



**City of Old Town
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
August 07, 2023**

Council convened August 07, 2023, in the Old Town City Council Chambers, 265 Main Street.

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

Administration present: Bill Mayo, Laura Engstrom, Danielle Berube, April Buchanan, Irene Pehrson, Dave Russell, Scott Wilcox, John Rouleau, EJ Roach, and David Smith.

Others present: Valerie Royzman (BDN), Stephen Wagner (City Attorney), Jim Dunning (Asst. General Mgr. Casella), Katie Foster (Exe. Mgr. R.H. Foster Energy) and one resident of Old Town, Zach Wyles.

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:

July 17, 2023, Financial Services and Special Council meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Folster, seconded by Councilor Pushor.

Approved, 7- 0, (Motion passed)

Petitions, Communications, and Citizens' Requests

1. Zach Wyles, resident of Old Town, addressed the City Council with information that he had acquired via a Facebook post on the Community Action Old Town's page about the pay as you go green trash bags that he had posted. He stated that most of the community disliked the cost and the quality of the bags.

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 Committees
(No Report)

F. City Manager

1. Jim Dunning (Asst. General Mgr. Casella) gave a presentation to the Council on the new curbside waste pickup. The new trucks will be driven by a single driver that uses a lever to control an outside pick up arm that disposes of the trash and recycling that are in bins. Every resident will be issued a new trash bin and recycling/trash both will be picked up weekly. Jim stated this method of curbside pickup is much safer than the previous way, an employee riding on the outside of the trash truck. The residents will still be required to purchase the green pay as you throw trash bags to promote recycling. Old Town has the highest recycling rate in the area, he stated. The five-year contract is due to be signed at the cost of \$415,000 and the new curbside waste pickup will be implemented early October of this year.
2. Laura Engstrom, City Clerk of Old Town updated the Council on the petition timeframes for taking out nomination paperwork for the 3 expiring seats of the City Council and the 3 expiring RSU 34 School Board seats. The paperwork can be picked up in the City Clerks office at City Hall starting August 21, with a return date of Sept. 01. 25 signatures of Old Town registered voters is required to be put on the ballot for a vote. The Referendum/Municipal Election will take place at The Elks Lodge on November 07, 2023.
3. April Buchanan, Assessor for Old Town addressed the Council and explained that the cost file has been completed and she provided them a sample of the updated assessment information. The ratio has not been determined as of yet. April also stated she has completed the review of the Personal properties in the City.

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

- Dave Russell and John Rouleau have been working with Sean Wilcox, who owns a piece of property at the end of Young's Lane and Sullivan Drive. Talking to him about the City possibly connecting those two roads to make it easier and safer for a the Citys plow trucks, Garbage trucks and Public Works vehicles to turn around.
- Jay Shorette from Dirigo Slipform contacted Bill saying he had some leftover abutment pieces from a Bridge in Bangor when it got replaced. They are six to

eight feet long and he has offered to donate the granite slabs to the City for placing in parks and/or the Boat Landing on 4th Street for sitting. The Council agreed that would be great for both places to have more seating. Public Works will be placing these granite benches in the Riverfront Park and at the Boat Landing.

- Temporary two – lane bridge beside the Llewellyn Estes Bridge is under way.

Consent agenda
(None)

Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinances
(None)

Old Business: items 1 - 7

1. Resolved, The City Council accepts the bid of \$105,000, with Freedom Paving along with an additional \$5,000 for project management from Olver Associates for the College Avenue Culvert Construction project. Funding to come from Maine DEP of \$101,000 and \$9000 from the American Recovery Act dollars. The City Council Further authorizes Bill Mayo, City Manager to sign the contract.

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

Approved all in favor, 7 – 0.

2. Resolved, The City Council accepts the lowest bid of \$159,000 with Lou Silver Inc. for the City Brook Pipe Project. Funding to come from American Act Recovery Act dollars. The City Council further authorizes Bill Mayo, City Manager to sign the contract.

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

Approved all in favor, 7 – 0.

3. Resolved, The City Council accepts the bid of \$623,864 with FCS (Facility and Construction Services) for the 4th Street sidewalk repair. \$408,116 funded by American Act Recovery dollars and \$215,748 to come from fund balance acct# 09521657210. The City Council further authorizes Bill Mayo, City Manager to sign the contract.

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

Approved all in favor, 7 – 0.

4. Resolved, The Old Town City Council approves the FY 2024 paving list that was provided at the last Finance Committee by John Rouleau, Public Works Director. Amount not to exceed \$70,000, with Street's Paving, and will be funded from the FY 2022 – 2023 paving bond that was previously accepted.

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

Approved all in favor, 7 – 0.

5. Resolved, The City Council accepts transferring \$252,000 from the Solid Waste Reserve Fund to finalize the close out of the CDD landfill project.

Motion made by Councilor Folster, seconded by Councilor Wight.

Approved all in favor, 7 – 0.

6. Resolved, The Old Town City Council hereby accepts two Grants for Police/Fire and Rescue. A) From Fire House Subs, \$43,000 for an Argo 6-wheel all-terrain vehicle (ATV), and B) \$15,000 from Stephen and Tabitha King for gas meters and thermal imaging equipment.

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

Approved all in favor, 7 – 0.

7. Resolved, The City Council agrees to the sale of an ambulance from Old Town Fire/Rescue to the Town of Newport for \$37,000. The ambulance is being replaced with a newer model.

Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor Pushor.

Approved all in favor, 7 – 0.

New Business: items 1 - 4

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council agrees to fund the upfront costs of conducting reconstruction of the shoreline at the Dewitt Field Airport, not to exceed \$40,000. When the project is completed, the City of Old Town, will invoice DAC (Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry) who leases this area of the airport from the City, the cost of the project, and expect a one-time lump sum payment within 60 days of invoicing.

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

Approved all in favor, 7 – 0.

2. Resolved, The Old Town City Council provides funding up to \$55,000 to have a Village improvement project planning study done, along with MDOT. Funding to come from Fund Balance, acct. #0952165720.

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

Approved all in favor, 7 – 0.

3. The Council authorizes Bill Mayo, City Manager to sign a five-year contract for curbside trash collection with Pine Tree Waste for the City of Old Town.

Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor Carol May.
Approved all in favor, 7 – 0.

4. Resolved, the 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 Pushor, seconded by Councilor Wight to go into Executive Session at 7:03 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 8:00 pm.
Approved all in favor, 7-0. (Motion passed)

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:01 pm made by Councilor Pushor, seconded by Councilor Folster.
Approved, all in favor, 7-0, (Motion passed)

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