COUNCIL MINUTES OF
October 8, 2026

COUNCIL PRESENT: Marcia Delaware, Charles Ellms, Adam Briggs, Andrew Mitchell, Danny Hutchins, Nancy Clifford

EXCUSED ABCENSE: Elijah Ames

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance C2025-05 General Assistance Guidelines
Marcia Delaware commented that we can't change the numbers as they are set by the State.

II. MINUTES

1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of September 10, 2026
Motion to approve: **Andrew Mitchell**
Second: **Charles Ellms**
Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

III. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & ELECTIONS

1. Approve/Sign Election Warrant for November 3, 2026
Charles Ellms made a motion to approve/sign
Second: **Andrew Mitchell**
Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Manager's Report
Trampas King thanked everyone for coming and reported that the Touch A Truck hosted by the American Legion went well but wasn't well attended. There will be a Trunk or Treat in the parking lot on Halloween from 2-4. Kiwanis will be there giving out doughboys. There will be a costume contest as well. Public Works have been busy getting the trucks ready for winter. There is an ad out for two truck drivers. The docks will be pulled in a couple of weeks

2. Departmental Reports
No Comments

3. Ordinance C2025-05 General Assistance Guidelines
BE IT ORDAINED, that the Dexter Town council hereby approves the State recommended general assistance guidelines as follows:

2026-2027 GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE APPENDICES
(October 1, 20265 – September 30, 2027)

APPENDIX A – OVERALL MAXIMUMS
BASED ON PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD

OLD AMOUNTS **NEW AMOUNTS**

1	2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3	4	5+	
923	968	1,271	1,601	1,895	1,970			1,080	1,167	1,531	1,979	2,211	

NOTE: For each additional person add $75 per month

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APPENDIX B - FOOD MAXIMUMS

	OLD AMOUNTS		NEW AMOUNTS	
# IN HOUSEHOLD	WEEK	MONTH	WEEK	MONTH
1	69.30	298.00	71.16	306.00
2	126.98	546.00	130.70	562.00
3	182.56	785.00	187.91	808.00
4	231.16	994.00	237.91	1,023.00
5	275.12	1,183.00	283.02	1,217.00
6	330.47	1,421.00	340.23	1,463.00
7	265.35	1,517.00	375.81	1,616.00
8	416.05	1,789.00	428.14	1,841.00

APPENDIX C - HOUSING MAXIMUMS

	OLD AMOUNTS			NEW AMOUNTS	
# OF BEDROOMS	UNHEATED	HEATED		UNHEATED	HEATED

	WK	MO	WK	MO		WK	MO	WK	MO
0	181.00	779.00	210.00	902.00		216.00	931.00	246.00	1,058.00
1	183.00	786.00	220.00	945.00		227.00	978.00	265.00	1,140.00
2	242.00	1,040.00	289.00	1,244.00		300.00	1,289.00	348.00	1,498.00
3	308.00	1,323.00	365.00	1,570.00		392.00	1,687.00	451.00	1,939.00
4	363.00	1,560.00	432.00	1,859.00		432.00	1,857.00	503.00	2,161.00

APPENDIX D – UTILITIES – ELECTRIC
BASED ON PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD

1.Electricity Maximums for Households *Without* Electric Hot Water

	OLD AMOUNTS		NEW AMOUNTS	
# IN HOUSEHOLD	WEEK	MONTH	WEEK	MONTH
1	19.95	85.50	19.95	85.50
2	22.52	96.50	22.52	96.50
3	24.97	107.00	24.97	107.00
4	27.53	118.00	27.53	118.00
5	29.88	128.50	29.88	128.50
6	32.55	139.50	32.55	139.50

1.Electricity Maximums for Households *With* Electric Hot Water

	OLD AMOUNTS		NEW AMOUNTS	
# IN HOUSEHOLD	WEEK	MONTH	WEEK	MONTH
1	29.63	127.00	29.63	127.00
2	34.07	146.00	34.07	146.00
3	39.67	170.00	39.67	170.00
4	46.32	198.50	46.32	198.50
5	55.65	238.50	55.65	238.50
6	58.60	251.50	58.68	251.50

Filed October 8, 2026
DANNY HUTCHINS

Second: **Andrew Mitchell**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Order A2026-52 Purchase of Police Cruiser

Adam Briggs made a motion to add order A2026-52 to the agenda
Second: **Andrew Mitchell**
BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the bid for the purchase of a 2026 Ford Police Utility SUV from Quirk Ford of Augusta for the cost of $45,404.00.

Filed October 8, 2026
ADAM BRIGGS

Second: **Danny Hutchins**
Trampas King stated that the newest cruiser was involved in an accident. It was hit from behind while parked on the side of the road and was totaled. The Police Department had gotten quotes in April for the budget and they were all within $500 of each other. Once we know how much more money we will need, it will be on the agenda to transfer money from the reserve. **Charles Ellms** asked how much it would cost to get everything transferred from the totaled vehicle to the other one. **Ken Shcuurman** stated that all the old equipment would be able to be used in the new vehicle and it was part of the insurance claim. **Chief Wintle** stated that the company in Levant that does the equipping is far out but has said that they will move ours up on the list.
Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

2. Discussion on Police Management Evaluation

Marcia Delaware stated that the Police Department budget is $712,350 and the Council received a document from the PD with a projected budget of $820,000 to $890,000. They were asking for a 6th officer and a Corporal position along with a training officer. They also wanted added benefits that would have to be given to all employees, not just them. **Marcia** stated that she tried to figure out how to justify this without knowing how the Police Department operates, therefore it was decided the audit would be a good start. The audit is conducted by three retired Police Chiefs therefore it would be objective. The goal isn't to criticize the current department it is to get insight to see if all the additions being asked for are needed. The council had been given the findings from the Town of Damariscotta that had recently been audited as an example of what would be reported on. The whole process would be about three months. **Chief Wintle** stated that the department wasn't against the audit but felt that the $8500 that it would cost could be spent helping citizens as it is going to be a hard winter with heating costs. **Chief Wintle** and **Officer Ken Schuurman** addressed the Council regarding their requested budget increase for next year. They stated that the budget was just a draft that they had put together. They suggested that instead of the audit that the council put together a committee instead. After the discussion the council decided that they would give the Town Manager permission to sign the contract to start the audit.
Adam Briggs made the motion.
Second: **Andrew Mitchell**
Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

Todd Mitchell thanked the Council for paving the Upper Garland Road and Wing Road but stated that he was concerned about the Wing Road come springtime. He stated that he was happy to hear about the audit and asked if there had been six officers in the past. **Trampas King** stated that there never has been. **Todd** stated that he thinks we need to look at other areas where there is waste that can be cut.

Kelly Warner spoke in support of the Police Department and stated that if the Chief says they need six officers, they need them. **Marcia Delaware** stated that that is why we need the audit so we can get the cold hard facts.

Charles Ellms made a motion to adjourn at 7:19 P.M.
Second: **Andrew Mitchell**
Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,
Susan E. Reed