



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

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

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

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

Others present: Tim Pease (City Attorney), 6 residents of Old Town, and UMO liaison.

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:

September 18, 2023, Administrative Services, Financial Services, Public Services and Special Council meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Folster, seconded by Councilor Wight.

Approved, 7 – 0, (Motion passed)

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

- Three residents of Old Town addressed the City Council and spoke about their continued safety concern with the Expanded Archery Deer Hunt being allowed via purchasing a permit for within City owned property.
- Harrison Kemp (Old Town resident) addressed the City Council with his concerns over the high price (\$250) of buying a winter parking permit.

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 Comm.: **(No Report)**

F. City Manager

Bill Mayo updated the City Council on the following:

- Llewellyn Estes Bridge will be alternating single lane traffic from 11/6 – 11/10, in about 2-hour intervals as MDOT is getting ready to pave the approaches to the temporary bridge. Proposed opening of temporary bridge expected by the end of April 2024.
- Downtown traffic lights and construction projects should be completed by 11/24, with the only issue being getting certification from the State on some of the mast arms for the traffic lights to be totally completed.
- City is having issues with semi-trucks not turning right onto Water Street, coming from Milford over the bridge. They come up to Main Street to take a right-hand turn, which cannot be done safely with a tractor trailer truck. The new foundation work has been run over a few times in the last month. The City is trying to come up with some detection for truck drivers to see as they make the right turn, like reflective material and/or signage (no right-hand turn) on the new mast arm pole that will be erected in that foundation area.
- Perc has sold to Delta Thermol Energy and in conjunction with that the City has legislation still submitted to the State about unprocessed trash going into the Landfill. The sale is not going to impact the legislation as the City still needs a resolution to that problem. Bill was unsure if the new owners will open as Perc or a similar business to process trash.

Consent Agenda (None)

Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinances (None)

Old Business: (None)

New Business, items 1 – 10

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts four Grants, totaling \$45,667 from Efficiency Maine for the installation of the Electric car charging stations.

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

Approved, 7– 0, (Motion passed)

2. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby adopts the Resolution, “Declaring Official Intent of the City of Old Town to Reimburse Expenditures from Bond Proceeds”. This Resolution addition was recommended by the Bond Council on the approved 4.5 Million Dollar Bond at the October 02, 2023, City Council Meeting. **(Resolution attached)**

Motion made by Councilor Pushor, seconded by Councilor Wight.

Approved, 7– 0, (Motion passed)

3. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts an after- deadline redemption on foreclosed property for Chester Davis Irrevocable Trust, located at 198 Fourth Street for payment of the 2020 - 2022 Taxes in the amount of \$19,800. The Old Town City Council further authorizes the City Manager to execute a Municipal Quit - Claim Deed.

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

Approved, 7– 0, (Motion passed)

4. Resolved, the Old Town City Council adopts the motion that all single-family residents who received a new 96-gallon trash can for the new single arm, mechanical trash truck curbside removal program, if having difficulties with the issued bin, can order a 64 or 48 gallon at no charge. The 96 gallon will be exchanged for the new ordered smaller trash can. A form will need to be signed that if the resident finds the smaller can is not large enough and needs to be exchanged back to the larger can, a \$75.00 exchange charge will be applied.

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

Approved, 7– 0, (Motion passed)

5. Resolved, the Old Town City Council approves accepting the lowest bid by Thornton Construction, as recommended by the Airport Director, Lance Farrar for site work on lots 6 and 7 at the Airport. Construction to include the following: Cut, grub and chip timber, fill, install septic system. Trench and install water line. Install utility electrical pole. Total project cost is \$50,000.00, funds to come from account #09-520-25-5300, Airport Hangar Reserve. The Old Town City Council further accepts the City Manager, Bill Mayo to take all necessary steps to complete the project.

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

Approved, 7– 0, (Motion passed)

6. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts 85% of \$20,473.00 in Criminal Forfeiture from the State of Maine V. Roman. Unified Court Docket No.CR-21-3033, as the Old Town Police Department made a substantial contribution to this investigation. (Court order attached)

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

Approved, 7- 0, (Motion passed)

7. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts 85% of \$1012.00 in Criminal Forfeiture from the State of Maine V. Mariah Crowley. Unified Court Docket No.CR-22-2065, as the Old Town Police Department made a substantial contribution to this investigation. (Court order attached)

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

Approved, 7- 0, (Motion passed)

8. Resolved, The Old Town City Council approves the two abatements of \$193.22 and \$199.64 on taxes for the FY 2022 and FY 2023, for John A. & Renee C. St. Peter, owners of a vacant lot located on Poplar Street. The parcel was being assessed for incorrect acreage. (Abatements attached)

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

Approved, 7- 0, (Motion passed)

9. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1, MRSA §405, (6) (E) for the purpose of consulting with the City Attorney.

Motion made to go into Executive Session at 7:00 pm by Councilor Mike May, second by Councilor Folster.

Approved, 7- 0, (Motion passed)

Motion made to come out of Executive Session at 7:10 pm by Councilor Pushor, seconded by Councilor Peterson.

Approved, 7- 0, (Motion passed)

Motion made to take up an item not on the agenda at 7:10 pm by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor Peterson.

Approved, 7- 0, (Motion passed)

10. The City Council will consider authorizes the Finance Department to reimburse the State of Maine \$907,597 for BETE payment of equipment that was not eligible for reimbursement.

Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby authorizes the Finance Department to reimburse the State of Maine \$907,597 for BETE payment of equipment that was not

eligible for reimbursement. Funds for the payment will come from Fund Balance, account number 01-120-65-7210.

Motion made by Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor Pushor.

Approved, 7- 0, (Motion passed)

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm made by Councilor Mike May, seconded by Councilor Peterson.

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

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