



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – February 6, 2017

Council convened February 6, 2017 in the Old Town City Council Chambers at 265 Main Street.

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

Administration present: Bill Mayo, Ed Bearor, Patty Brochu, Steve O’Malley, John Rouleau, David Russell and David Smith.

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

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

Councilor Klitch, seconded by Councilor Nuttall, moved to approve the Minutes of the December 19, 2016 Special Council Meeting and the January 3, 2017 Regular Council Meeting. *Approved all in favor, 7-0.*

REPORTS

President Mahan reported several items: 1) The Press Conference at the airport went well; 2) Senator Dill mentioned that he thought the traffic lights as the Elementary School were only supposed to work during school hours and be just flashing yellow the rest of the time; 3) He brought up discussion about a new business that has come to town which is a Medical Marijuana Caregiver and asked Dave Russell to give a history on the Medical Marijuana Ordinance. Mr. Russell stated that there was only one area in town that this type of business could be located and it’s where it currently is. When Councilors asked about a moratorium, Attorney Ed Bearor stated the State has already done a moratorium. He also stated that moratoriums are for 6 months only and suggested the city wait and see what the State is going to do.

Councilor Klitch commended the Police department for a great drug presentation they recently did; She mentioned that Bangor has a piano in one of their parks and wanted to know if that was something the city could do here as she has a piano she would donate; She also said that a senior citizen asked her if they could get a buck of sand from the city for free.

Councilor Roach announced that February is the annual food drive and this will be the 4th year. He said drop off stations will be announced and on February 25th they will be at Hannaford collecting food. He also said they have an agreement with Good Shephard Food bank that accepts cash donations.

Manager Mayo: 1) Attended a Forest Group Initiative meeting and it was very informative; 2) The Public Works Director has applied and awarded a MPI Grant for \$375K, the city will have to contribute but not until January of 2018. This item will be brought to the Finance Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Roach, seconded by Councilor Klitch, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves the Suggested motions under New Business items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 as follows:

Item #1: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby re-appoints Margaret Comeau as an Old Town Housing Authority Board of Trustee, term to expire 12/31/2021.

Item #2: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts an after deadline redemption on foreclosed property for Ava Shina, located at 60 Martha's Way for payment of 2015 through 2017 RE taxes in the amount of \$277.75 plus \$150 Late Redemption fee for a total amount of \$427.76 which includes interest and lien costs and further authorize the City Manager to execute a Municipal Quit-Claim Deed.

Item #3: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves entering into a Mutual Aid Agreement with Penobscot Nation Police Department and further authorizes the Chief of Police to execute said Agreement.

Item #4: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager and Finance Director to dispose of Tax Acquired property by Foreclosure of a mobile home formerly owned by Bobbie Jo Soupa located at 19 Lonnie Loop. This mobile home will be torn down by Regency Park owners and no lot rent will be charged to the city.

Item #5: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby authorizes the Finance Director/Tax Collector to forgive foreclosed real estate taxes in the amount of \$292.38 on property formerly owned by Mason Harlow located at 49 Lonnie Loop. This is a mobile home and will be torn down by Regency Park owners and no lot rent will be charged to the city.

Item #6: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby authorizes the Finance Director/Tax Collector to forgive foreclosed real estate taxes in the amount of \$163.91 on property formerly owned by Deborah Cota located at 45 Taylor Road. This is a mobile home and will be torn down by Regency Park owners and no lot rent will be charged to the city.

Item #7: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves authorizing the Finance Director to carry forward funds in the Municipal General Fund accounts and Pollution Control accounts as listed in Attachment #1.

Item #8: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts the quote from Highway Tech in the amount of \$11,160.00 for Full Traffic Cam Detection equipment at the intersection of Bennoch Road and Stillwater Avenue. The City Council also accepts the quote from Bangor Electric in the amount of \$1,770.00 to install the equipment. Funds for this project will come from Account #7200-0380 Capital Projects-Traffic Lights.

Item #9: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts the 2017 Bureau of Highway Safety Speed Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$2,628.37.

Consent agenda items approved all in favor, 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing on a proposal to set a Permit Application fee or Application for Permit Amendment thereunder fee of \$100 pursuant to Chapter 24, Solid Waste Facilities, Section 24-23 A of the City of Old Towns Code of Ordinances.

Code Officer David Russell said this fits the city's application fee. He also said the ordinance says the Council has to set an application fee and the Planning Board has to set a review fee. This is just complying with ordinance.

There being no other comments, President Mahan closed hearing.

The City Council considered setting a Permit Application fee or Application for Permit Amendment fee.

Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor Klitch, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves setting a Permit Application fee or Application for Permit Amendment fee of \$100 pursuant to Chapter 24, Solid Waste Facilities, Section 24-23 A of the City of Old Towns Code of Ordinances. **Approved all in favor, 7-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

The City Council considered going into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Councilor May, seconded by Councilor McLeod, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. pursuant to MRSA Title 405, Section (6)(A) for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. **Approved all in favor, 7-0.**

Councilor Klitch, seconded by Councilor Peterson, moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. **Approved all in favor, 7-0.**

Councilor Klitch, seconded by Councilor Nuttall, moved to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. **Approved all in favor, 7-0.**

Adjourned,

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