



**City of Old Town
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 06, 2023**

Council convened February 06, 2023, in the Old Town City Council Chambers, 265 Main Street.

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

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

Others present: Kara Hay (CEO, President Penquis), Linda Bryant (Director of Caring Community Cupboard food pantry), Cory Thibodeau (Owner of Meme G's), and a UMO student (liaison to the City Council)

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

Approval of the Minutes:

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

January 03, 2023, Regular Council Meeting

January 17, 2023, Administrative Services and Finance Committee

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

Approved, 7- 0, (Motion passed)

Petitions, Communications, and Citizens' Requests

Reports

A. Council President

Council President McLeod told the City Councilors that EJ Roach (Economic Dev. Director) will be discussing TIFS on the next Committee meeting (Feb. 21, 2023).

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 Committees
(No Report)

F. City Manager

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

- The downtown traffic light project came in over the projected budget (\$178,000 overage)

Two suggestions the City Manager recommended to the City Council to proceed with the project was to:

A.) Remove the new construction/repair on the set of lights on Water Street and keep them as is or;

B.) use the money from the Fund Balance to compensate for the bid overage and proceed with the project.

Discussion among the City Council suggested that all of the Council agreed that the project needed to include the traffic lights on Water Street. Councilor Wight suggested to proceed with plan B and the City Council agreed and reasoned if they waited any longer prices would just increase.

- The Market study that is being done on the pool results should be in this week.

EJ Roach addressed the City Council and updated them on how the First Annual Fire and Ice event went that was held Downtown on Jan. 21st, 2023. It was a big hit and the next Fire and Ice event will be held Jan. 20th, 2024. EJ had the City Council draw names for prizes that local businesses had donated, and people had purchased tickets for. That money along with proceeds from Kosta's giving away hot chocolate with a donation along with, the Old Town Rotary cooking/selling hamburgers and hotdogs went into collecting money to help with heating assistance. A check of those proceeds (\$769.00) was given to Kara Hay (President and CEO of Penquis) to help with Heating assistance in the community.

Linda Bryant (Director Community Caring Cupboard Food Pantry) updated the City Council on how the food pantry is doing. She said the pantry has now received their own 501C 3 status and can start the process of applying for Grants. They will be doing a fundraiser later this year to help with paying off the loan from the building purchased from the City of Old Town located at 354 Main Street. An addition is being reviewed to add extra storage space to the facility. She thanked the generous volunteers that are helping at the food pantry, stating the shelves are full, and they are helping many families in the community and surrounding areas.

**Consent agenda
(None)**

**Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinances
(None)**

Old Business

1. Resolved the Old Town City Council hereby approves the bid quoted from Maine Earth, in the amount of \$135,230, minus the credit back taking the paving portion off the bid. For the construction of an access road from the Airport Road to lot 5 and lot 5A.

*Motion made by Councilor Folster, seconded by Councilor Wight.
Approved all in favor, 7-0. (Motion passed)*

New Business

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves a new application for a Victualer's License for Cory Thibodeau, d/b/a Meme G's, located at 296 Main Street. Pending City inspections.

*Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor Mike May.
Approved all in favor, 7-0. (Motion passed)*

2. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves renewal applications for a Victualer's License and a Special Amusement Permit for Alex Gray, Main Street Bookstore, LLC. d/b/a Kanú, located at 283 Main Street.

*Motion made by Councilor Mike May, seconded by Councilor Mike Folster.
Approved all in favor, 7-0. (Motion passed)*

3. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves the renewal of a Victualer's License for DMCP Group, LLC. d/b/a Dunkin, located at 975 Stillwater Avenue.

*Motion made by Councilor Carol May, seconded by Councilor Pushor.
Approved all in favor, 7-0. (Motion passed)*

4. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves the Issuance of a Proclamation in observance of Congenital Heart Awareness Week, February 7th – 14th, 2023. Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) is the most prevalent birth defect, affecting one in every 100 births. (Proclamation attached)

*Motion made by Councilor Pushor, seconded by Councilor Mike May.
Approved all in favor, 7-0. (Motion passed)*

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 6:29 pm made by Councilor Folster, seconded by Councilor Pushor.

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

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