



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

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

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

Administration present: Bill Mayo, Danielle Berube, Laura Engstrom, EJ Roach, Cassandra Pool, David Smith, David Russell, and Irene Pehrson.

Others present: Cindy Mehnert (City Attorney) and Linda Bryant (Caring Community Cupboard Director)

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 August 15, 2022, Public Services, Financial Services and Special Council meeting minutes.

Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor McLeod.

Approved, 7- 0 (Motion passed)

Petitions, Communications, and Citizens' Requests

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 suggested we should encourage City of Old Town residents to drop off cardboard at the ND Papermill drop-off bins on Portland Street near the mill.

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:

- The Smart boxes and Smart pipes that were installed by Modern Pest are working to control the rodent infestation in the City.
- Weston & Sampson will be in Old Town September 14th and 15th to start doing the site evaluations on the new pool.
- Ransom Environmental will be here on September 10 to look at and evaluate the 4th Street buildings that we have permission to use some Brownfield Funds once we are the process of the removal of the buildings.
- Zoom meeting scheduled September 7th with Sebago and MDOT for an update on the downtown traffic lights project and getting out bids to move forward with this.

Consent agenda, items 1 - 2

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves Issuance of a Proclamation in observance of Constitution Week September 17th through 23rd, sponsored by the Old Town-Orono Esther Eayers Chapters Daughters of the American Revolution.

Motion made by Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor Wight.

Approved all in favor, 7 - 0 (Motion passed)

2. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves the renewal application for a Malt, Vinous & Spiritous Liquor License for Alex Gray, Main Street Bookstore, LLC. d/b/a Kanú, 283 Main Street.

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

Approved all in favor, 7 - 0 (Motion passed)

Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinances

(None)

Old Business, 1 item

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council agrees to waive the 5-year Moratorium set by the City Council on the request from Bangor Natural Gas to open the paved sidewalks at 527, 657, and 761 Main Street to accommodate three residences that have requested Natural Gas service.

 - Council President Folster stated to the Council that the approval of the Moratorium should be revisited and possibly revised.

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

Approved all in favor, 7 - 0 (Motion passed)

New Business, items 1 – 7

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council approves a new application for a Victualer's License for Qazi, LLC., Michael Newell, d/b/a Subway, located at 255 Main Street. He has taken over the LLC. name from the previous owner and is now the new owner of this franchise in Old Town. Pending any City inspections.

Motion made by Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor Carol May

Approved all in favor, 7 - 0 (Motion passed)

2. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves an application from the Old Town Riverfest Committee, for a Major Special Event Permit for the Riverfest Festival to be held on September 23rd, 24th, and 25th, 2022. This Permit is to include festivities at Riverside Park, on Main Street and at the former Old Town Canoe site. The Permit will further allow the Old Town Elks Lodge to erect a Beer tent in the vacant lot across from City Hall on Main Street, pending State of Maine off premises Liquor Licensing approval.

Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor Pushor.

Approved all in favor, 7 - 0 (Motion passed)

3. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves authorizing the Finance Director to carry forward funds in the Municipal General Fund accounts and Pollution Control accounts as listed in Attachments #1 and # 2.

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

Approved all in favor, 7 - 0 (Motion passed)

4. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby authorized the Finance Director to write off the uncollectable real estate taxes, interest and lien cost owed for mobile homes listed.

Listing of Mobile Homes no longer in Old Town

Tax Payor	Acct	Year(s)	Principal	Interest	Lien Cost	Total
799 Stillwater Ave #54 trailer was torn down	1234	2021	220.30	22.03	48.00	290.33
777 Stillwater Ave #69 Ownership can't be determined	2159	2021	605.79	82.12	57.90	745.81
Rick Smith 20 Lance Court Over assessed	1217	2021	272.10	.95	0.00	273.05
Total			1,098.19	105.10	105.90	1,309.19

Motion made by Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor Pushor.

Approved all in favor, 7 - 0 (Motion passed)

5. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby authorized the Finance Director to write off the uncollectable personal property taxes and interest as listed below.

Tax Payor	Acct	Reason	Year(s)	Principal	Interest	Lien Cost	Total
C.C.B.inc	167	Business closed	2018	151.46	29.51	0	180.97
Canteen Service Co.	66	Business closed	2018-2019	1,119.09	284.11	0	1,403.20
Thomas Shanos 268 Main St	418	DT Fire	2018-2022	1,053.94	238.65	0	1,292.59
Kyle Becker	504	Business Closed	2021	91.44	12.39	0	103.83
Total				2,415.93	564.66	0	2,980.59

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

Approved, 6 - 1 (Motion passed)

6. Resolved, The Old Town City Council authorizes Danielle Berube, Finance Director to create a new Project Reserve Account as listed in Attachment 1A.

Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor McLeod.

Approved all in favor, 7 - 0 (Motion passed)

7. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session pursuant to Title, I MRSA Section 405, § (6) (C) for the purpose of discussing an Economic Development matter for the City of Old Town.

Motion made by Councilor Mike May, seconded by Councilor McLeod to go into Executive Session at 6:30 pm.

Approved all in favor, 7 - 0 (Motion passed)

Motion made by Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor Pushor to come out of Executive Session at 6:56 pm.

Approved all in favor, 7 - 0 (Motion passed)

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 6:57 pm made by Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor Wight.

Approved, all in favor, 7 - 0, (Motion passed)

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