



**City of Old Town
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
November 04, 2024**

Council convened November 04, 2024, in the Old Town City Council Chambers, 265 Main Street.

Councilors present: President Chris Pushor, Councilors, Tim Folster, David Wight, Mike May, Linda McLeod, and Carol May. Absent, Councilor Stan Peterson

Administration present: Bill Mayo, Laura Engstrom, David Wight, Cassandra Pool, David Smith, April Buchanan, EJ Roach, Edmond Morin, David Russell, and Irene Pherson.

Others present: Kristi Trafton (City Attorney), 2 residents Old Town, Regina Creeley (retired Old Town Middle School Special Education teacher), and UMaine Liaison to the City Council.

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:

October 07, 2024, Regular Council meeting minutes.

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

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

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

Regina Creeley, retired Special Education teacher for 30 years at the Jr High School in Old Town addressed the City Council. She handed out a packet about the concerns of too much Fluoride in the City's water supply. Ms. Creeley referred to studies done by experts saying that too much ingested Fluoride can be harmful, especially to growing babies. There was a court case in the USA, that took 7 years, where a Federal judge made a ruling that the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) had to do something about Fluoride in the water because it is unsafe, there is a risk it could lower the IQ in infants and children. Other health concerns were bone fractures, decreased thyroid function, increased arithmetic like conditions, increases dental problems, and possibly osteosarcoma (bone cancer). Since 2006 the American Dental Association has recommended to

parents to use purified/distilled water to use while preparing infant formula for the first 12 months of life. The information was provided in the hopes more studies about the Fluoride in the City's water supply could be done and to possibly get the ball rolling to eliminate the Fluoride all together in the City's public water system.

A. Council President

B. Standing Committees

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

C. City Councilor (No Report)

D. City Attorney (No Report)

E. Special Committees (No Report)

F. City Manager

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

- Leaf pickup starting early Nov. 12th – Nov. 22nd. Leaves will have to be in brown leaf bags alongside the road. Brush should be taken to Thornton's on the Bradley Road.
- Invitation to Councilors to stop into the Airport on Nov. 7th to view the new equipment that North Woods Air is utilizing.
- Fourth Street sidewalk is completed.
- Brookpipe is in place and should be finished by the end of the week.
- EJ Roach held the drawing of the Canoe raffle.

Consent Agenda

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby reappoints the following three Commissioners to the Old Town Housing Authority Board. Terms to expire on 12/31/2029.
 - Betty Smart
 - Susan Randall
 - Dennis Whitmore

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

Approved, all in favor, 6-0, (Motion passed)

Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinances

New Business

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby appoints Lisa Tissari as a new tenant Commissioner for the Old Town Housing Authority Board, Term to expire 12/31/2029.

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

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

2. Resolved, the Old Town City Council approves and signs a new Class 1 – Malt Liquor, Wine & Spirits Liquor License for Cory Thibodeau, d/b/a MeMe’G’s, located at 296 Main Street. City inspections are complete.

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

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

3. Resolved, the Old Town City Council approves the following Resolution amending the City’s bid Agreement with Bangor Savings Bank and Allonge dated 09/21/2009 in respect to repricing of the Bond and to furthermore sign the amended Bond.

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

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

CITY OF OLD TOWN, MAINE

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF THE CITY’S 2009 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND

WHEREAS, in accordance with an Order of the City Council of the City of Old Town, adopted on September 18, 2009, (the “Order”) the City entered into an agreement, dated September 21, 2009 (the “Agreement”) with Bangor Savings Bank (the “Bank”) for a loan in the amount of \$1,410,825 to be secured by the issuance of a \$1,410,825 General Obligation Bond, dated September 24, 2009 (the “Securities”) to the Bank; and

WHEREAS, due to the discontinuance of the London Interbank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”) and certain rates published in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release H. 15, the method of calculating interest provided by the Agreement and Securities is no longer feasible; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Agreement and Securities, the City and Bank are obligated to reprice the Securities at five-year intervals, most recently on September 24, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City and Bank desire to amend the Agreement and Securities to establish a comparable method of interest rate calculation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Old Town, as follows:

- That, in accordance with the Order, the Treasurer is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Agreement to establish a new rate or rates of interest on the Securities and to deliver the same to the Bank.
 - That, in accordance with the Order, the Treasurer, City Clerk, and City Council are authorized to execute an Amendment (Allonge) to the Securities to affect the amendment to the established rate or rates of interest and to deliver the same to the Bank.
 - That all actions heretofore taken by any officer, employee, official or agent of the City relating to the subject matter of this Resolution are hereby ratified, affirmed and approved.
 - That this Resolution shall be retroactive in effect to September 24, 2024.
4. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session pursuant to Title, I MRSA Section 405, § (6) (C) for the purpose of discussing an Economic Development matter.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:22 pm made by Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor Folster.

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

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:45 pm made by Councilor Folster, seconded by Councilor Carol May.

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

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 6:46 pm made by Councilor Carol May, seconded by Councilor McLeod.

Approved, all in favor, 6-0, (Motion passed)

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Engstrom
City Clerk -Old Town