



**City of Old Town  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
February 07, 2022**

Council convened February 07, 2022, in the Old Town City Council Chambers, 265 Main Street.

Councilors present: Tim Folster, David Wight, Chris Pushor, Carol May, Mike May, and Stan Peterson.

Councilor Absent: Linda McLeod

Administration present: Bill Mayo, Travis Roy, Danielle Berube, Laura Engstrom, David Smith, EJ Roach, Lance Farrar, Scott Wilcox, Cassandra Pool, John Rouleau, and Irene Pehrson.

Others present: Ed Bearor, City Attorney and Ty Sullivan, Old Town Resident

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Council President Folster called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves as presented the January 18, 2022, Administrative Services, Financial Services and Special Council Committee meeting minutes.

*Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor Peterson.*

**Approved, all in favor, 6-0 (motion passed)**

**Petitions, Communications, and Citizens' Requests**

**Reports**

A. Council President

Council President Tim Folster asked that the Department heads to introduce themselves as we have some new members on the City Council.

- B. Standing Committees:  
Administrative Services  
Economic Development  
Financial Services  
Public Services

**No Report**

- C. City Councilor

Councilor Carol May informed the City Council that this year we will be having Riverfest. It will be held September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 2022 and that fundraising for this event should be starting soon.

- D. City Attorney

Ed Bearor, City Attorney spoke regarding signing of the 3.3-million-dollar Bond that was approved by the City Council at the August 02, 2021, City Council meeting.

- E. Special Committees

**No Report**

- F. City Manager

City Manager, Bill Mayo, updated the City Council on the following items:

- With residential snowplowing the snow should not be pushed into/across the street or blocking sidewalks.
- Closure of the CDD Landfill, Haley Ward updated the Costs to Maine DEP.
- Pool subcommittee has been meeting discussing the results from the Weston Sampson pool report and will be getting that information out to the rest of the City Council soon.
- Bill Mayo and John Rouleau, Public Works Director informed the Committee on the transmission breakdown on the 2014 Skid steer. The cost of fixing the piece of equipment is substantial. Talk was made about replacing the machine with a newer model. Danielle Berube will be getting the information about buying the piece of equipment outright or leasing it to the City Council for a decision.

## Consent Agenda, 1 item

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby re-appoints Travis Folsom to the Old Town Water District Board, term to expire March 31, 2025

*Motion made by Councilor Mike May, seconded by Councilor Carol May.*

**Approved, all in favor, 6-0 (motion passed)**

## Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinances

### Old Business

#### New Business: items 1-7

1. Resolved, The City Council accepts the bid with Maine Earth for the Airport Pump Station and Force Main Replacement project and authorizes the City Manager to enter into a contract for a total project construction cost, including alternates, of \$183,040. Funds for this project to be expended from Account #09-520-65-7205, Airport Hanger Reserve.

*Motion made by Councilor Pushor, seconded by Councilor Wight.*

**Approved, all in favor, 6-0 (motion passed)**

2. Resolved, the City Council accepts the following bids on City owned property and further authorizes the City Manager to take all steps necessary to execute said sales.

<u>Address</u>	<u>High Bidder</u>	<u>Minimum Bid</u>	<u>Bid \$</u>
91 Middle Street	Bruce Hamel	\$50,000	\$61,375
104 Veazie Street	Bruce Hamel	\$50,000	\$65,502
85 Veazie Street	MK Properties	\$40,000	\$40,000

- Travis Roy, Assistant Manager/Tax Assessor discussed with the City Council that MK Properties may be asking to get their deposit back on the 85 Veazie Street property they put a bid on. The rules of the bid process for the City of Old Town are that the Bid deposit is non-refundable, therefore if a request is made it will not be refunded.

*Motion made by Councilor Mike May, seconded by Councilor Peterson.*

**Approved, all in favor, 6-0 (motion passed)**

3. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby agrees to sell a piece of City owned property as shown on Assessor's Map 37, next to Lot 35 to Mr. & Mrs. Fish of 879 Woodland Avenue, with a thirty-foot (30') maintenance easement granted to the City of Old Town, in an amount to be determined by the City Assessor in accordance with past practice. This parcel contains approximately .50 acres. (21,780 sq. ft.) Actual dimensions will be verified in the field by a licensed surveyor and reflected accurately within the deed. The Fish's will be responsible for the surveying of the property, preparation of the all deed description, the recording of the deed, any legal expenses and for any and other costs associated with this transaction. The Council further authorizes the City Manager to execute said sale.

*Motion read by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor Peterson.  
President Folster opened the motion for discussion.*

- Ty Sullivan, Old Town Resident residing at 785 Woodland Ave. spoke to the City Council about his desire for the City to continue to own this parcel of land so it could be open to the public. He suggested only a piece be sold to accommodate a shed that was built on City owned land. The City Council thanked him for his input into this matter and have decided to table this item until more discussion could be had on this matter.

*Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor Pushor to table this matter until more discussion could be made on the sale of all, or a piece of property located on Woodland Avenue to the Fish's.*

**Approved, all in favor, 6-0 (motion passed)**

4. Resolved, The Old Town Council hereby approves Ampion Renewal Energy to co –promote and market their Community Solar Program with the City of Old Town. The City Council further authorizes staff to collaborate on content to be placed on the city website, appropriate social media platforms, and direct mail material.

- The City Councilors had concerns how we would market this to the public. If residents were dissatisfied with this program, would we have to field the calls and how would Ampion get the information about the Renewal Energy out to residents.

*Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor Carol May to not go with this program at this time.*

***Denied unanimously, 0-6 (motion fails)***

5. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session pursuant to Title, I MRSA §405, (6) (C) for the purpose of discussing City owned properties at 1 Fourth Street and 2 Fourth Street.

*Motion made by Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor Carol May to go into Executive Session at 6:42 pm.*

**Approved, all in favor, 6-0 (motion passed)**

*Motion made by Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor Carol May, to come out of Executive Session at 7:07 pm.*

**Approved, all in favor, 6-0 (motion passed)**

6. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1, MRSA §405, (6) (E) for the purpose of consulting with the City Attorney concerning a contract matter.

*Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Wight to go into Executive Session at 7:08 pm.*

**Approved, all in favor, 6-0 (motion passed)**

*Motion made by Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor Pushor to come out of Executive Session at 7:26 pm.*

**Approved, all in favor, 6-0 (motion passed)**

7. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1, MRSA §405, (6) (E) for the purpose of consulting with the City Attorney concerning a contract matter.

*Motion made by Councilor Mike May, seconded by Councilor Carol May to go into Executive Session at 7:26 pm.*

**Approved, all in favor, 6-0 (motion passed)**

*Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor Pushor to come out of Executive Session at 7:50 pm.*

**Approved, all in favor, 6-0 (motion passed)**

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 7:51 pm made by Councilor Pushor, seconded by Councilor Mike May. .  
*Approved, all in favor, 6-0,* (motion passed)

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Laura Engstrom  
City Clerk -Old Town**