble Road in exchange for an equal amount of land adjacent to their land in the flowage of Nash's Lake.

The City Manager informed the Council that the Wastewater Treatment Plant is in need of a replacement of their truck. They will be looking for a deal to be brought back to the Council for approval.

It was moved by Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Rogers, and unanimously voted to approve the expenditure from the Dawson Fund of \$515.00 for the CDRC's Insurance.

The City Manager also informed the Council that the Public Works Overtime Budget is overspent by \$10,936.58. There is no motion needed at this time.

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to approve the EMS Union contract.

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

- St. Croix #1 liability insurance premium increase.
- progress of St. Croix #1
- possible need to limit distance of travel for fire dept mutual aid.
- State budget cuts
- Economic Development and service center towns
- update on DiCenzo Complex Project

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session to discuss the following at 7:12 p.m.

- A. Poverty Abatement Request
- B. Personnel Issue Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA, 405 6 (a)
- C. Contract Negotiation

*Open Session resumed at 7:19 p.m.*

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to grant a poverty abatement for the 2012 taxes, interest and costs for acct #510.

*WWTP Truck*

*CDRC Insurance*

*PW Overtime budget*

*EMS Union Contract*

*Other Items*

*Executive Session*

*Open Session*

*Poverty Abatement*

It was then moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Geel, and unanimously voted to re-enter Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.

Open Session resumed at 8:00 pm

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Moreside, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Theresa M Porter, City Clerk

Executive Session

Adjourn