



## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 19, 2019

Council convened February 19, 2019 in the Old Town City Council Chambers at 265 Main Street.

Councilors present: President Stan Peterson, Shirley Brissette, Donna Ketchen, Jan Klitch, David Mahan, Carol May and Kyle Smart.

Administration present: Bill Mayo, Patty Brochu, Danielle Berube, Katie Foster, Ron Harriman, Cindy Jennings, John Rouleau and Scott Wilcox.

Others present: 1 citizen in the audience.

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Council President Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

Councilor Mahan, seconded by Councilor Klitch, moved to approve the Minutes of the February 4, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Approved all in favor, 7-0.

### REPORTS

Councilor Klitch reported attending the Stake Holders Meeting and they would like to do some kind of development down on the waterfront. They'd like to use the Old Water Works building but realize it will be expensive to remediate.

Councilor Mahan thanked Patty Brochu and Travis Roy for visiting the OTES third grade class and telling them what their duties are for their positions. He plans on having Public Works go there next. He reminded everyone that the annual Food Drive is this coming weekend at Hannaford from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; he would like to see a report of what the city has been working on for the past couple years go out to the public.

Councilor Smart had several items: 1) he's been contacted by a resident on Annbar Drive about considerable flooding and icing due to a new home constructed a few houses up; 2) Asked about the burned out house on Stillwater and when it would be demolished. Manager Mayo said they were waiting on the DEP approval to take the burnt wood to the Landfill; 3) Wanted to know the protocol about businesses being on the City's FB page; 4) Also has noticed several junk vehicles around and would like to see them cleaned up.

Attorney Foster reported they have located the owner to 79 Sanford Avenue and she is willing to sign off the Title so the city can now proceed with the dangerous building process and be able to charge the banks for the costs. They are also still negotiating with the Mitchells attorney for property on French Island.

Manager Mayo had several items: 1) The traffic light at Hannaford isn't working due to a broken wire underground, it has been fixed enough to make it work until it thaws out

enough to get to the problem; 2) Public Works has been diligently working to take care of ice problems; 3) 2 out of 3 sidewalk plows are out of commission, Public Works Director Rouleau said they just got one of them fixed today so they are back up to 2 working ones.

Police Chief Wilcox presented a plaque award to the Public Works Department for helping the police put up barricades, helping with fires and other public safety issues.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilor Ketchen, seconded by Councilor Mahan, 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 accepts an after deadline redemption on foreclosed property for Edmond & Patricia Boucher located at 110 Lincoln Street for payment of 2016 through 2019 Real Estate Taxes and Sewer fees in the amount of \$7,767.73 plus \$150 Late Redemption fee for a total amount of \$7, 917.73 which includes interest and lien costs and further authorize the City Manager to execute a Municipal Quit-Claim Deed.

Item #2: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts an after deadline redemption on foreclosed property for Regency Mobile Home Park located at 42 Taylor Road for payment of 2015 through 2019 Real Estate Taxes in the amount of \$985.64 plus \$150 Late Redemption fee for a total amount of \$1,135.64 which includes interest and lien costs and further authorize the City Manager to execute a Municipal Quit-Claim Deed.

Item #3: Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby accepts an after deadline redemption on foreclosed property for Kevin & Jill Ouellette located at 2126 Bennoch Road for payment of 2017 through 2019 Real Estate Taxes in the amount of \$6,598.22 plus \$150 Late Redemption fee for a total amount of \$6,748.22 which includes interest and lien costs and further authorize the City Manager to execute a Municipal Quit-Claim Deed.

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

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing on a new application for a Second Hand Shop for Katherine Bagley, d/b/a Hidden Treasures Boutique, 270 Main Street.

The Clerk explained the owners originally had the name as Thrifty Treasures but came in the morning of the meeting and changed it to Hidden Treasures Boutique. There being no further comments, President Peterson closed the hearing.

The City Council considered approval of a new application for a Second Hand Shop for Katherine Bagley.

Councilor Klitch, seconded by Councilor Mahan, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves a new application for a Second Hand Shop for Katherine Bagley, d/b/a Hidden Treasures Boutique, 270 Main Street. **Approved all in favor, 7-0.**

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing on the proposed designation of a first amendment to the City's previously adopted First Omnibus Development Program and designation of an additional Municipal Development and Tax Increment financing District.

Economic Development Director Ron Harriman informed the Council the TIF Amendment will add the Tradewinds property located on Stillwater Avenue to the existing 2015 Stillwater TIF program. The City will capture the new value for the remainder of the 30-year term. Harriman explained the approximate 50% savings to the City because the new value is sheltered from adverse tax shifts by the State including school funding, county tax and revenue sharing. Harriman next introduced the owner of Tradewinds, Chuck Lawrence who spoke about the new business and said he was pleased to have a store in the City of Old Town. Harriman stated the amended TIF program will provide the business with a Credit Enhancement Agreement of 30% of the new value created for a period of 10 years. Council members thanked Mr. Lawrence for his investment in the City. There were no questions from Council members or the audience. There being no further comments, the Council President closed the Public Hearing.

The City Council considered approval of a proposed Amendment to the First Omnibus Development Program.

Councilor Mahan, seconded by Councilor Smart, Resolved, the Old Town City Council hereby approves an amendment to the First Omnibus Development Program and Designation of an additional Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District. **Approved all in favor, 7-0.**

Councilor Mahan, seconded by Councilor Klitch, moved to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. **Approved all in favor, 7-0.**

Adjourned,

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