

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

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 Howard presiding over Councilors Sherrard, Mingo, Carr and Moreside.

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

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Warrants City through September 25, 2019
\$ 1,055,910.43
- C. Treasurer's Warrants School through September 25, 2019
\$ 344,442.41
- D. Treasurer's Warrants Water through September 25, 2019
\$ 169,773.11
- E. Liquor License Renewal – King China
- F. Victualer's License – King China

The City Manager then asked for the Council to consider suspending the Council Rules in order to add a personnel issue to the Executive Session.

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Carr it was unanimously voted to suspend the rules and add to the agenda.

The following Council Committee reports were submitted:

1. **Finance Committee** – No report
2. **Property Committee** – Met on Wednesday, Sept 18th to discuss the playground equipment, the Townhouse and 43 North Street.
3. **Public Safety Committee** – No report
4. **Public Works Committee** – No report
5. **School Liaison Committee** – No report
6. **Economic/Community Development Committee** - No report

It was moved by Councilor Carr and seconded by Councilor Sherrard authorize the Recreation Director to have the Playground Equipment taken from the DiCenzo complex installed at the

Attendance

Consent Agenda

Suspend rules – add agenda item

Committee reports

Playground Equipment

Milltown Park, next to the Basketball Court. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Carr, Sherrard, and Mingo. Mayor Howard and Councilor Moreside were opposed. Motion carried.

The next agenda item was a recommendation from the property Committee to have the buildings located at 43 North Street and 234 Main Street demolished. The City Manager informed the Council that he received a proposal from Tim Krug, to have the former Townhouse Restaurant, located at 234 Main Street renovated.

Council Geel entered the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Councilor Moreside, seconded by Councilor Geel, and unanimously voted to have the Building located at 43 North Street torn down and to re-advertise for proposals for the renovation of the Townhouse Building.

The City Clerk then opened the following bids on the demolition of these properties:

43 NORTH STREET

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| 1. Stanhope Trucking | \$20,110.00 |
| 2. Richard Mingo Construction | \$23,500.00 |

234 MAIN STREET

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| 1. Stanhope Trucking | \$15,900.00 |
| 2. Richard Mingo Construction | \$28,800.00 |

On a motion by Councilor Sherrard and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to award the bid for the demolition of 43 North Street to Stanhope Trucking.

The City Clerk then presented the Council with the following bids received on Screened Sand:

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| 1. Stanhope Trucking | \$17,250.00 |
| 2. Sunrise Sand and Gravel | \$19,650.00 |

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to award this sand to Stanhope Trucking.

Disposition of
Dangerous Buildings

Screened Sand Bids

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to approve events for the CDRC Scarecrow Festival.

CDRC Scarecrow Fest Events

On a motion by Councilor Carr and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Calais Fire/EMS to apply for a Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant.

Fire Assistance Grant

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

Other items

- ATV's on South Street
- Hot Topping completion
- Palmer Street Project

It was moved by Councilor Carr, seconded by Councilor Mingo, and unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 6:25 pm for a Legal Issue and a Personnel Issue.

Executive Session

Open Session resumed at 6:40 pm

On a motion by Councilor Carr and a second by Councilor Moreside, it was unanimously voted to adopt the following Resolution authorizing the City to join a lawsuit against opiate drug companies:

Opiate Drug company
Lawsuit

INSERT RESOLUTION

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Geel, seconded by Councilor Carr, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 6:42 pm

Adjourn

ATTEST: Theresa M Porter
Theresa M Porter, City Clerk

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO JOIN A LAWSUIT
AGAINST OPIATE DRUG COMPANIES**

WHEREAS, the City Council of Calais, Maine, has learned to its sorrow over the last several years exactly how devastated many of its residents have become because of addictions to painkillers manufactured by drug companies; and

WHEREAS, officers working for the City are required to respond every day to problems that arise because of addiction to painkillers; and

WHEREAS, to treat and abate the opioid epidemic, the City has needed to shift resources that could have otherwise been used for various improvements and the general betterment of the City;

WHEREAS, employees work with many people who suffer from drug addiction to painkillers and who struggle to care for themselves; and

WHEREAS, approximately 80 percent of people who use heroin have been prescribed opiates in the past; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, 376 people died in the State of Maine from drug overdoses, and 123 of those deaths were caused by pharmaceutical opioids; and

WHEREAS, the ease with which these drugs have been obtained, as a result of drug companies' campaign to make them readily prescribed for common aches and pains, has led many people to become addicted; and

WHEREAS, opiate drug companies have enjoyed enormous profits with the sales of opiate drugs, promoting them relentlessly among physicians and paying doctors to promote these drugs at conferences, while failing repeatedly to successfully tailor the drugs to make abuse impossible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Calais City Council and Mayor hereby authorize the City Attorney to engage the services of Napoli Shkolnik, PLLC and Trafton, Matzen, Belleau & Frenette, LLP on behalf of the City of Calais with respect to prosecution of any legal claims against manufacturers and distributors of opioids arising out of the manufacturers' and distributors' fraudulent and negligent marketing and distribution of opioids.