

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 8, 2015

The first 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 Howard, Rogers, Mingo, Moreside, and Nixon.

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

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Monthly Departmental Reports
- C. Chase Fund for October, \$150.00
- D. Treasurer's Warrants City through October 7, 2015  
\$932,487.04
- E. Treasurer's Warrants School through October 7, 2015  
\$439,698.59
- F. Treasurer's Warrants Water through October 7, 2015  
\$ 34,926.32
- G. Liquor License Renewal – King China
- H. Victualer's License – King China

At this point the Mayor introduced the interim CEO of Calais Regional Hospital, Bert Whitaker. Mr. Whitaker gave a brief talk on the status of the hospital and answered questions from the Council. No motion made.

Councilor Geel entered the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

The Mayor called for a Public Hearing on the proposed Property Maintenance Ordinance. Following a brief public comment, it was discussed at length by Council on whether or not to include certain items and/or add others, such as an appeal clause. It was moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Moreside, and unanimously voted to approve the proposed ordinance with the following minor amendments, with a consideration of amending the ordinance in the near future.

INSERT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE

Attendance

Consent Agenda

Calais Regional Hospital –  
CEO

Councilor Geel

Public Hearing – Property  
Maintenance Ordinance

The City Manager then gave his report on the following:  
--Truck for P Works, cost was \$15,000  
--questioned Council on criteria for 60 year Anniversary recognitions  
--asked that Council consider suspending the Council rules in order to add an agenda item.

It was moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to suspend the Council Rules. It was then moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to add a legal issue to the Executive Session.

There were no Council Committee reports presented.

The CDRC reported on the scheduled Halloween Events and the proposed Candidate night.

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Howard, it was unanimously voted to authorize the redemption of Tax Acquired Property, located at 25 Price Street, by virtue of a payment arrangement in the amount of \$400.00 per month.

There was no action taken on the next agenda item, "Winter Sand Transportation Bids".

It was moved by Councilor Nixon and seconded by Councilor Moreside to charge an additional \$500.00 for the demolition of the Scout Hall to GL Account 1-4202-00. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Geel, Howard, Rogers, Moreside and Nixon. Councilor Mingo abstained. Motion carried.

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Howard, it was unanimously voted to approve the following Proclamation in recognition of Red Ribbon Week

#### INSERT PROCLAMATION

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to approve the Sewer Commitment for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$230,643.60.

#### City Manager's Report

Suspend Rules/Add Agenda Item, Legal Issue to Executive Session

No Committee Reports

CDRC Report

Tax Acquired Property – payment Arrangement

Scout Hall Demolition

Red Ribbon Week

Sewer Commitment-  
June 30, 2015

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to approve the Sewer Commitment for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2015 in the amount of \$239,155.20.

Sewer Commitment-  
September 30, 2015

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

Other Items

- Status of St. Croix Recreation Assn
- Tax payer complaint on Personal Property tax assessment
- need for new pool filtration system
- request to publish delinquent taxes on City's Website
- congrats to Public Works – Transfer Station Inspection
- Concrete sidewalks breaking up
- Arrival of New Ambulance
- Status of Carson Road Project
- Fencing at Ball field
- need for accumulated mileage for hot-topping before budget time
- Compliment of Downtown looking nice
- Traffic light in need of repair
- downtown façade projects

It was moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Geel, and unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. for the following:

Exec Session

- A. Personnel Issue Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA, 405 6 (a)
- B. Legal Issue Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA, 405 6 (e)

Open Session resumed at 8:04 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Rogers, seconded by Councilor Nixon, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Adjourn

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