

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF
December 8, 2022**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Andrew Bermudez, Charles Ellms, Adam Briggs, Peter Haskell, David Palmer, and Heidi Kinney (via zoom)

EXCUSED ABSCENSE: Levi Ladd

SWEAR IN COUNCILORS ELECT

Susan Page, Town Clerk, swore in new Councilors, **Andrew Bermudez**, **Marcia Delaware**, and **Heidi Kinney**

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Charles Ellms nominated **Andrew Bermudez**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

No other nominations

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

ELECTION OF VICECHAIRMAN

Charles Ellms nominated **Marcia Delaware**

Second: **Andrew Bermudez**

No other nominations

Vote: 5-1 (Delaware Abstained)

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance C2022-4 Adoption of the Newest General Assistance Guidelines

Marcia Delaware stated that she got a copy of the guidelines, and she wasn't in favor of the wording on some of the definitions, but **Trampas** had told her that we couldn't do anything to change them. **Trampas King** told the Council that if they had any questions at all they could contact **Juli Kimball** and she would answer them.

II. MINUTES

1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of November 10, 2022

Motion to approve: **Marcia Delaware**

Second: **Adam Briggs**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

III. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & ELECTIONS

1. Order A2022-83 Appointment of Treasurer

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby approve the appointment of **Trampas King** as Treasurer for the Town of Dexter for the year ending December 31, 2023.

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HEIDI KINNEY

Second: **Charles Ellms**

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2. Order A2022-84 Appointment of Board/Committee Members

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby approve the appointment of the following Board/Committee members:

Board/Committee	Openings	Applicant
Airport Committee	1 - 3 year	*Mike Jones
Board of Appeals	2 - 3 year	*Susan Abel
Cemetery Advisory	2 - 3 year	*Donald Clukey *Charles Ellms
Highway/Equipment	2 - 3 year 1 - 2 year 1 - 1 year	
Human Resources/CDBG	2 - 3 year	*Susan Page
Library Trustee	2 - 3 year	*Teresa Brzustowicz
Planning Board	2 - 3 year	*Richard Fanjoy *Ron Apel
Recreation	2 - 3 year	*Levi Ladd

*Currently serving

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MARCIA DELAWARE

Second: Adam Briggs

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes .

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Manager's Report

Trampas King thanked **Andrew Bermudez** and **Heidi Kinney** for continuing their terms on the Council and he welcomed back **Marcia Delaware**. **Mr. King** stated that there hasn't been any snow yet, so public works has been moving dirt and have been trying to fix some of the water problems on some streets. One of the public works employees has to go out for surgery but luckily, we have people that are willing to fill in the gaps. **Mr. King** reported that the past weekend was busy but went well and was a lot of fun. He thanked everyone that helped with the children's party and said that Santa was awesome. The Key Club had a big turn out and kids from the Tech Center were there and did cookies. The H.J Crosby band came and played some holiday numbers as well. The craft fair on Saturday had a lot of vendors and was a great success.

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The light parade was on Sunday and couldn't have had better weather. There was a great turnout, and it was awesome to watch families having so much fun. **Mr. King** asked that everyone look out for each other as people will be struggling with the increased cost of food and fuel. If you see someone needing help, please let somebody know.

Mr. King wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Marcia Delaware asked **Trampas King** about the Department of Agriculture and the geese that he mentioned in his written report. **Mr. King** stated that he is working with them to get signed up now to get help in the spring. He also has two men that have said they would be willing to shoot them. One is a registered guide that has a house here in Town and will do it for free. **Mr. King** stated he hasn't seen so many geese around as there is now. With no snow and open water, they aren't leaving. **Adam Briggs** asked when the next DRC meeting is as he would like to start attending them. **Mr. King** stated it was January 9th. They just had a meeting and have already started discussing next year's Red Hotdog Festival. **Mr. Briggs** also asked what kind of activities the Rail Riders ATV club does. **Mr. King** stated they do a bunch of fundraisers throughout the year and just gave a large donation to the Christmas for Kids program.

2. Departmental Reports

Marcia Delaware asked why Professional and Technical Services – Other Contracted Services was over budget. **Mr. King** stated that it was from the audits. They are billing as they go along but there will be money transferred from other years. **Ms. Delaware** also asked about the Highway budget and that is over because of the equipment that was purchased which also will have money transferred.

3. Ordinance C2022-04 Adoption of the Newest General Assistance Guidelines

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby adopts the 2022 General Assistance Ordinance filed with the Department of Health & Human Services in compliance with Title 22 M.R.S. 4305(4).

Filed December 8, 2022
ANDREW BERMUDEZ

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Order A2022-85 Liquor License Renewal for Lakeshore Restaurant

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the renewal of the Vinous and Malt Liquor License for John R. McAllister, III doing business as Lakeshore Restaurant, 17 Crockett Road.

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PETER HASKELL

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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2. Order A2022-86 Accept Bid for Police Cruiser

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the sale of the 2015 Ford Explorer to MSAD #46 in the amount of \$6,010.00.

Filed December 8, 2022
MARCIA DELAWARE

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

3. Order A2022-87 Beano/Bingo for VFW

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the continuation of Beano/Bingo by signing the application for the Carter-Dulac Memorial VFW Post #4298, 20 Cedar Street for January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

Filed December 8, 2022
ADAM BRIGGS

Second: **Peter Haskell**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

4. Proposed Ordinance – Change to Dexter Town Code Chapter 9; Motor Vehicle and Traffic

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby amends the Town Code Chapter 9 Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 9-95. Winter Parking Restrictions by changing the following.

(a) It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. during the winter months beginning *at first snowfall* ~~December 1st~~ of each year extending to April 1st the following year on any street or section of street in the town.

Heidi Kinney asked what was considered first snowfall. **Trampas King** stated that it would be the first plowable storm. It isn't bad in most parts of Town, but we have more of a problem on Main Street especially with the wings on the trucks. The Police had an issue last month with a vehicle and they wanted to see the Ordinance which doesn't start until December.

Marcia Delaware made a motion to add to next month's agenda for Public Hearing.

Second: **Adam Briggs**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

5. Proposed Ordinance – Change to Dexter Town Code Appendix C; Land Use

BE IT ORDAINED that the Dexter Town Council hereby amends the Town Code Appendix C- Land Use Section 4. Administration, enforcement, and penalties. C. Permit Applications 2. Application Fee by adding the following.

Non-Occupancy Acknowledgement.....\$50.00

Marcia Delaware made a motion to add to next month's agenda for Public Hearing.

Second: **Adam Briggs**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

Matthew Warner was present and stated that he had looked at our website to see if we have any local rules about hunting in Town limits. He was wondered about archery. **Trampas King** stated that he didn't know if we did but he would look. **Susan Page** stated that there wasn't anything in

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there and that we follow State guidelines. **Andrew Bermudez** the section in the State statutes and **Mr. Warner** stated that he had looked them up.

Peter Haskell asked for an update on the terminal building at the airport. **Mr. King** reported that the airport committee had met earlier today, and they had sent the grant in last week. The bids all came in high, and they had talked previously to the lowest bidder and asked if there were some things that could be cut out to make the bid more manageable. **Mr. King** stated that we have money from other FAA grants that we can put towards it, and they feel like they can cover the cost with the cuts. They took out an engine heater and tie downs and some paving. The hope is that the FAA will give more money if they see we are struggling. **Mr. Haskell** asked why the bids were so high. Part of the reason is that they are bigger scale contractors that use subcontractors plus they are pricing for something that won't happen until May so they aren't sure if the costs will go up or down. **Chuck Ellms** also pointed out that the specs for the FAA are a lot different.

Trampas King asked the Council if they would be willing to change the time of the Council meeting from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm. **Andrew Bermudez** pointed out that we need to consider what is best for the public and not just what is convenient for us. **Adam Briggs** suggested trying it for a few months if we think that is better, and **Marcia Delaware** suggested maybe just doing it for the winter months. Everyone agreed to change it to 6:00 p.m. It will be posted in the Gazette and also on Facebook.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

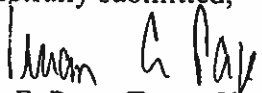
NONE

Adam Briggs made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,


Susan E. Page, Town Clerk

