



**City of Old Town  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
June 03, 2024**

Council convened June 03, 2024, in the Old Town City Council Chambers, 265 Main Street.

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

Administration present: Bill Mayo, Laura Engstrom, Kyle Milan, Cassandra Pool, David Smith, Danielle Berube, Irene Pehrson, Travis Roy, and April Buchanan.

Others present: Kristi Trafton (City Attorney)

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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:

May 20, 2024, Economic Services, Financial Services and Special Council meeting minutes.

Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor Folster.

**Approved, 5 – 0, 1 abstain as Councilor Peterson was absent for this meeting (Motion passed)**

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

A. Council President **(No Report)**

B. Standing Committees

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

**(No Report)**

C. City Councilor

Councilor Mcleod asked if the inspection had been done on Main Street Grill and City Clerk Engstrom said she had not heard from Code Enforcement yet about that she would follow up with him.

Councilor Wight suggested that information on the Peavey Mill that was on the Stillwater River, along with the other historical information, be put on the site up above the bridge.

D. City Attorney: **(No Report)**

E. Special Committees.: **(No Report)**

F. City Manager

Bill Mayo updated the City Council on the following:

- Couple Grant opportunity's being worked on right now are:
  - Police Dept. for a purchase of a Plate Reader for \$230,000.
  - Fire Dept. to purchase a new life pack monitor for the ambulance for \$66,000.
- Night Paving will be starting on the Llewyn Estes Bridge.
- Browntail moth eradication efforts are being done by the City right now by Zelky's Tree service. High public areas in City are being treated with a two-year tree injection plan. The Binnette Park playground is temporarily closed for cleanup of the Browntail moths right now. The City spends \$20,000 a year on Browntail moth eradication efforts.  
The Maine State Forest Service and Zelky's Tree Service will be giving a presentation on Browntail moth infestations and prevention at the next Committee/Special Council meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves the renewal application of a State of Maine on - premises Liquor License for Old Town Bowling Center, LLC. Located at 156 Center Street, pending City inspections.
2. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves a Victualer's License renewal for Thymios Kotsias, d/b/a Riverside House of Pizza, LLC, 4 Free Street, pending City inspections.

Motion made to accept all consent agenda motions made by Councilor Carol May, seconded by Councilor McLeod.

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

### **Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinances**

1. The Old Town City Council conducted a public hearing on the proposed FY 2024-2025 Municipal, County and School Budget.

The budget calls for City expenditures of \$16,860,272, Penobscot County Taxes of \$1,103,373 and RSU #34 expenditures of \$6,252,418 for a total City, County and RSU #34 Budget of \$24,216,063 with total City revenue of \$10,015,926 and reserve transfers of \$2,302,821 for a net property tax requirement of \$11,897,316.

**Council President Pushor Opened the Public Meeting at 6:07 pm, and with no comments from the public, Closed the Public Meeting at 6:08 pm.**

- 1a.) The Old Town City Council considered a motion to schedule a Second Reading for final approval on the FY 2024-2025 Municipal, County and School Budgets.

Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves scheduling a Second Reading on June 17, 2024, for final approval on the proposed budget calls for City expenditures of \$16,860,272, Penobscot County Taxes of \$1,103,373 and RSU #34 expenditures of \$6,252,418 for a total City, County and RSU #34 Budget of \$24,216,063 with total City revenue of \$10,015,926 and reserve transfers of \$2,302,821 for a net property tax requirement of \$11,897,316.

Motion made by Councilor Folster, seconded by Councilor Wight.

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

2. The Old Town City Council conducted a Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2024-2025 Pollution Control Budget containing gross appropriations of \$1,931,609, user fee revenue of \$ 1,700,224, and an anticipated transfer from debt redemption reserve of \$231,385, with a net appropriation from Fund Balance of \$0.

**Council President Pushor Opened the Public Meeting at 6:10 pm, and with no comments from the public, Closed the Public Meeting at 6:11 pm.**

- 2a. The Old Town City Council considered scheduling a Second Reading for final approval on the FY 2024-2025 Pollution Control Budget.

Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves scheduling a Second Reading on June 17, 2024, on the Proposed FY 2024-2025 Pollution Control Budget containing gross appropriations of of \$1,931,609, user fee revenue of \$ 1,700,224, and an anticipated transfer from debt redemption reserve of \$231,385, with a net appropriation from Fund Balance of \$0.

Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor Carol May.  
**Approved all in favor, 6 – 0. (Motion passed)**

## **Old Business**

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby grants permission for Bill Mayo, City Manager, to sign a MOA (memorandum of understanding) with Tandem Mobility to start the process for an ebike project within the City of Old Town and surrounding communities. The signing of the memorandum does not obligate the City into any financial expenditures.

Motion made by Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor Carol May.  
**Approved all in favor, 6 – 0. (Motion passed)**

2. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby agreed to renew and sign the partnership contract between the City of Old Town and the YMCA to pay tuition fees for school age residents of Old Town for the 2024 – 2025 fiscal year, not to exceed \$150,000 in tuition fees.

Motion made by Councilor Folster, seconded by Councilor Carol May.  
**Approved all in favor, 6 – 0. (Motion passed)**

## **New Business**

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council accepts the bid with Mechanical Services in the amount of \$18,290.00 for the replacement of two heating/cooling units at the Old Town Library.

Motion made by Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor Folster.  
**Approved all in favor, 6 – 0. (Motion passed)**

### **2. Addendum item:**

Resolved, the Old Town City Council approves and signs the State of Maine application from the VFW for an off-premises consumption liquor license for an incorporated Civic Organization. The license would allow, if approved by the State of Maine, a beer tent to be run by the VFW at the Wings and Wheels Event being held at Dewitt Field Airport on June 22, 2024.

Motion made by Councilor Carol May, seconded by Councilor Wight.  
**Approved all in favor, 6 – 0. (Motion passed)**

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 6:17 pm made by Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor Carol May.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Engstrom  
City Clerk -Old Town