



**City of Old Town
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 04, 2024**

Council convened March 04, 2024, in the Old Town City Council Chambers, 265 Main Street.

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

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

Others present: Kristi Trafton (City Attorney), UMO Liaison and 4 residents of Old Town.

Council President Pushor 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:

February 20, 2024, Financial Services and Special Council meeting minutes.

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

Approved, 5 – 0, 1 abstain as Councilor Peterson was absent for this meeting (Motion passed)

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

1. Bill Fackenthall, resident of Old Town addressed the City Council with a short presentation on a Climate Change initiative. He explained that the Citizens Climate lobby volunteer organization had 200,000+ supporters and over 600 chapters in 90% of the Congressional districts. More information will be provided along with a slide show presentation on the March 18th, 2024, Special Council meeting and a request for a carbon cash-back 4 Me resolution to be discussed by the Old Town City Council.

2. Linda Bryant, President of the Caring Community Cupboard food pantry in Old Town addressed the City Council with an update on how the food pantry is doing.
 - Percentages of where people are coming from to receive donations of food and/or supplies at the pantry. Jan. and Feb. of this year totaled 1145 customers, from surrounding and non-surrounding towns/cities and/or homeless.
 - List of the fundraisers for 2024 the CCC will be doing. Linda thanked the Community for the food and monetary donations that they have received.
 - She explained some of the restructuring with the refrigeration units that the CCC had to do to keep the electric bills down.
 - Two additions are needed at the pantry for more storage needs. The CCC will be applying for Grants and raising funds for this addition project.

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

B. Standing Committees

Administrative Services, Economic Development, Finance Services, and Public Services

(No Report)

C. City Councilor:

- Councilor McLeod thanked with appreciation to the Old Town Fire and Police Depts. for reacting smoothly and swiftly to an accident with a downed pole in front of her residence.

D. City Attorney: **(No Report)**

E. Special Comm.: **(No Report)**

F. City Manager

Bill Mayo updated the City Council on the following:

- Gordons Construction is progressing with the groundwork for the Temporary Bridge on Stillwater Ave. They are hoping to have the majority of work done by the end of May. Gordan's has a site on their Facebook page specific to updates on the progress of the Construction to the bridge. The City of Old Town will link to it through the City's Facebook for the public to view.
- Gravel roads are not great. Public Works have been working on them to make them more passable. Stone will be added in spots on the Kirkland Road.
- Bill will be sending out to the Finance Committee some possible dates to start going over the budget.

- Perk Plant, Grace, LLC. is no longer the owner, the owner is now Eagle Point Energy Center. The City of Old Town got a notice of assignment for our waste and the new owners plan on investing 10 – 15 million dollars in the plant to get it up and functional again.

Consent Agenda (None)

Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinances (None)

Old Business (None)

New Business:

1. **Resolved**, the Old Town City Council hereby grants approval pursuant to 15 M.R.S.A. 5824(3) and 5826(6) to transfer 85% of \$16,500.00 (namely \$14,025.00) in US Currency to the Old Town Police Department in the Criminal Forfeiture case from the State of Maine V. Brook White, Unified Court Docket No.CR-21- 1544, on the grounds the Department did make a substantial contribution to the investigation of this or a related case.

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

Approved all in favor, 6 – 0. (Motion passed)

2. **Resolved**, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts an after-deadline redemption for Kristy Buchanan, located at 580 Brunswick Street for 2022 Real Estate Taxes in the total amount of \$467.57 which include all interest, lien costs, and a \$150.00 Late redemption fee. The Old Town City Council further authorizes the City Manager to execute a Municipal Quit-Claim Deed.

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

Approved all in favor, 6 – 0. (Motion passed)

3. Resolved, the City Council hereby approves a new Victualer’s (food establishment) Permit for Nanny’s, located at 241 Main Street in Old Town. City inspections are complete and approved.

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

Approved all in favor, 6 – 0. (Motion passed)

4. Resolved, The Old Town City Council hereby approves the biannual appointment of Election Clerks listed in the attachment to serve at the voting place during General Elections when polls are open and as counters after polls close. This is pursuant to Title 21-A M.R.S.A, §503-(7) (A).

Motion made by Councilor Folster, seconded by Councilor McLeod.

Approved all in favor, 6 – 0. (Motion passed)

5. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session, pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S.A., §405(6)(C), for the purpose of discussing an Economic Development matter.

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

Approved all in favor 6 – 0, (Motion passed)

Motion made by Councilor Folster, at 6:47 pm, to come out of Executive Session seconded by Councilor McLeod.

Approved, 6 – 0, (Motion passed)

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 6:48 pm made by Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor Wight.
Approved, all in favor, 6-0, (Motion passed)

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Engstrom
City Clerk -Old Town



ELECTION CLERKS 2024

Appointment term for two years

(Re - appoint May 01, 2026)

Michael Hodgkins (Warden)

Katrina Wynn (Ward Clerk)

Kelly Moody (Deputy Clerk, Registrar)

Catherine Martinage (Registrar)

Betty Smart

Linda Cook

Claire Strickland

Christine Daniels

Catherine Lucas

Sheila Meyer

Abbie Roy

Katina Roy

Suzanne Gauthier

Patricia Kenny

Joyce Rumery

Michealle Lachance