



**City of Old Town
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 03, 2025**

Council convened February 03, 2025, in the Old Town City Council Chambers, 265 Main Street.

Councilors present: Christian Pushor, David Wight, Linda McLeod, Carol May, and Zachary Wyles. Councilor Stan Peterson, absent.

Administration present: Bill Mayo, Laura Engstrom, Travis Roy, David White, Kyle Milan, EJ Roach, Cassandra Pool, Irene Pherson, April Buchanan, and David Smith

Others present: Kristi Trafton (City Attorney), Dep. Chief Loring, his family and supporters of his swearing in ceremony, and four 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:

January 21, 2025, Financial Services and Special meeting minutes.

Motion made by Councilor Wyles, seconded by Councilor May.

Approved all in favor, 5 – 0.

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

A. Council President

- Oath of Office was administered by City Clerk Engstrom to Joshua Loring into his new role as Deputy Chief of Police.

B. Standing Committees

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

C. City Councilor

1. Councilor McLeod asked if the outside display electronic boards could be updated to make the community aware on the dates/times of Council meetings. It was explained that with the extreme cold temperatures the display signs have low battery life.
2. Councilor Wight stated that he had attended the Airport Advisory committee meeting on the master plan, and he was very pleased with the advisory board and thinks they are well underway on the update of the plan and doing well at the airport.

D. City Attorney (No Report)

E. Special Committees (No Report)

F. City Manager

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

- Bill stated he had sent out prior information to the Council on Juniper Ridge Landfill regarding the legislation and that had changed some. It has kind of branched out into two different LD's (Legislative Document) now. 1.) LD 231 which changes the hierarchy in the five levels that they want to move waste energy plants up to the third level and 2.) LD 235, the City had requested some negotiations on host community benefit agreement and the legislature is going to review that, but Bill was unsure that there was going to be anything that takes place with that. The biggest part of that LD 235 was to have a report out on operations at the potential Jay landfill and at Juniper Ridge and to continue with the PFAS testing. Casella is the only landfill in the country that has a PFAS removal system which is at their Vermont landfill, and they are in the process of putting one in at Juniper Ridge.
- Community Connector will be out around February 10th.
- Myrtha Pools is coming back to meet with the YMCA at the City pool on February 5th for discussions on the pool.
- Fire Chief Milan gave an update on our ambulance services and some costs related to that. He presented some information on questions asked by the Town of Bradley for ambulance contract billing.

Consent Agenda

Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinances

New Business

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves the Issuance of a Proclamation in observance of Congenital Heart Awareness Week, February 7th – 14th, 2024. Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) is the most prevalent birth defect, affecting one in every 100 births. (Proclamation attached)

Motion made by Councilor Wyles, seconded by Councilor May.

Approved all in favor, (5 – 0)

2. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves the applications for:
 - Main Street Bookstore, LLC. d/b/a Kanú, located at 283 Main Street. (renewal Victualer's and Special Amusement permits)
 - Elks Lodge, #1287, located at 37 Fourth Street. (renewal Liquor License)
 - Nanny's Restaurant, located at 241 Main Street. (New Liquor License)

All City inspections are completed.

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Wight.

Approved all in favor, (5 – 0)

3. Resolved, the Old Town City Council approves transferring \$25,000 from the Airport Solar Lease Agreement to the Airport Hangar Reserve Fund, acct. # 09-520-25-5300.

Motion made by Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor May.

Approved all in favor, (5 – 0)

4. Resolved, the City Council hereby approves that revenue generated from the sales of lots 1A, 2, 3, 4, & 5 in the Airport Business Park will be used for airport operations, maintenance, and capital improvements. Also, tax revenue generated from the sale of these properties are used by the Airport to fund airport operations, maintenance, and capital improvements.

Motion made by Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor May.

Approved all in favor, (5 – 0)

5. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts the resignation of Timothy Folster on the City Council Board, effective as of 11/26/2024.

Motion made by Councilor Wyles, seconded by Councilor Wight.

Approved, (4 yeas– 1 nay)

6. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby re-appoints Travis Folsom to the Old Town Water District Board, term to expire March 31, 2028.

Motion made by Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor Wyles.

Approved all in favor, (5 – 0)

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 6:30pm made by Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor May.

Approved, all in favor, 5 - 0

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Engstrom
City Clerk -Old Town

PROCLAMATION/RESOLUTION

CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK FEBRUARY 7-14, 2025

WHEREAS, congenital heart disease (CHD) is the most prevalent birth defect in the United States, affecting one in every 100 births; and

WHEREAS, CHD has been identified as the leading cause of birth defect-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, 25% of those children will need at least one heart operation to survive; and

WHEREAS, there is no known cure for CHD, as it is a lifelong disease that requires ongoing specialized care; and

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of congenital heart patients is of paramount importance; and

WHEREAS, medical research can provide more identifiable means of the origins and symptoms of CHD; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial that individuals planning a family, obstetric physicians, pediatricians, and all those in the medical field have a greater understanding of the potential for CHD; and

WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Week provides the opportunity for patients and families affected by CHD to share their experiences and knowledge so that the general public may be aware of how this defect affects our lives; and

THEREFORE, I, Christian Pushor, Council President, do hereby proclaim February 7-14, 2025 "Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Week in Old Town, Maine, and encourage everyone to learn more about CHD and its effects on our friends, family, and community.



Christian Pushor, Council President

February 03, 2025

Dated

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