



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 21, 2017

Council convened August 21, 2017 in the Old Town City Council Chambers at 265 Main Street.

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

Administration present: Bill Mayo, Ed Bearor, Danielle Berube, Patty Brochu, Ron Harriman, Cindy Jennings, John Rouleau, Travis Roy.

Others present: Two citizens in the audience

Council President Mahan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Councilor Klitch, seconded by Councilor Peterson, moved to approve the Minutes of the August 7, 2017 Regular Council Meeting. *Approved all in favor, 5-0.*

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND CITIZENS' REQUESTS

Elm Street resident Ed Willy addressed the council concerning the dangers and need of improvements to the intersection of Center & Elm Streets. He stated that drivers are not stopping for the crosswalk or if a vehicle is turning onto Elm Street, people are passing on the right. He suggested a speed bump but realizes that will be problematic in the winter time. He passed around photos of different types of speed bumps and signs that can be placed in the center of the road. Mr. Willy was informed that Center Street is a State owned road and the State would need to be consulted as to what is allowed to be placed there.

REPORTS

Councilor McLeod reported that she had an opportunity to listen to the Council Meetings on the government channel and stated the volume in very low and sometimes nothing can be heard. She would like the City Manager to look into the problem.

Attorney Bearor reported various possibilities of getting rid of derelict properties; he's ready to file a land use violation for property on Front Street and lastly he's working on the city's response to Expera's Tax Appeal.

Manager Mayo reported he's working on requests for proposals on Ransom and that Ron Harriman sent out guidelines to businesses wanting grant monies.

NEW BUSINESS

The City Council considered discussing a proposed “2017 Amendment of the City Charter” as presented in Exhibit A and consider scheduling a Public Hearing for September 5, 2017.

Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Klitch, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby orders the City Clerk to provide the required statutory publication of notice of a Public Hearing to be held September 5, 2017 regarding the proposed “2017 Amendment of the City Charter” that is presented in Exhibit A with the agenda at the August 21, 2017 Special Council meeting.

President Mahan explained there will be more discussion on September 5th but this will essentially help the Council move forward with economic development at the mill site.

Attorney Jamie Pitney stated the Council needs to complete the dollar amount the Council wants to extend on Section 7-A Loans and Grants.

The Council consensus was an amount not to exceed \$4 million.

Motion approved 4-1. Councilor Peterson opposed.

The City Council considered extending the due for the 2017 Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes.

Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby extends the due date for the 2017 Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes from September 13, 2017 to October 4 2017 and shall commence bearing interest on October 5, 2017. **Approved all in favor, 5-0.**

The City Council considered entering into a Purchase and Sale Agreement for property located on Penny Road, Tax Map 13, Lot 3-A.

Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Klitch, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves entering into a Purchase and Sale Agreement for property located on Penny Road, Tax Map 13, Lot 3-A and further authorizes the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to complete the transaction. **Approved all in favor, 5-0.**

The City Council considered going into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing an economic development update relating to the Expera Mill.

Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Klitch, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session at 7:21 p.m. pursuant to Title I MRSA Section 405, §(6) (C) for the purpose of discussing an economic development update relating to the Expera Mill. **Approved all in favor, 5-0.**

Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor Klitch, moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. *Approved all in favor, 5-0.*

Councilor May, seconded by Councilor McLeod, moved to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. *Approved all in favor, 5-0.*

Adjourned,

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