

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF
January 12, 2023**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Andrew Bermudez, Charles Ellms, Adam Briggs, Levi Lad, Marcia Delaware, and Heidi Kinney

EXCUSED ABSCENSE: Peter Haskell

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance C2023-1 Amendment to town Code Chapter 9 Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 9-95

NO COMMENT

2. Ordinance C2023-2 Amendment to Town Code Appendix C – Land Use Section 4. Administration, enforcement, and penalties. C. Permit Applications 2. Application Fee

NO COMMENT

II. MINUTES

1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of December 8, 2022

Motion to approve: **Marcia Delaware**

Second: **Adam Briggs**

Vote: 5-1(Ladd abstains), motion passes

III. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & ELECTIONS

NONE

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Manager's Report

Trampas King thanked the EMS and Public Works. They have been very busy with the big snow and then rainstorms. **Mr. King** reported that the Ice Fishing Derby has been cancelled for this weekend, but they are still doing the raffle portion of the derby as this is their only fundraiser. He encouraged everyone to purchase tickets. **Mr. King** reiterated for everyone to watch out for their neighbors with the increase in costs of everything.

2. Departmental Reports

Heidi Kinney asked about an overdrawn line under administration. **Mr. King** stated it was for the audits. We have had to pay for past years up front, but the money will be transferred back into the account to balance it. **Ms. Kinney** also asked about an overdrawn line in Public Works. **Mr. King** stated that it was for the skid steer and the money from the reserve account hadn't been transferred over.

Marcia Delaware told the council that they needed to talk about the Human Services report. **Mr. King** stated there was an incident where a resident came in asking for help and he couldn't stay awake. **Juli Kimball** called him because the guy had passed out. There were children involved so DHHS was called as well as the police. **Ms. Kimballs'** concern was that she had no other way out of the office besides the main entrance and also asked if she could have mace. **Mr. King** told her that she could. The panic button was also moved to under the desk as it wasn't in a convenient spot before. **Andrew Bermudez** asked where the panic button rings to. **Mr. King** stated that it went down to the front office, and he is able to hear it.

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Levi Ladd asked about the ACO report and about the animals that were left in a house on Water Street. The report stated that the owner was going to the house to feed them, but he was questioning why the animals were allowed to be left there if the house was not habitable for humans. **Mr. King** stated that they have been trying to get ahold of the owners of the house because the person that left the animals was renting. He stated that they need permission to go into the house and for now the ACO was taking her word that she was tending to the animals.

3. Ordinance C2023-1 Amendment to Town Code Chapter 9 Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 9-95

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.

Filed January 12, 2023
CHARLES ELLMS

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

4. Ordinance C2023-2 Amendment to Town Code Appendix C – Land Use Section 4. Administration, enforcement, and penalties. C. Permit Applications 2. Application Fee

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

Filed January 12, 2023
HEIDI KINNEY

Second: **Levi Ladd**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Order A2023-01 Accept Donation for Warm Your Neighbor Heating Fund

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the donations in the amount of \$1,100.00 for the Warm Your Neighbor Fund.

Filed January 12, 2023
MARCIA DELAWARE

Second: **Heidi Kinney**

Mr. King explained that some people don't qualify for help under State guidelines but they still need help. This fund helps with that but usually not a lot is budgeted. One resident donated \$1,000 and another gave \$100.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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2. Order A2023-02 Accept Donations for Christmas for Kids Program

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the donations in the amount of \$1,576.61 for the Christmas for Kids Program.

Filed January 12, 2023
LEVI LADD

Second: **Adam Briggs**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

3. Order A2023-03 Accept Donations for Chest Compression System for Fire Department

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the donation in the amount of \$20,000.00 from Jane Hibbard Merrill for a Chest Compression System for the Fire Department in memory of her brother, George McCourt.

Filed January 12, 2023
LEVI LADD

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Trampas King explained that **Jane Hibbard Merrill** had called wanting to donate something to the Fire Department as her brother **George McCourt**, who recently passed away, had been on the fire department for years. **Matt Connor** decided this would be a great addition to the department. It is a CPR system that measures, and gives shocks, and compressions on its own.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

4. Order A2023-04 Renew Medical Marijuana Manufacturing License for Delta Solutions

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the renewal of the Medical Marijuana Manufacturing License for Delta Solutions Inc., 399 Corinna Road.

Filed January 12, 2023
ADAM BRIGGS

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Marcia Delaware stated that she had the pleasure of touring the facility with the Town Manager and was very impressed. It was clean and everything was well done. She couldn't believe what she was seeing. **Adam Briggs** asked how many employees they have, and **Mr. Cabral** said they had 3.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

5. Discussion on Change in the Personnel Policy about Unused Vacation Time

Trampas King informed the Council that **Chief Wintle** had come to him with concerns about the vacation time policy because himself and two other officers are at the point where they are going to lose time. You can only carry 460 hours and then you lose it. **Mr. King** stated they also have earned time off that has to be used. **Levi Ladd** asked if the issue was because they are short staffed and can't schedule time off. **Mr. King** said that is the reason they are giving and we can't do anything unless we change the personnel policy. **Mr. King** stated that **Marilyn Curtis** has lost some time and so has **Liz Breault**. **Adam Briggs** asked if we could pay them instead of them losing it. The answer was no. **Andrew Bermudez** asked if it was policy problem or a scheduling issue. **Mr. Ladd** suggested combining all the vacation time, sick time, and earned

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time off into one. He thought it was crazy to have them all separate. **Mr. King** stated that they would set up a committee to look at the issue and see if we could make changes.

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

Trampas King stated that Delta Solutions has gone to medical manufacturing only and isn't doing anything with recreational manufacturing as it isn't beneficial to them at this time. They are also licensed through the State to do more than just extraction. They can do packaging, formulating, edibles, and can have a kitchen. They have room in the facility and don't have a store front. They were asking to have the "extraction only" lines removed from the ordinance. It was decided to send to next month's meeting as a proposed ordinance change.

Trampas King informed the Council that we have a cooperative agreement with other Towns to get funding for the terminal building at the airport without having to cut out anything. We will be borrowing their FAA grants and "paying" them back with future grants of ours. The transferring will all be done through the FAA. By borrowing the grant money, we will be able to do everything we want and do it now instead of waiting.

Marcia Delaware made a motion to allow the Town Manager to sign the contract.

Second: **Levi Ladd**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

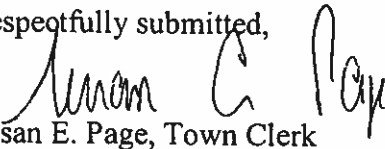
NONE

Heidi Kinney made a motion to adjourn at 6:56 pm

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,



Susan E. Page, Town Clerk