City of Old Town
Council Meeting Minutes
March 01, 2021

Council convened March 01, 2021 Via Zoom

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

Administration present – Bill Mayo, Travis Roy, EJ Roach, David Russell, Danielle Berube, Laura Engstrom, Chris Baker, Scott Wilcox, Cynthia Jennings and David Smith.

Others present Ed Bearor, City Attorney, Representatives of LMS Hogan Marquis (teacher) and students, Sadie, Lucas and Savanna.

Council President Kyle Smart called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes

Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves as presented the February 16, 2021 Economic Development, Finance and Special Council Meetings.

Motion made by Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor Folster. (Roll Call Vote)
Approved, all in favor, 7-0, motion passes

Petitions, Communications, and Citizens’ Requests

Reports

A. Council President

B. Standing Committees – Administrative, Economic, Finance and Public Services.

C. City Councilors

D. City Attorney
E. Special Committees

F. City Manager, Bill Mayo
   - Told the City Council about a possible large donation to the Old Town Animal Orphanage with the request from the family of having the mothers name be put on the building. Kyle Smart said they can bring it to a Committee meeting and decide what Guidelines need to be followed to do this.

   - Discussed an article that was in the paper about the downtown traffic lights. The slip lane suggestion is a MDOT suggestion not a City Project. Another suggestion in the article was about wooden poles vs metal mast arm poles. We, the City like Metal mast arm poles.

   - Budget meetings start next week.

   - Bill Mayo, opened his time up for Representatives of RSU 34, LMS to talk about the flag projects. They have done extensive research, planning and follow through with this project and have come up with a flag design to represent the City of Old Town. Discussion and voting on the flag design will be at the next committee meeting on March 15, 2021.

Public Hearings and Second Reading of Ordinances

Consent Agenda – Items 1, 2, 3 & 4

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves the renewal of a Liquor License application for Old Town Bowling Center, LLC located at 156 Center Street, Old Town.

2. Resolved, the City Council accepts the 2021 Volunteer Fire Assistant Grant (VFA) in the amount of $2085.38 to be used with an equal share of local funds to purchase items for the Fire Station.

3. Resolved, the Old Town City Council approves the purchase of phone system equipment from Crexendo as recommended by the Finance Committee and shown in the attached proposal, for the total upfront cost of $22,244.50, which includes the equipment purchase of $20,995.81 and the required first month payment of $1,248.69 to execute the contract. The Old Town City Council authorizes the Finance Director to expend funds from the IT Reserve 09-526-60-6400 for capital equipment.
4. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts an after-deadline redemption on foreclosed property, Account #882, for Glen and Tamra Philbrook located at 69 Dartmouth Street for payment of the 2018-2021 sewer fees totaling $1480.00. The City Council further authorizes the City Manager to execute a Municipal Quit-Claim Deed.

Motion made by Councilor Brissette, seconded by Councilor May. (Roll Call Vote) 
*Consent agenda items approved, all in favor, 7-0, motion passes*

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Addendum**

1. Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves applying for the Safer Grant to be used for staffing for fire and emergency response.
   - Kyle Smart, Council President told the council that after the 3 years the Grant is up it might be costly to keep the staffing level at its current level. Tim Folster, councilor, said he had discussed this with Scott Wilcox, Chief of Police, and it is not required to keep the level of staff after the 3 years and that they also reapply for the Grant again. Motion made by Councilor Folster, seconded by Councilor Brissette, *approved, all in favor, 7-0, motion passes* (correction made that Councilor Tim Folster was only commenting on statements Scott Wilcox had made on the previous Council Meeting and did not meet with him offline) 03/15/2021

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Councilor Mcleod, seconded by Councilor May, moved to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. *Approved, all in favor, 7-0*

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Engstrom
City Clerk