



City of Old Town

Regular Council Meeting Minutes June 07, 2021

Council convened June 07, 2021 in the Old Town City Council Chambers, 265 Main Street.

Councilors present – President Kyle Smart, Councilors: Shirley Brissette, Tim Folster, David Wight, Carol May, Stan Peterson, and Linda McLeod.

Administration present – Bill Mayo, Travis Roy, EJ Roach, David Russell, Danielle Berube, Laura Engstrom, Irene Pehrson, John Rouleau, David Smith, Scott Wilcox, Cynthia Jennings and Lance Farrar

Others present – Steve Wagner, Esq. (City Attorney) and Sawyer Loftus (Bangor Daily News)

Councilor President Kyle Smart called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes:

Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves as presented the May 17, 2021, Finance Committee and Special Council Meeting minutes.

Motion made by Councilor Folster, seconded by May. ***Approved, all in favor, 7-0***
(Motion passes)

Petitions, Communications, and Citizens' Requests

Reports

A. Council President

B. Standing Committees

Finance, Public, Administrative & Economic Services
Landfill, Legislative, Sewer, Airport & Housing sub-committees

C. City Councilors

D. City Attorney

E. Special Committees

F. City Manager

City Manager Bill Mayo updated the City Council on the following items:

1. Pop up shops being finished up Wednesday.
2. Playground, splashpad and bathrooms are open in the City of Old Town Parks.
3. Moving forward on the CDD landfill.

Consent Agenda:

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves a renewal application for a Victualer's License for Qazi, LLC., d/b/a Subway, 255 Main Street, pending final inspection.
2. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves an application for Cassidy Orn for a Minor Event to be held in the Gazebo at Riverfront Park. The baby shower will be held on June 19 from 11:30-4:30 and the permit fee has been paid.
3. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves an application for Kaci Sawyer for a Minor Event to be held in the Gazebo at Riverfront Park. The baby shower will be held on June 26 from 1-4 and the permit fee has been paid.
4. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves the additional funding of \$65,270 to continue upgrades at 160 Center Street (AKA Synagogue) to allow for housing of head end equipment of fiber project and to allow for additional City use, redevelopment, and/or dry storage.
5. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves the renewal applications for a Victualer's, Malt, Vinous Liquor License and Beverage Cart Liquor License for Joseph Perdue, d/b/a Hidden Meadows Golf Course, 240 W. Old Town Road.
6. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts an after-deadline redemption on foreclosed property for Kaja Holdings 2, LLC. for payment of 2020-2021 Tax liens and 2018-2021 Sewer liens, located at 113 Lincoln Street, account # 464 in the total amount of \$8473.57. The City Council further authorizes the City Manager to execute a Municipal Quit- Claim Deed.

Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor May to table Consent Item 6 until further discussion can be made about accepting the late redemption. *Approved all in favor, 7-0 (motion passes)*

7. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts the bid from Gary and Lorelei Kennedy in the amount of \$11,100.00 for land located at 612 West Old Town Road. This was the only bid received and the bid met all stated requirements. The City Council further authorizes the City Manager to take all necessary steps to complete the sale.

Motion made by Councilor Brissette to accept Consent items 1-5 and 7 on the agenda, seconded by Councilor Wight. *Approved all in favor, 7-0 (motion passes)*

Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinances: Items 1-2

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves the proposed FY 2021-2022 Municipal, County & School Budget. The proposed budget calls for City expenditures of \$14,237,029, Penobscot County Taxes of \$733,570 and RSU #34 expenditures of \$5,262,440 for a total City, County & School Budget of \$20,233,039 with total City revenue of \$9,088,971 and anticipated transfers from reserve accounts and Fund Balance of \$1,684,258 for a net property tax requirement of \$9,459,810.

Council President Smart opened the meeting for public comment at 6:12 pm. Bill Mayo discussed any changes/notes for the FY 2020-2021. Peter Dufour, longtime Old Town resident expressed his concern over applying for a 3.3 million bond. The City Council explained that with the reserve funds were being used to fund City projects that this would be the time to replenish them with the interest rates being at a record low. The city would be able to take on some of the bigger projects that need to be addressed. With no further public comment being made President Smart closed the public hearing at 6:36 pm.

Motion made by Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor Brissette.
Approved, all in favor, 7-0 (motion passes)

2. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves the proposed FY 2021-2022 Pollution Control Budget containing gross appropriations of \$1,867,777 user fee revenue of \$1,597,616 debt redemption of \$270,161 and for a net appropriation from the Fund Balance of \$0.

Council President Smart opened the meeting for public comment at 6:39 pm and with no public comment closed the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Motion made by Councilor Wight, seconded by Councilor Brissette.
Approved, all in favor, 7-0 (motion passes)

Old Business

New Business: Items 1-3

1. Resolved, the City Council approves leasing four (4) 2021 Hyundai Kona EV electric vehicles through the Efficiency Maine EV Accelerator Program, with a total monthly lease payment of \$0.00/month for the 36-month lease.

Motion made by Councilor Folster, seconded by Councilor May.

Approved, all in favor, 7-0 (motion passes)

2. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 405, Section (6)(A) for the purpose of discussing a Personnel matter. The addition of a fourth shift for the Old Town Fire Department.

Motion made by Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor McLeod to go into Executive session at 7:08 pm. *Approved, all in favor, 7-0 (motion passes)*

Motion made to come out of Executive session made by Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor Peterson at 7:30 pm. *Approved, all in favor, 7-0 (motion passes)*

3. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 405, Section (6)(A) for the purpose of discussing a Personnel matter.

Motion made by Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Wight to go into Executive session at 7:35 pm. *Approved, all in favor, 7-0 (motion passes)*

Motion made to come out of Executive session made by Councilor Brissette, seconded by Councilor May at 7:57 pm. *Approved, all in favor, 7-0 (motion passes)*

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 7:57 pm made by Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor Wight. *Approved, all in favor, 7-0 (motion passes)*

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Engstrom
City Clerk