



**City of Old Town
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
January 06, 2025**

Council convened January 06, 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, Ed Morin, and David Smith

Others present: Kristi Trafton (City Attorney), and 2 employees of Thornton Construction.

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:

December 16, 2024, Financial Services and Special meeting minutes.

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

Approved all in favor, 5 – 0.

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

A. Council President

B. Standing Committees

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

C. City Councilor

1. Councilor McLeod inquired about the two City owned portable sign boards and if they could be utilized to alert residents on upcoming City Council and Committee meetings. Travis Roy, Assistant Manager said yes, he could remotely program the sign boards to inform about Council meetings but it only always so many characters when displaying the message.
2. Councilor May stated that the green pay as you throw trash bags are not always being used for disposal of trash and asked if Casella notifies the resident or the City of Old Town when this happens. She wants Casella to be more aware of this when collecting trash from residents.

D. City Attorney (No Report)

E. Special Committees (No Report)

F. City Manager

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

- Draft Bill on Juniper Ridge submitted to Representative Jim Dill for him to bring forth to the legislature. Bill will let the Council know the progression of the bill.
- Comprehensive Plan overview will be on January 23rd. A Committee will be formed, hopefully from someone in the RSU 34 School District, Old Town Housing Authority and residents interested in participating on the Committee. An agenda for the meeting will be drafted and the meetings will be publicized for people to be aware of when and what time to attend. It is important to get the Comprehensive Plan done, as it will lay a foundation for the next 10 years of what the Community is looking at and what they would like to have accomplished in the City.
- Dirt road conditions in the City has been challenging for the past 3 weeks with the thawing and refreezing of the roads. Now they are completely frozen with the colder conditions Public Works can start fixing and reshaping them.

Consent Agenda

Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinances

New Business

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council accepts the Late Redemption payment of 2021 – 2024 property taxes located at 366 Poplar Street. The total amount is \$11, 753.08, this includes interest, lien costs, and a late redemption fee.

Motion made by Councilor Wyles, seconded by Councilor Wight.

Approved all in favor, 6 – 0. (Motion passed)

2. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby re-appoints the following Board/Committee members:

<u>Board of Assessment Review</u>	<u>Terms Expiring</u>
Brent Folster	12/31/2026
<u>Dewitt Airport Advisory Committee</u>	
Raymond Giboleau	12/31/2026
Cody Anderson	12/31/2026
<u>Planning Board</u>	
Philip Dunn	12/31/2029
<u>Pollution Advisory Board</u>	
Philip Dunn	12/31/2026
Damian Labree	12/31/2026
<u>Landfill Advisory Board</u>	
Ted Shina	12/31/2029
<u>BACTS Advisory Board</u>	
EJ Roach	12/31/2026
John Rouleau	12/31/2026
<u>Old Town Development, LLC.</u>	
Stuart Harvey	12/31/2027 – all members listed.
Lisa Gallant	
EJ Roach	
Jason Clay	

Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor McLeod.

Approved all in favor, 5 – 0. (Motion passed)

3. Resolved, the Old Town City Council appoints Timothy Folster in an advisory role to the Juniper Ridge Committee.

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

Approved all in favor, 5 – 0. (Motion passed)

4. Resolved, the Old Town City Council accepts the lowest bid of \$6900.00 from Thorntons Construction for the razing of a City owned dilapidated building located at 11 Gray's Lane in Old Town. Monies coming from the General Fund Balance for payment of the bid.

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

Approved all in favor, 5 – 0. (Motion passed)

5. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 405, Section (6)(E) for the purpose of consulting with the City's attorney.

Motion made by Councilor Wight to go into Executive Session at 6:17 pm, seconded by Councilor Wyles.

Approved all in favor, 5 – 0. (Motion passed)

Motion made by Councilor McLeod to come out of Executive Session at 6:37 pm, seconded by Councilor Wyles.

Approved all in favor, 5 – 0. (Motion passed)

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 6:37 pm made by Councilor Wyles, seconded by Councilor Carol May.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Engstrom
City Clerk -Old Town