

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
September 22, 2016

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.

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

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Warrants City through Sept 21, 2016
\$ 466,506.20
- C. Treasurer's Warrants School through Sept 21, 2016
\$ 326,184.48
- D. Treasurer's Warrants Water through Sept 21, 2016
\$ 319,680.73

The City Manager then gave his report. He informed the Council of the proposed 10-year downtown plan being made by Julie Jordan of the Downeast Economic Development, which will tie in with the proposed new docks and marina on the waterfront.

The following Council Committee meetings were submitted:

1. **Finance Committee** – No report
2. **Property Committee** - met on Sept. 14th to discuss Tax Acquired Property, the former Tourist Info Center Building, Nash's Lake, and the for Kwong Wah Building.
3. **Public Safety Committee** – Need to schedule meeting
4. **Public Works Committee** – met on Wed Sept 14th to discuss Roads, equipment, possible part-time employment and other projects.
5. **School Liaison Committee** – will be meeting on October 4th at the High School
6. **Economic/Community Development Committee** – will meet on Friday, Sept 30th at 8:30 a.m.

The CDRC Reported on Halloween Events.

Attendance

Consent Agenda

City Manager's report

Committee Reports

CDRC Report

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to deny the request for a sewer abatement at 64 Lafayette Street.

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Nixon, it was unanimously voted to approve the following recommendations from the property committee with the stipulation that the properties being put out to bid must be either demolished or brought up to code within 1 year.

404 North Street – Total owed \$7970.76

Payment arrangement request was made by Maureen Gildea, 404 North Street. MS Gildea will pay \$3000 down and the balance of all water, sewer, and taxes to be paid in 12 monthly payments beginning on October 20th, 2016. –

Recommend Approval

64 Lafayette Street – Total owed \$13004.46

Payment arrangement request by Radiance Kelsall – 64 Lafayette Street. Ms Kelsall proposes paying \$50 per month until paid in full. The Code Enforcement Officer inspected this property and deemed it unfit for human habitation. – **recommend denying payment arrangement and putting out to bid.**

287 North Street – Total owed \$5939.04

Sent a final 30-day letter and have not received any proposal from owner. The occupant of the house (sister of owner) has sent me several emails denying the balance owed. I have sent her proof of all monies owed and I have asked her several times to have her sister call me. – **recommend putting this property out to bid.**

There are several current payment arrangements that have not been paid on since their inception, or payments are not adequate to achieve the one year pay off goal. **Asking for permission to send a letter reminding taxpayers so that they can meet this obligation.**

The following properties have issues that we have not been successful in solving. **Asking that these properties be referred to the City Solicitor to see if he can get a response.**

- 469 South Street
 - 33 Lafayette Street
 - 23 Lincoln Street
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Deny Sewer Abatement

Property committee
Recommendations

The following properties have been put to bid with no bids received. **Recommend they be put to bid again.**

28 Lincoln Street (10-5-4)

22 Boardman Street (3-2-21)

27 Price Street (5-5-23)

North Street (2-3-3)

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to write-off the following Tax, Sewer, and Interest on the following properties sold by sealed bids:

Account # 1473

Map 7, Block 1, Lot 33 \$122.21 Tax
\$ 3.21 Interest

Acct #2780

Map 11 Block 7 Special Assessment \$6224.00 Tax
\$ 140.76 Interest

Acct #2777 Acct #3417

Map 5, Block 6, Lot 7 Special Assessment \$6340.18 Tax
\$ 431.48 Interest
\$3709.27 Sewer
\$ 59.04 Interest

The City Clerk presented the Council with the following bid results on Winter Sand & Gravel:

**BID RESULTS
WINTER SAND AND GRAVEL**

SUNRISE SAND & GRAVEL, INC OPTION 1 = \$22,010.00
BAILEYVILLE, ME OPTION 2 = NO BID

DONOVAN CONSTRUCTION OPTION 1 = \$25,825.00
CRAWFORD, ME OPTION 2 = \$41,025.00

Write off Tax, Sewer, and Interest

Winter Sand & Gravel Bids

It was moved by Councilor Mingo, seconded by Councilor Geel, and unanimously voted to award this bid to Sunrise Sand & Gravel in using option 1 in the amount of \$22,010.00

The next agenda item, Archery Discussion, Main Warden Service, was referred to the Public Safety Committee.

On a motion by Councilor Nixon, and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to approve a Sewer Abatement in the amount of \$197.22 to Paul Pratt on account #3324.

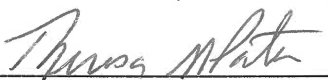
Other items addressed with no Council action being taken at this time included:

- Restrictions on Tax Acquired Property Bids
- Monroe Street paving
- PAWS benefit and upcoming clinic
- recognition of Downtown Gardeners
- Dept Heads at Committee Meetings
- Desire for more info in Departmental Reports

On a motion by Councilor Nixon and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 6:52 p.m. for a Personnel Issue

Open Session resumed at 7:15 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Nixon, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:15 pm

ATTEST: 

Theresa M Porter, City Clerk

Archery Discussion – refer to committee

Sewer Abatement

Other Items

Executive Session

Adjourn