



## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 4, 2018

Council convened June 4, 2018 in the Old Town City Council Chambers at 265 Main Street.

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

Administration present: Bill Mayo, Katie Foster, Patty Brochu, Danielle Berube, Tim Folster, Ron Harriman, Cindy Jennings, Cassandra Pool, John Rouleau, Travis Roy, David Russell, David Smith and Scott Wilcox.

Others present: Seven Old Town High School Students and Teacher Bryan Murphy and twelve citizens in the audience.

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

Councilor Klitch, seconded by Councilor Brissette, moved to approve the Minutes of the May 7, 2018 Regular Council Meeting and the April 17, 2018 and May 21, 2018 Special Council Meetings. *Approved all in favor, 7-0.*

### COMMUNICATIONS

Students from the Old Town High School presented a summary of findings for the Watershed Project they have been working on. They are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 10 year ongoing project and are partnered with the University of Maine and University of New Hampshire.

### REPORTS

President Mahan informed everyone that the next meeting will be on Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup>; he also stated there will not be a meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup> due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday week.

Economic Development Director Harriman along with Tim Folster gave a presentation on the Old Town LLC's budget.

Manager Mayo reported that he was attending a FEMA meeting tomorrow.

### 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 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 2018 and to waive the Permit fee.

Item #2: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves selling city surplus property located on Assessor's Tax Map 026-Lot 013 to James Dubay in the amount of \$2,500 plus half of legal costs. The Council further authorizes the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to complete the transaction.

Item #3: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves taking property located at 79 Sanford Avenue and authorizes the City Manager to ensure all notices have been properly filed in accordance with the Sewer Lien Foreclosure process. The Council further authorizes the disposal of this property according to the City's Disposition of Surplus Property Policy.

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The Old Town City Council conducted a Public hearing on the proposed FY 2018-2019 Municipal, County and School Budget. The proposed budget calls for City expenditures of \$10,320,100, Penobscot County Taxes of \$653,134 and RSU #34 expenditures of \$5,202,655 for a total City, County and RSU #34 Budget of \$16,175,889 with total City revenue of \$5,930,276 and anticipated transfers from reserve accounts and Fund Balance of \$538,000 for a net property tax requirement of \$9,707,613.

President Mahan opened the hearing. He state this is the second year without having the mill and the loss of revenue is \$850,000. He thanked the City Manager, Staff, Superintendent of Schools and the RSU Board of Directors for their hard work on the budget.

Manager Mayo said this budget reflects a 2.5% increase due to increases in wages, health and disability insurances. Because he was able to reduce the budget by \$725,000, only \$200,000 needed to be taken out of Fund Balance.

Resident Ty Sullivan thanked everyone for their hard work and for paving the last ½ a mile on Poplar Street.

There being no further comments, President Mahan closed the hearing.

The Old Town City Council considered scheduling a Second Reading for final approval on the FY 2018-2019 Municipal, County and School Budgets.

Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor Klitch, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves scheduling a Second Reading on June 21, 2018 for final approval on the proposed FY 2018-2019 Municipal, County and School Budget. The proposed budget calls for City expenditures of \$10,320,100, Penobscot County Taxes of \$653,134 and RSU #34 expenditures of \$5,202,655 for a total City, County and RSU #34 Budget of \$16,175,889 with total City revenue of \$5,930,276 and anticipated transfers

from reserve accounts and Fund Balance of \$538,000 for a net property tax requirement of \$9,707,613. **Approved all in favor, 7-0.**

The Old Town City Council conducted a Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2018-2019 Pollution Control Budget containing gross appropriations of \$2,097,673, user fee revenue of \$768,595, debt redemption of \$535,860 and anticipated transfers from reserve accounts of \$644,716 with a net appropriation from Fund Balance of \$148,502.

President Mahan opened the hearing. Manager Mayo said the Sewer Advisory board met in April and that a 5% increase was approved due to all the projects they had going on.

There being no further comments, President Mahan closed the hearing.

The Old Town City Council considered scheduling a Second Reading for final approval on the FY 2018-2019 Pollution Control Budget.

Councilor Ketchen, seconded by Councilor May, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves scheduling a Second Reading on June 21, 2018 on the Proposed FY 2018-2019 Pollution Control Budget containing gross appropriations of \$2,097,673, user fee revenue of \$768,595 debt redemption of \$535,860 and anticipated transfers from reserve accounts of \$644,716 with a net appropriation from Fund Balance of \$148,502. **Approved all in favor, 7-0.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The City Council considered going into Executive Session for the purpose of hearing an application for an abatement of taxes based on poverty.

Councilor Nuttall, seconded by Councilor Klitch, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. pursuant to Title 36, M.R.S.A., §841(2) for the purpose of considering an application for an abatement of taxes based on poverty. **Approved all in favor, 7-0.**

Councilor Klitch, seconded by Councilor Peterson, moved to come out of Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. **Approved all in favor, 7-0.**

Councilor Klitch, seconded by Councilor Peterson, moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. **Approved all in favor, 7-0.**

Adjourned,

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