



**City of Old Town
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 06, 2022**

Council convened June 06, 2022, in the Old Town City Council Chambers, 265 Main Street.

Councilors present: President Tim Folster, David Wight, Carol May, Mike May, and Chris Pushor

Councilors absent: Stan Peterson and Linda McLeod

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

Others present: Karoline Bass (City of Old Town Intern.) Steve Wagner (City Attorney), Sawyer Loftus (BDN), Ty Sullivan and Mike Wickett (City of Old Town residents)

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 May 16, 2022, Administrative Services, Economic Development Services, Financial Services and Special Council meeting minutes.

Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor Carol May.

Approved, 5 – 0 (Motion passed)

**Petitions, Communications, and Citizens' Requests
(None)**

Reports

**A. Council President
(No Report)**

B. Standing Committees

Administrative Services, Economic Development, Finance Services, and Public Services
(No Report)

C. City Councilor

- Councilor Wight told the City Council that he spoke to a prior resident of Old Town and the gentleman complimented Public Works on the cleanup of our city's cemeteries.

D. City Attorney

(No Report)

E. Special Committees

(No Report)

F. City Manager

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

- 156 letters went out to Old Town residents advising how to handle the growing rat population in Old Town. Keeping any compost piles covered and putting domes on bird feeders were some of the suggestions to help. David Russell, CEO will be doing some inspections around town to help combat this situation.
- Jefferson – Abbott paving is all done.
- Memorial Day Parade on May 30th in the city went very well.
- Clean up runs June 6th – June 17th
- Reminder that on June 15th at 4:30 a quorum of City Councilors need to meet at City Hall to accept the local votes for the RSU 34 School Budget Validation Election.

Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinances

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves scheduling a Second Reading on June 20, 2022, for final approval on the proposed FY 2022-2023 Municipal, County and School Budget. The proposed budget calls for City expenditures of \$16,040,848, Penobscot County Taxes of \$885,755 and RSU #34 expenditures of \$5,559,615 for a total City, County and RSU #34 Budget of \$5,262,440 with total City revenue of \$10,052,529 and anticipated TIF transfers from reserve accounts and Fund Balance of \$679,058 for a net property tax requirement of \$11,457,456.

Council President Folster opened the Public Hearing up for comment at 6:05 pm, with no comments being brought forth; he closed the Public Hearing at 6:06 pm.

Manager Mayo gave the Council an update since the last Finance Budget meeting and he estimates the Mil Rate will increase 3%, making it 22.35.

Motion made by Councilor Carol May, seconded by Councilor Wight to schedule a Second reading and final approval of the FY2022-2023 Municipal, County and RSU 34 School Budget.

Approved all in favor, 5 - 0 (Motion passed)

2. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves scheduling a Second Reading on June 20, 2022, on the Proposed FY 2022-2023 Pollution Control Budget containing gross appropriations of \$1,894,178, user fee revenue of \$1,654,911 debt redemption of \$239,267 and for a net appropriation from the Fund Balance of \$0.

Council President Folster opened the Public Hearing up for comment at 6:31 pm, with no comments being brought forth; he closed the Public Hearing at 6:32 pm.

Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor Mike May to schedule a Second reading and final approval of the FY 2022-2023 Pollution Control Budget.

Approved all in favor, 5 - 0 (Motion passed)

Old Business

1. Resolved, The City Council approves entering into an agreement with Bird Rides, Inc., for the purpose of establishing a Stand-Up Electric Scooter Sharing Program in the City of Old Town. The City Council further authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement for a pilot project with Bird Rides, Inc.

Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor Carol May.

Approved all in favor, 5 - 0 (Motion passed)

New Business, items 1 – 7

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves the issuance of a Municipal Warrant for the June 14, 2022, Regional School Unit #34 Budget Validation Referendum Election.

Motion made by Councilor Pushor, seconded by Councilor Wight.

Approved all in favor, 5 - 0 (Motion passed)

2. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves the Registrar of Voters hours for the June 14, 2022, State of Maine Primary Election & Regional School Unit #34 Budget Validation Referendum Election, pursuant to Title 21A, M.R.S.A. §101(6) as presented and recommended by the City Clerk.

Motion made by Councilor Mike May, seconded by Councilor Pushor.

Approved all in favor, 5 - 0 (Motion passed)

3. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves a new application for a Special Amusement Permit for the American Legion Post 75, 20 Water Street. The permit would include live bands, dancing, DJs, and karaoke music, no later than 11 pm. Pending any City inspections.

Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor Mike May.

Approved all in favor, 5 - 0 (Motion passed)

4. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves Issuance of a Proclamation in observance of Juneteenth Independence Day on June 19th of each year to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in the US. The holiday was first celebrated in Texas, where on that date in 1865, in the aftermath of the Civil War, slaves were declared free under the terms of the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation.

Motion made by Councilor Pushor, seconded by Councilor Carol May.

Approved all in favor, 5 - 0 (Motion passed)

5. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves Issuance of a Proclamation in observance of Superintendent of Regional School District #34, Mr. David Walker retirement and 17 years of service to the school district.

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

Approved all in favor, 5 - 0 (Motion passed)

6. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves an on - premises liquor license for a beer tent from Maine Veterans Project for the Wings and Wheels fundraiser being held at Dewitt Field on June 11, 2022.
 - Bill Mayo, City Manager told the City Council this event may not take place because of a coverage issue with the city's insurance provider.

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

Approved all in favor, 5 - 0 (Motion passed)

7. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session at 6:41 pm pursuant to MRSA Title 405, Section (6)(E) for the purpose of discussion on ambulance contracts.

Motion made by Councilor Carol May, seconded by Councilor Wight.

Approved all in favor, 5 - 0 (Motion passed)

Motion made by Council President Folster, seconded by Councilor Pushor to authorize the City Manager to acquire outside counsel to resolve a billing issue with the Town of Milford ambulance contract.

Approved all in favor, 5 - 0 (Motion passed)

Motion made to come out of Executive Session at 6:49 pm made by Councilor Wight,
seconded by councilor Mike May

Approved all in favor, 5 - 0 (Motion passed)

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm made by Councilor Carol May, seconded by
Councilor Pushor

Approved, all in favor, 5 - 0, (Motion passed)

**Respectfully submitted,
Laura Engstrom
City Clerk -Old Town**