

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 13, 2020

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

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

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Monthly Departmental Reports
- C. Chase Fund for February - \$200.00
- D. Treasurer's Warrants City through February 12, 2020
\$ 303,029.90
- E. Treasurer's Warrants School through February 12, 2020
\$ 545,940.38
- F. Treasurer's Warrants Water through February 12, 2020
\$ 41485.86
- G. Liquor License Renewal – Calais Motor Inn, 663 Main Street
- H. Perpetual Care Application – Dale Roussell

The Mayor then called for a Public Hearing to consider a new Taxi Business License.

There being no public concern voiced, it was moved by Councilor Mingo, seconded by Councilor Geel, and unanimously voted to approve a Taxi Business License for L & L Transportation, LLC.

The City Manager then gave his report on the following:

- Downeast Broadband Utility Report
- Milltown Dam De-Commissioning committee

The following Council Committee Reports were submitted:

1. **Finance Committee** – No report
2. **Property Committee** – met prior to Council meeting to discuss Seavey Project and Sewer Abatement Policy.
3. **Public Safety Committee** – No report
4. **Public Works Committee** – No report
5. **School Liaison Committee** – No report
6. **Economic Development Committee** – No report

Attendance

Consent Agenda

Public Hearing – Taxi
Business

City Manager Report

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Sherrard, seconded by Councilor Rogers, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 6:51 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Theresa M Porter, City Clerk

The City Clerk presented the City Council with a list of foreclosed properties and recommendations.

On a motion by Councilor Sherrard and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to advertise for sale by sealed bid the following foreclosed property, with the stipulation in the bid documents that this building must be demolished within 90 days from the day of purchase. The quitclaim deed will be issued once the building is demolished.

10 Garfield Street Map 005, Block 008, Lot 006

It was then moved by Councilor Geel, seconded by Councilor Rogers, and unanimously voted to deny the request for a payment arrangement from Michael Kelley and Karry Ann on the foreclosed property assessed to James Maxwell. This property will also be advertised for sale by sealed bid, however, if Michael Kelley and Karry Ann Nadeau pay the total amount owed on the property before bids are due, they can redeem this property from the City.

38 North Street Map 007, Block 003, Lots 010 & 011

On a motion by Councilor Rogers and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to confirm the allowance of payment in full from Sharon Melanson for the following Foreclosed property:

37 Chapel Street Map 003, Block 003, Lot 14

It was moved by Councilor Carr, seconded by Councilor Sherrard, and unanimously voted to confirm the City Clerk's allowance of a payment arrangement for the following foreclosed property:

96 Lafayette Street May 010, Block 004, Lot 005

It was moved by Councilor Sherrard and seconded by Councilor Mingo to amend the Sewer abatement Policy as follows:

1. The sewer ratepayer must make the request in writing to the City Clerk within 90 days of the date of bill.
2. Proof of the type of leak must be provided. (water did not enter sewer system)
3. Proof of repair of the leak must be provided. (plumbing bill or receipt for materials used to repair leak or inspection by Water Department Personnel)
4. The amount of the abatement will be based upon the highest of previous 3 quarterly bills.

Disposition of Tax/Sewer Acquired Property

Sewer Abatement Policy Amendment

Voting in favor of this motion were Councilors Geel, Sherrard, Rogers, Mingo, Carr, and Mayor Howard. Councilor Moreside abstained from voting. Motion carried.

The next agenda item, Consideration of Extension of Contract with Seavey Properties, was tabled to allow Mr. Seavey the opportunity to be present.

On a motion by Councilor Sherrard and a second by Councilor Mingo, it was unanimously voted to appoint City Manager, Michael Ellis and Councilor Moreside as Voting Delegate and Alternate of the Maine Service Center Coalition.

The next agenda item, Approval of Personnel Evaluation Policy was tabled until the next meeting in order to give the City Council more time to read.

It was moved by Councilor Mingo and seconded by Councilor Sherrard to approve the following write-offs of 2017 Personal Property Taxes:

#152	Border Town Subz	\$283.68
#534	Coastal Med Tech	\$130.02
#635	Julianna Mahan	\$301.41

Voting in favor of these write-offs were Councilor Geel, Sherrard, Rogers, Mingo, Carr, and Mayor Howard. Councilor Moreside was opposed. Motion carried.

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

- Public Works doing a great job on snow/ice removal from roads
- Calais listed in top 10 affordable living Cities

On a motion by Councilor Moreside and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to retire into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m to discuss the following:

- A. Personnel Matter
- B. Union Negotiations

Open Session resumed at 6:50 p.m.

On a motion by Councilor Mingo and a second by Councilor Geel, it was unanimously voted to approve the Union Contract for the Fire Department.

Table -Seavey Properties Contract

ME Service Center Delegates

Table -Personnel Evaluation Policy

Personal Property Write-Offs

Other items

Exec. Session

Union Contract