



**MINUTES**  
**ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 04, 2023**

Council convened December 04, 2023, in the City Council Chambers at 265 Main Street.

**Councilors present:** Tim Folster, David Wight, Carol May, Mike May, Chris Pushor, Linda McLeod, and absent - Councilor Stan Peterson

**Administration present:** Bill Mayo, Laura Engstrom, David Smith, Danielle Berube, Cassandra Pool, Irene Pehrson, Chief of Public Safety Scott Wilcox, Deputy Miller, and Fire Chief Milan.

**Others present:** Tim Pease (City Attorney), Paster Scott Benner (OT Baptist Church), liaison UMO, 2 citizens of Old Town, and 3 RSU #34 elected School Board Members, Hunter Umphrey, Joanna Preble, and Christina Lannan.

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**Council President McLeod called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.**

Roll Call

Laura Engstrom, City Clerk introduced P a s t o r Scott Benner, from the United Baptist Church, he gave an Invocation to the Council and audience.

Administered the Oath of Office to: City of Old Town Councilor Elects, David Wight and Linda McLeod. Stanley Peterson, absent.

RSU #34 School Board Elects, Hunter Umphrey, Joanna Preble, and Christina Lannan.

The City Clerk called for election of Council President and Vice President:

Nomination for Council President: Councilor McLeod nominated Councilor Pushor for President of the Council, seconded by Councilor Carol May. No other nominations.  
***Approved all in favor, 6 - 0.***

Nomination for Council Vice – President: Councilor Wight nominated Councilor Mike May for Vice - President of the Council, seconded by Councilor McLeod.  
***Approved all in favor, 6 - 0.***

Presentation to outgoing Councilors: None

Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby adopts the Old Town City Council's Rules of Order and Procedure.

Motion made to accept as presented by Councilor Mike May, seconded by Councilor McLeod.

***Approved all in favor, 6 - 0.***

Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves Resolution 2023-3 establishing a time and place for City Council Meetings. (Attached)

Motion made to accept as presented by Councilor Folster, seconded by Councilor Wight

***Approved all in favor, 6 - 0.***

**Roll Call Vote:**

<i>Councilor Folster</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Wight</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Carol May</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Pushor</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Mike May</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor McLeod</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Peterson</i>	<i>absent</i>

**Motion approved 6-0, (Motion passed)**

Reverend Scott Benner gave a Benediction at the end of the meeting.

Councilor Folster, seconded by Councilor Carol May, moved to adjourn at 6:11 p.m. **Approved all in favor, 6-0. (Motion passed)**

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



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Council President Pushor called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves the following minutes as presented:

November 20, 2023, Financial Services, Committee of the Whole, and Special Council meeting.

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

**Approved, 6 – 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: **(No Report)**
- D. City Attorney: **(No Report)**
- E. Special Comm.: **(No Report)**
- F. City Manager

Bill Mayo updated the City Council on the following:

- YMCA Partnership Contract with the City of Old Town, clarified the Contract was signed and approved through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. To date the City has spent roughly \$140,000 on free membership for Old Town resident school age children to attend the YMCA. Expects that it will be mostly renewal membership and not many more new ones for the remainder of the Contract.
- Addressed the question at the last Council meeting about \$38,000 that is sitting in a reserve fund labeled for a Skate Park. An idea that might be entertained is EJ Roach, Economic Development Director was looking into synthetic ice, a bit expensive but could be used year-round for skating on. Grants could also be available to help fund this. Bill suggested bringing it to the next Committee meeting for discussion and review on the best way to use the reserve dollars.
- Brief update on Global Secure on the addition being put in on the Penny Road. Groundwork on most of the major items are done. Construction is on schedule.
- Bill told the Council Public Safety Director Scott Wilcox has been offered a new job as Director of the Old Town/ Orono YMCA and has accepted it. His last day will be December 15, 2023. The Council congratulated him on his new job and doing an amazing job for the City of Old Town.

Council President Pushor had been asked by residents about extra cardboard boxes around the holiday season, if Casella would pick them up outside of the recycle bins. Bill will check on it but stated that the City Transfer Station would take them provided the resident purchased a permit to access the station.

### **Consent Agenda**

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby re-appoints Jane Sturgeon to the Old Town Housing Authority Board of Directors, term to expire December 31, 2028.

Motion made by Councilor Mike May, seconded by Councilor Wight.  
**Approved, 6– 0, (Motion passed)**

**Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinances (None)**  
**Old Business: (None)**

## **New Business**

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts the change of the fee for Winter Parking Permits in signed Municipal lots from \$250.00 to \$25.00/ yearly. The permits will be for tenants living in Downtown apartments that provide no on-site parking. Guests will be permitted at no extra charge, as provided the Police Station is made aware by the permitted tenant, of the dates the guest is staying, and a license plate number is given.

Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor McLeod.

*Approved, 6- 0, (Motion passed)*

2. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts an after - deadline redemption on foreclosed property for Merle, Justin and Antonio Thompson at 244 Stillwater Ave. for payment of 2022 Sewer fees in the total amount of \$27.61 which includes interest. The Old Town City Council further authorizes the City Manager to execute a Municipal Quit-Claim Deed.

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

*Approved, 6- 0, (Motion passed)*

3. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby requests from Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that cross bows not be allowed as archery equipment used for the extended archery deer hunt on Marsh Island. Original contract only states bow and arrow used for hunting methods.

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

*Approved, 6- 0, (Motion passed)*

## **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 6:28 pm made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor McLeod.

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

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