



## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 6, 2017

Council convened November 6, 2017 in the Old Town City Council Chambers at 265 Main Street.

Councilors present: Carol May, Linda McLeod, John Nuttall, Eric Roach and Stan Peterson. President David Mahan and Janet Klitch absent,

Administration present: Bill Mayo, Ed Bearor, Patty Brochu, David Smith and Paul Boutin.

Others present: five citizens in the audience.

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In the absence of Council President Mahan, Vice President Roach called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor Nuttall, moved to approve the Minutes of the October 16, 2017 Special Council Meeting. *Approved all in favor, 5-0.*

### COMMUNICATIONS

Public Safety Director thanked the Public Works Department for all their help with the recent storm. He also noted all the businesses that step in and donated shelter, food and ran errands for the shelters and Halloween was held at the Fire Department. He said he felt there was a total commitment of the community to help out during the storm.

### REPORTS

Vice President Roach read a letter from President Mahan thanking Businesses and citizens for all their acts of kindness to help out during the storm. The letter was sent to the Penobscot Times for publishing. VP Roach also thanked the Travis Roy for all his work on the food drive. He reported they received a donation of \$30,000 from Brookfield Energy in addition to another \$2,000 raised within the city and they will be delivering a check to the Good Shepherd Food Bank for distribution to all of Old Town’s Food banks, including Indian Island.

Manager Mayo: 1) reported that Council Klitch will be released from the hospital tomorrow. 2) He echoed the Council President & Public Safety Directors comments regarding the storm power outages. He added that lots of area Contractors had stepped up and helped out as well. He is working on final costs of storm damages to submit to the Insurance Company.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor May, 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 accepts the quote from Holmatro in the amount of \$62,163.00 for the purchase of a new set of Jaws of Life for the Fire Department as recommended by the Finance Committee. Funds are to come from Account # 7000-0414 Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve.

Item #2: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts the bid from Streets Landscaping Co. in the amount of \$4,200 for demolition of the structure at 159 Perkins Avenue as recommended by the Public Services Committee.

Item #3: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts a Maine Municipal Safety Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$1,673.33 for the purchase of wireless telephone headsets for 8 office positions within the City. The City's match of \$836.67 will come from Account #7200-0350 Grant Match.

Item #4: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves a renewal application for a Malt & Vinous Liquor License for Randall Wadleigh, d/b/a Governor's Restaurant, 963 Stillwater Avenue.

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

## **SECOND READINGS**

The City Council conducted a Second Reading on a proposal to amend Chapter 21, titled Welfare, Appendices A, B, C & D (Food, Housing, Heat & Personal Care Assistance Limits) of the General Assistance Maximum Amounts for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. This amendment is a requirement of the Department of Human Services in compliance with Title 22, M.R.S.A. §4305(4).

Clerk Brochu reported on the changes and stated they were minimal. Household income allowances went up, food allowance went down and housing & utilities went up.

There being no other comments, Vice President Roach closed the reading.

The City Council considered final approval on a proposal to amend Chapter 21, Titled Welfare, Appendices A, B, C & D of the General Assistance Maximum Amounts.

Councilor Nuttall, seconded by Councilor McLeod, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves a proposal to amend Chapter 21, titled Welfare, Appendices A, B, C & D (Food, Housing, Heating & Personal Care Assistance Limits) of the General

Assistance Maximum Amounts for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 as presented in Attachment #1.

**Roll Call Vote**

<i>Councilor Klitch</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Councilor May</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor McLeod</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Nuttall</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Peterson</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Roach</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Mahan</i>	<i>Absent</i>

**Motion approved 5-0.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

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 Nuttall, 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 reported that Councilors Mahan and Peterson visited the house for inspection. He said that Habitat for Humanity hasn't decided whether to do a multifamily of single family home yet. They want to do more in the community if any properties come available.

Councilor May asked what the in town value of property was and Travis said around \$15K to \$18K in that area.

Councilor Peterson said Habitat for Humanity still hasn't made a decision and he suggested this be table until the December meeting.

Vice President Roach stated he feels the city has worked well with Habitat and would like to see them have it and that it will be a win-win for the city.

Councilors May and McLeod agreed with Councilor Peterson to table this item until Habitat for Humanity has more plans.

Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor McLeod, moved to table this item until the first meeting in December. **Motion approved 4-1. Councilor Roach opposed.**

The City Council considered going into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a Personnel matter.

Councilor May, seconded by Councilor McLeod, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. pursuant to MRSA Title 405, Section (6)(A) for the purpose of discussing a Personnel matter. **Approved all in favor, 5-0.**

Councilor McLeod, seconded by Councilor Peterson moved to come out of Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. **Approved all in favor, 5-0.**

Councilor May, seconded by Councilor McLeod, moved to take up an item not on the Agenda. **Approved all in favor, 5-0.**

Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor McLeod, moved to approve adding the position of Deputy Fire Chief. **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 Nuttall, seconded by Councilor May Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves going into Executive Session at 8:14 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 McLeod, seconded by Councilor Nuttall moved to come out of Executive Session 8:28 p.m. **Approved all in favor, 5-0.**

Councilor May, seconded by Councilor Nuttall, moved to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. **Approved all in favor, 5-0.**

Adjourned,

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