

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 22, 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 presentation to area family businesses celebrating 60th Anniversaries. The Mayor presented Ken Thomas of the International Motel, Mike Tamaro of Tamaro Oil, and a little later on in the meeting, David Johnson of Johnson's True Value, with certificates of congratulations from the Council.

Special Presentation

It was moved by Councilor Mingo, seconded by Councilor Nixon, and unanimously voted to approve the following consent agenda:

Consent Agenda

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Monthly Departmental Reports- Olver Associates
- C. Treasurer's Warrants City through October 21, 2015
\$487,731.42
- D. Treasurer's Warrants School through October 21, 2015
\$260,540.77
- E. Treasurer's Warrants Water through October 21, 2015
\$ 4,022.36
- F. Notice of Election - Municipal Election
- G. Perpetual Care Application – Sterling Carter Lot
- H. Calais Lioness Annual Christmas Parade – Dec 4, 2015

The City Manager then gave his report. He reported on the Red Ribbon Week kick-off that he and the Mayor will be attending on Friday at the Elementary School. He also asked that the Council consider suspending the rules in order to add 2 agenda items.

City Manager's Report

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to suspend the rules.

Suspend Rules

It was then moved by Councilor Mingo, seconded by Councilor Howard, and unanimously voted to add to New Business the item, Intent to Hire – Public Works Employee.

Add Agenda Items

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to add Union Negotiations to Executive Session.

The following Council Committee reports were submitted:

Consent Agenda

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** – No report
6. **Economic/Community Development Committee** – continue to meet with Baileyville and the Regional Economic Committee, scheduled a meeting for Friday, October 30th at 9:00 a.m.

Councilor Nixon then gave the CDRC report. She reported on the events scheduled for this Saturday.

CDRC report

The next agenda item was a discussion on the Hedge located at the corner of Shattuck Road and Route 1. Following a brief discussion It was moved by Councilor Moreside that we authorize the Mayor to sign a letter on behalf of the Calais City Council, to the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Transportation, stating that the hedge located at the corner of Shattuck Road and Route 1 is dangerous and a hazard to life and safety and that we request that it be removed from the State’s right of way. This motion was seconded by Councilor Howard and unanimously voted.

Hedge

There was no public input on agenda items.

On a motion by Councilor Howard and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to authorize the redemption of the following Tax Acquired Property by the former owners:

Redemption of Tax Acquired

1609 River Rd 37/239/1

167 South St 9/3/8

The City Clerk presented the Council with the following bid results on Tax Acquired Properties:

LOCATION *Garfield St (land only)M/B/L* - 10-1-3-1

MIN BID - \$678.58

BIDDER - Downeast Credit Union BID - \$10,000.00

LOCATION 16 Garfield St M/B/L - 5-8-8

MIN BID - \$ 2,295.85

BIDDER - Robert Wilson Sr. BID - \$3,100.00

BIDDER - Nellie Walton BID - \$3,160.50

McLean St 6/8/4

No bids

146 Union St 5/5/7,8,9

No bids

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to accept the bid of \$10,000 from Downeast Credit Union for Map 10, Block 1, Lot 3-1 and authorize the City Clerk to put the excess funds in the land disposition General Ledger Acct #1-3785-00.

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to accept the bid of \$3160.50 from Nellie Walton for Map 5, Block 8, Lot 8.

The next agenda item was a discussion on which days to hold Council Meetings in November and December. Following a brief discussion, it was decided the following:

November 5th Organization Meeting

November 12th regular meeting

December 10th regular meeting

Tax Acquired Property Bids

Nov & Dec Meeting dates

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to confirm the hire of Josh McArthur as a Driver/Laborer for the Public Works Dept.

Public Works new employee

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

Other Items

- possible need for more culverts on Carson Road
- Need to extend North Street Sidewalk design down to Union Street.
- Upcoming Election, Good Luck to candidates
- Status of Public Works Bulldozer
- Crematory Fees to Cemetery Stone repair
- Property Maintenance Ordinance
- MDOT Building Acquisition
- High Speed Internet
- Explanation of Question 1 – November Referendum election

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Rogers, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. for the following items:

Executive Session

- A. *Personnel Issue Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA, 405 6 (a)*
- B. *Union Contract Negotiations Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA, 405 6 (d)*

Open Session resumed at 7:27 p.m.

Open Session

There being no further business to come before the City Council at t his time, it was moved by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Nixon, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Adjourn

ATTEST: _____
Theresa M Porter, City Clerk