



**City of Old Town  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
May 06, 2024**

Council convened May 06, 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, Stan Peterson, and Carol May

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

Others present: Kristi Trafton (City Attorney), 2 residents of Old Town

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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 April 16, 2024, Financial Services and Special Committee meeting minutes, as presented with the change to remove the wording as a denied motion and just leave the motion as tabled under new Business item 2.

Motion made by Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor Mike 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 thanked Ty Sullivan (Old Town resident in the audience) for organizing the bog cleanup on Pushaw Lake last week.

D. City Attorney:     **(No Report)**

E. Special Comm.:   **(No Report)**

F. City Manager

Bill Mayo updated the City Council on the following:

- The YMCA is getting ready to paint locker rooms this week and their goal is to get back into Public swim starting in June.
- FCS is back on the Fourth Street drainage projects and getting to work also on the sidewalks.
- Line painting on crosswalks that MDOT had done with a painting company last year is being redone due to some issues with the quality of the paint used last year. Seven crosswalks in the City are being repainted and grinding off of any old paint. That will be happening the week of May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Updates on the FY 2025 Budget.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves the renewal of a Victualer's License permit for Energy North Inc, d/b/a Tradewinds, located at 671 Stillwater Ave, Old Town.

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

**Approved, 7 – 0, (Motion passed)**

**Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinances**

**(None)**

## Old Business

1. The City Council discussed a tabled item from the last special Council meeting (April 16<sup>th</sup>) about conveying an easement to a dwelling at 821 Main Street, the easement goes across City owned property located at 811 Main Street.
  - The City Council asked about legal compensation for the sale of partial of the lot, which would include the easement.
  - The Council has asked Code Enforcement officer, Dave Russell to discuss the purchase of this partial of City owned property to the owners of the 821 Main Street apartment building.

Motion made by Councilor McLeod to table this motion until the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Reg. Council meeting to have time to get a fair assessment price and discussion about the purchase to the current owners at 821 Main Street can be made, seconded by Councilor Folster.

**All if favor to table the motion, 7 - 0.**

## New Business

1. The Old Town City Council read a proposal draft from the CCL (Citizen's Climate Lobby) on an Old Town Resolution showing support to the Energy Innovation Carbon Dividend Act (HR 5744).
  - Councilor Folster stated he is concerned about climate control but not in favor of the dividend act for multiple reasons. (Wealth transfer not equal in proportion, higher energy costs, and can't change electricity to the magnitude needed to replace fossil fuels overnight)
  - Bill Fackenthall (CCL) addressed the City Council with the concerns they had over the resolution act.

***Motion was made by Councilor Folster, seconded by Councilor Wight.***

***Vote tied 3 – 3, Councilor Wight abstained from voting for having stocks in some of these energy companies.***

**Motion failed to pass as the abstain always falls to the negative vote.**

2. Resolved, The Old Town City Council hereby approves the Hangar development electrical service at Dewitt Field. The total cost of the project is \$161,500.00, to include all labor and materials for said project. Funds for this project would come from account 09-520-25-5300 Airport Hangar Reserve.

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

**Approved, 7 – 0, (Motion passed)**

3. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts a Late Redemption on foreclosed property for Tobi Smith, 777 Stillwater Ave. Lot 54, for payment of 2022 & 2023 Real Estate Taxes in the total amount of \$746.74, which includes all interest and lien costs.

The Old Town City Council further authorizes the City Manager to execute a Municipal Quit-Claim Deed.

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

*Approved, 7 – 0, (Motion passed)*

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm made by Councilor Folster, seconded by Councilor McLeod.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Engstrom  
City Clerk -Old Town