



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

Council convened September 2, 2014 at the Old Town City Council Chambers on 265 Main Street.

Councilors present: President David Mahan, Carol May, Linda McLeod, Eric Roach, Stan Peterson and Lori Smart. Councilor John Nuttall absent.

Administration present: Bill Mayo, Erik Stumpf, Patty Brochu, Cindy Jennings and Steve O'Malley.

Others present: two citizens in the audience and news media.

Council President Mahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilor Smart, seconded by Councilor Peterson, moved to approve the Minutes of the August 21, 2014 Special Council Meeting. Approved all in favor, 6-0.

REPORTS

Councilor May informed everyone that all the Riverfest information will be out tomorrow.

Councilor Roach reported on student cleanup day at the Riverfront, Animal Orphanage and French Island and thanked everyone who participated.

Manager Mayo reported several items as follows: 1) He received a report from Maine Municipal Association as well as an Action Plan on the condition of the old Museum on Fourth Street and the pool. The Museum is full of mold and could take a lot of funds to fix or will need to be torn down. The pool issues are not as bad. The Council requested an estimate on cleanup before taking any action; 2) The Airport Beacon will be on the next Finance Committee Agenda due to the poor condition of it. The Manager said it will probably cost between \$70K and \$80K to fix and will come out of Airport funds; 3) All paving scheduled for the City will start on September 8th and will be done at night; 4) The Penobscot County Transition Team is scheduled for 10:00 am tomorrow to discuss the Mill closure and the City will have three Representatives there as well; 5) The Float Plane Association is looking for the city to donate the broken pickup truck so they can use it to haul fuel to the float planes. The pickup will not be used off the property; 6) Economic Director Harriman has a second showing on the Jefferson Street school tomorrow; 7) The City's new website is up and running; 8) On September 9th at 10:00 am, will be the first JRL expansion meeting that will kick off the process.

SECOND READINGS

The City Council conducted a Second Reading for final approval on a proposal to amend Chapter 21, titled Welfare, Appendices A of the General Assistance Maximum Amounts for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. This amendment is a requirement of the Department of Human Services for FY 2014-2015 Housing Assistance Limits in compliance with Title 22, M.R.S.A. §4305(4).

There being no comments, President Mahan closed the hearing.

The City Council considered final approval on a proposal to amend Chapter 21, titled Welfare, Appendices A of the General Assistance Maximum Amounts.

Councilor Roach, seconded by Councilor Smart, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves a proposal to amend Chapter 21, titled Welfare, Appendices A of the General Assistance Maximum Amounts for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. This amendment is a requirement of the Department of Human Services for FY 2014-2015 Housing Assistance Limits in compliance with Title 22, M.R.S.A. §4305(4).

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Councilor Nuttall</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Councilor Peterson</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Roach</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Smart</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor May</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor McLeod</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Mahan</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Motion unanimously approved, 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

The City Council considered issuance of a Proclamation in observance of Constitution Week September 17th through 23rd.

Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Roach, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves issuance of a Proclamation in observance of Constitution Week September 17th through 23rd, sponsored by the Old Town-Orono Esther Eayers Chapters Daughters of the American Revolution. **Approved all in favor, 6-0.**

The City Council considered adopting a revised Internet Acceptable Use Policy for the Old Town Public Library.

Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor May, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves adopting a revised Internet Acceptable Use Policy for the Old Town Public Library as presented in Attachment #2.

Librarian Cindy Jennings explained that Network Maine had conducted an audit and that several schools & libraries were not in compliance. Cindy said they are mostly compliant but the policy needed to be revised on a few items. She said there are filters but none of them are perfect. Councilor McLeod had questions regarding children and parent monitoring. Cindy replied they keep a watchful eye on all of the computer users. Councilor Peterson asked if the city can do a disclaimer. City Attorney Stumpf responded yes.

There being no further comments, President Mahan called for a vote. **Motion approved all in favor, 6-0.**

The City Council considered accepting a Grant from FEMA in the amount of \$72,675.00 to go towards purchasing new Cardiac Monitors for the Ambulances. This Grant requires a City Match of \$3,825.00.

Councilor Roach, seconded by councilor Peterson, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts the Grant from FEMA in the amount of \$72,675.00 to go towards purchasing new Cardiac Monitors for the Ambulances. The City Council further approves the expenditure of \$3,825.00 as the City's Matching Funds as stated in the Grant Agreement.

Fire Chief O'Malley explained the importance of the Grant and it saves the City a lot of money.

Motion approved all in favor, 6-0.

The City Council considered accepting a bid for surplus property at 185 Lincoln Street, formerly owned by the Estate of Norman Nadeau.

Councilor Smart, seconded by Councilor Roach, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts the bid from Arthur Phillips in the amount of \$40,000 for surplus property located on Tax Map 21, Lot 49, 185 Lincoln Street formerly owned by the Estate of Norman Nadeau and authorizes the City Manager to take all necessary actions to complete the sale. **Approved all in favor, 6-0.**

The City Council considered going into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Old Town Fuel & Fiber Mill closure.

Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Smart, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (C) for the purpose of discussing the Old Town Fuel & Fiber Mill closure. **Approved all in favor, 6-0.**

Councilor Roach, seconded by Councilor May, moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. *Approved all in favor, 6-0.*

Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Smart, moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. *Approved all in favor, 6-0.*

Adjourned,

Patricia A. Brochu, CMC
City Clerk-Old Town, ME