



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 5, 2017

Council convened June 5, 2017 in the Old Town City Council Chambers at 265 Main Street.

Councilors present: President David Mahan, Janet Klitch, Carol May, John Nuttall, Eric Roach and Stan Peterson. Councilor Linda McLeod arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Administration present: Bill Mayo, John Hamer, Patty Brochu, Danielle Berube, Lance Farrar, Ron Harriman, Cindy Jennings, Steve O'Malley, John Rouleau, Travis Roy and David Russell, David Smith and Scott Wilcox.

Others present: 17 citizens in the audience.

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 May 1, 2017 and Regular Council Meeting. **Approved all in favor, 6-0.**

COMMUNICATIONS

Dick Andron from Hirundo Wildlife Refuge gave an overview of upcoming events. He said there is a big canoe trip event scheduled for July 8th and they will go around the islands in the Greenbush area.

Students from the Old Town High School gave a power point presentation on their Storm Water findings from their work in the forest next to the High School. Those presenting along with their teacher Ed Linley were Madison Hall, Allison Smart, Cassidy Ammerman, Eleanor Brain, Tabitha Bell and Megan Grindle.

REPORTS

Councilor Klitch reported the piano is ready to go to the park; she also reported on the UDAG Program and noted that one person is 6 months behind in payments.

Manager Mayo: 1) There is a Penta Meeting next Wednesday; 2) the Legislature said they would have State budgets printed by June 19th; 3) Regarding the request to take over Maple Grove Cemetery, he has the City Attorney working on a Title Search before the city makes any decisions; 4) the application on the JRL expansion will be coming soon.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Nuttall, seconded by Councilor Klitch, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves the Suggested motions under New Business items 1, 2, 3 & 4 as presented and as follows:

Item #1: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves an application from Cindy Jennings, Director of the Old Town Public library, for a Major Special Event Permit for the Summer Concert Series to be held weekly in the Riverfront Park in July and August 2017 and to waive the Permit fee.

Item #2: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves an application from Alisha Ryder on behalf of Old Town Cub Scout Pack 76 for a Minor Event Permit for Cub Scout Activities to be held at Sewall Park on July 15, 2017 to July 16, 2017 to allow overnight camping and to waive the \$25.00 fee.

Item #3: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby appoints Kasey Legaard to fill a vacancy on the Old Town Orono Fiber Corporation Board with a term to expire October 1, 2018.

Item #4: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to submit a Corporate Authorization Resolution to Peoples United Bank that lists the specific city staff along with their designated powers to execute day-to-day financial transactions with Peoples United Bank in their capacity as a City official relative to their respective job requirements.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Old Town City Council conducted a Public hearing on the proposed FY 2017-2018 Municipal, County and School Budget. The proposed budget calls for City expenditures of \$10,035,357, Penobscot County Taxes of \$627,134 and RSU #34 expenditures of \$5,559,615 for a total City, County and RSU #34 Budget of \$16,222,106 with total City revenue of \$6,099,643 for a net property tax requirement of \$10,122,463.

President Mahan opened the hearing and reported the University had postponed their decision regarding the progress at the Mill.

Manager Mayo passed out estimated Mil Rate Calculations. He has found some increases in revenues and deductions he found in expenditures bringing the budget increase to 6%.

President Mahan thinks there can be an additional cut of \$100,000 without taking any monies from reserves.

After further discussions, President Mahan closed the hearing at 8:33 p.m.

The City Council considered scheduling a Second Reading for final approval on the FY 2017-2018 Municipal, County and School Budgets.

Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor McLeod, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves scheduling a Second Reading on June 19, 2017 for final approval on the proposed FY 2017-2018 Municipal, County and School Budget. The proposed budget calls for City expenditures of \$10,035,357, Penobscot County Taxes of \$627,134 and RSU #34 expenditures of \$5,559,615 for a total City, County and RSU #34 Budget of \$16,222,106 with total City revenue of \$6,099,643 for a net property tax requirement of \$10,122,463. **Approved all in favor, 7-0.**

The Old Town City Council conducted a Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2017-2018 Pollution Control Budget containing gross appropriations of \$5,154,969, user fee revenue of \$4,125,800, debt redemption of \$405,697 and anticipated transfers from reserve accounts of \$435,000 with a net appropriation to/(from) Fund Balance of (\$188,472).

President Mahan opened the hearing at 8:33 p.m. Manager Mayo reported there haven't been any further changes since the May meeting.

President Mahan closed the hearing at 8:37 p.m.

The City Council considered scheduling a Second Reading for final approval on the FY 2017-2018 Pollution Control Budget.

Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Klitch, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves scheduling a Second Reading on June 19, 2017 on the Proposed FY 2017-2018 Pollution Control Budget containing gross appropriations of \$5,154,969, user fee revenue of \$4,125,800, debt redemption of \$405,697 and anticipated transfers from reserve accounts of \$435,000 with a net appropriation to/ (from) Fund Balance of (\$188,472). **Approved all in favor, 7-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

The Councilors reviewed the proposed Recreational Marijuana Prohibition Ordinance and had no questions.

Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Klitch, moved to Suspend the Rules to take up an item not on the agenda. **Approved all in favor, 7-0.**

The City Council considered accepting an after deadline redemption on foreclosed property for Kaja Holdings 2, LLC located at 113 Lincoln Street for payment of Real Estate Taxes and Sewer fees in the total amount of \$2,119.12.

Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor Klitch, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts an after deadline redemption on foreclosed property for Kaja Holdings 2, LLC located at 113 Lincoln Street for payment of 2014 through 2017 Sewer fees in the amount of \$1,159.53 and 2017 RE taxes in the amount of \$724.30 plus \$150 Late Redemption fee for a total amount of \$2,119.12 which includes interest and lien costs and further authorize the City Manager to execute a Municipal Quit-Claim Deed. **Approved all in favor, 7-0.**

Councilor May, seconded by Councilor McLeod, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session at 8:43 p.m. pursuant to MRSA Title 405, Section (6)(A) for the purpose of discussing a Personnel matter. **Approved all in favor, 7-0.**

Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor McLeod, moved to come out of Executive Session at 9:03 p.m. **Approved all in favor, 7-0.**

Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor May, moved to approve an increase of \$5,000 to the City Manager's Salary. **Approved 6-1. Councilor McLeod opposed.**

Councilor Nuttall, seconded by Councilor Roach, moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. **Approved all in favor, 7-0.**

Adjourned,

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