



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

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

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

Administration present: Bill Mayo, Laura Engstrom, Danielle Berube, Travis Roy, April Buchanan, Irene Pehrson, Dave Russell, Lance Farrar, and David Smith.

Others present: Valerie Royzman (BDN), Stephen Wagner (City Attorney), and one resident of Old Town

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:

May 15, 2023, Financial Services, Public Services and Special Committee meeting.

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

Approved, 7- 0, (Motion passed)

Petitions, Communications, and Citizens' Requests

(None)

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 Chief Wilcox for adding extra patrolling of Sewell Park to enforce the no overnight camping rule set by the City.

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:

- MDOT update on the Llewellyn Estes Bridge. Temporary Bridge construction is still scheduled to take place late summer/early fall of this year. They (MDOT) explained that during the start of this temporary bridge that the existing bridge would have two all day closures to the public to be able to start moving in construction machines and materials for the build.
- Bill will forward to the City Council some bids for paving along with an updated Street's list for review at the June 20th 2023 Committee/Special meeting.

Consent agenda

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves the renewal application of a State of Maine on - premises Liquor License for Old Town Bowling Center, LLC. Located at 156 Center Street.

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

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

Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinances:

1. The Old Town City Council conducted a Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2023 – 2024 Municipal, County and School Budget.

**Council President McLeod opened the Public Meeting at 6:04 pm.
City Manager Bill Mayo updated the Council and Public on the few monetary adjustments to the budget. With no public comments, Council President McLeod closed the Public Meeting at 6:09 pm.**

- 1a. The Old Town City Council considered a motion scheduling a Second Reading for final approval on the FY 2023-2024 Municipal, County and School Budgets.

Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approved scheduling a Second Reading on June 20, 2023, for final approval on the proposed FY 2023-2024 Municipal, County and School Budget. The proposed budget calls for City expenditures of \$17,507,796, Penobscot County Taxes of \$1,009,965, and RSU #34 expenditures of \$5,744,805, for a total City, County and RSU #34 Budget of \$24,262,566, with total City revenue of \$10,968,737, and transfers from reserve accounts of \$2,986,214, for a net property tax requirement of \$10,307,615.

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

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

2. The Old Town City Council conducted a Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2023- 2024 Pollution Control Budget.

Council President McLeod opened the Public Meeting at 6:10 pm, and with no public comment, closed the Public Meeting at 6:11 pm.

- 2a. The Old Town City Council considered a motion scheduling a Second Reading for final approval on the FY 2023-2024 Pollution Control Budget.

Resolved, The Old Town City Council approved scheduling a second reading and final approval on the Proposed FY 2023-2024 Pollution Control Budget containing gross appropriations of \$1,921,334, user fee revenue of \$1,670,867 debt redemption of \$250,467 and for a net appropriation from the Fund Balance of \$0.

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

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

3. The Old Town City Council considered a motion scheduling a Second Reading and Final Approval on the proposed repeal of Section 104.22 Regulations Relating to Flood Hazard Areas (A) through (N) Ord. 2-7-05 and enacting the “2023” “Floodplain Management Ordinance. Articles (1) through (16) in its entirety, and repealing the April 17, 1978, Flood Insurance (2) Rate Maps (FIRM).

Council President McLeod opened the Public Meeting at 6:12 pm, David Russell, Code enforcement officer, updated the Council and the Public on the changes relating to flood hazard areas and flood insurance. With no public comment, closed the Public Meeting at 6:16 pm.

Resolved, The Old Town City Council hereby approves scheduling a second reading and final approval to be held on June 20, 2023, on the proposed repeals of Section 104.22 Regulations Relating to Flood Hazard Areas (A) through (N) Ord. 2-7-05 and enacting the “2023” “Floodplain Management Ordinance “Articles (1) through (16) in its entirety, and repealing the April 17, 1978, Flood Insurance (2) Rate Maps (FIRM). Maps 1 through 4, Community panel Number 230112-0001 A through 0004-A, and replacing them with the July 19, 2023, FIRM. Number 230112, Maps 1720, 1905, 1910, Maps 1916 through 1919, Maps 1926 through 1929, Maps 1931 through 1934, Maps 1936, 1937, 1939, and Maps 1941 through 1944.

Old Business
(None)

New Business: items 1 – 5:

1. **Resolved,** the Old Town City Council hereby approves the issuance of a Municipal Warrant for the June 13, 2023, Regional School Unit #34 Budget Validation/ Referendum Election. (Warrant attached)

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

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

2. **Resolved,** the Old Town City Council hereby approves the Registrar of Voters hours for the June 13, 2023, Regional School Unit #34 Budget Validation/ Referendum Election, pursuant to Title 21A, M.R.S.A. §101(6) as presented and recommended by the City Clerk. (Voter’s hours attached)

Motion made by Councilor Pushor, seconded by Councilor Wight.

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

3. **Resolved,** the Old Town City Council hereby accepts an after – deadline redemption on foreclosed property for the Heirs of Marylyn O’ Clair for payment of account # 1094, 2021 – 2022 taxes in the total amount of \$1768.82. This amount includes lien cost of \$138.15, interest of \$137.42, and Late redemption fee of \$150.00. The City Council further authorizes the City Manager to execute a Municipal Quit – Claim Deed.

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 authorizes the Finance Director to write off the personal property taxes and interest for AVG Acquisition Group, account 2, in the amount of \$454.48.

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

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

5. **Resolved**, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 405, Section (6)(A) for the purpose of discussing a Personnel matter.

Motion made by Councilor Mike May, seconded by Councilor Wight to go into Executive Session at 6:24 pm.

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

Motion made by Councilor Folster, seconded by Councilor Carol May to come out of Executive Session at 6:37 pm.

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

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 6:37 pm made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor Pushor.

Approved, all in favor, 5-0, (Motion passed)

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