



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 4, 2017

Council convened December 4, 2017 in the Old Town City Council Chambers at 265 Main Street.

Councilors present: President David Mahan, Shirley Brissette, Donna Ketchen, Carol May, and Stan Peterson. Councilors Jan Klitch and John Nuttall absent.

Administration present: Ed Bearor, Patty Brochu, Danielle Berube, Lance Farrar, John Rouleau, David Smith and Scott Wilcox.

Others present: three citizens in the audience.

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

Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Brissette, moved to approve the Minutes of the November 6, 2017 Regular Council Meeting and the November 8, 2017 Special Council Meeting. **Approved all in favor, 5-0.**

COMMUNICATIONS

Former Councilor Eric Roach thanked the City Council, Citizens and especially the City Staff for all their hard work they do for the City.

REPORTS

President Mahan had the City Clerk report on meetings next month. She informed everyone that due to the New Year and Martin Luther King Holidays falling on Mondays, the Council Meetings will be held on Tuesdays, the following day, respectively.

Public Safety Director Scott Wilcox informed everyone about mandatory NIMS training which includes Councilors. He said if the city doesn't comply with the training, it won't be eligible for any grants going forward. He said the only meeting he knows of right now is December 13th at 6:00 p.m. in Holden.

Councilor May reported that many people had commented to her about what a great job the Public Works department did after the wind storm.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Item #1: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves accepting \$2,202.54 in donations from the Old Town Community Food Drive.

Item #2: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby authorizes the issuance of a check in the amount of \$2,202.54 made payable to the Good Shepherd Food Bank. Funds are to come from Account

Item #3: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves a renewal application for a Malt, Vinous & Spirituous Liquor License for the VFW Post 3381, 173 Main Street.

Consent agenda items approved all in favor, 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

The City Council considered removing an item regarding property at 159 Perkins Avenue that was tabled at the November 6, 2017 Regular Council Meeting.

Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Peterson, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby removes the item regarding property at 159 Perkins Avenue from the table. ***Approved all in favor, 5-0.***

The City Council considered authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to transfer the property located at 159 Perkins Avenue to the Bangor Area Habitat for Humanity for the development of affordable housing.

Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor May, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to transfer the property located at 159 Perkins Avenue to the Bangor Area Habitat for Humanity.

Assessor Travis Roy introduced Lynn Hempen and Linwood Lufkin. Mr. Lufkin is chair of the Habitats construction part. He thanked the city for the 2 properties that they are already building new homes on and he said the City Staff has been great to work with. He said if the City agrees on transferring this property, they'll have some options they are looking at. They're looking at a Duplex right now as the lot is not big enough to split into two properties, but this would still give two families a home. Mr. Roy passed out a couple of sketches of what they looking at.

Lynn Hempen said their timeline would be roughly the same schedule of what is currently being done. The earliest they could get started would be July or August with completion in June of 2019. They will start looking for families hopefully by March and let the families work with them. Each adult in the house has to put in 200 hours each as their down payment. They have a strict criteria including credit ratings and income. The families are chosen from the 21 surrounding towns in the Bangor area.

Mr. Roy gave a little background information and stated the foreclosed property was donated to the city by Wells Fargo. He said Wells Fargo has a program that if the repairs exceed their limits, they will donate the property to the city and also a check for \$10,000. Lynn said they haven't gone the route with a duplex yet but other places have. She said worst case, there would only be one home instead of two.

President Mahan stated he was pretty happy with all they've done in the city so far. He asked the Councilors if they wanted to table this item again or go ahead and approve the motion. Councilors decided to table this.

Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Ketchen, moved to table this item to the next Council Meeting. **Approved all in favor, 4-0. Councilor Peterson abstained.**

NEW BUSINESS

The City Council considered approval of a Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for the American Legion.

Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor Ketchen, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves a renewal application for a Malt, Spirituous & Vinous Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for the American Legion, Tedd-Lait Post #75, 20 Water Street.

The City Clerk informed Councilors that the Inspectors reported there are some life safety issues and recommended tabling this until the first meeting in January.

Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor Ketchen, moved to table this item until the January 2, 2018 Meeting. **Approved all in favor, 5-0.**

The City Council considered accepting a Grant from the Tabitha & Steven King Foundation in the amount of \$8,000 for a Thermal Camera for the Fire Department.

Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Peterson, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts a Grant from the Tabitha & Steven King Foundation in the amount of \$8,000 for a Thermal Camera for the Fire Department. This Grant requires matching funds in the amount of \$1,195 to come from Account 7200-0350. **Approved all in favor, 5-0.**

The City Council considered approving additional funds to complete the renovations at the former Sewall Aircraft Maintenance Hangar.

Airport Manager Lance Farrar reported they ran into issues with the heating system and all new wiring had to be replaced due to mice.

Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor May, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves additional funds in the amount of \$26,000 to complete the

renovations at the former Sewall Aircraft Maintenance Hangar. Funds will come from Account #03560 Airport Hangar Reserve. **Approved all in favor, 5-0.**

The City Council considered accepting a bid for a new Plow Truck for the Public Works Department. This item is budgeted in the FY 2017/2018 year.

Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor Ketchen, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts the low bid from Daigle & Houghton for a 2018 International 7400 Plow Truck in the amount of \$127,787. Funds will come from Account 7000-0414 Capital Heavy Equipment Reserve. **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 Brissette, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session at 7:42 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 Ketchen, moved to come out of Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. **Approved all in favor, 5-0.**

Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor Brissette, moved to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. **Approved all in favor, 5-0.**

Adjourned,

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