

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF
February 9, 2023**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Andrew Bermudez, Charles Ellms, Adam Briggs, Peter Haskell, Marcia Delaware, and Heidi Kinney

EXCUSED ABSCENSE: Levi Ladd

I. PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

II. MINUTES

1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of January 12, 2023

Motion to approve: **Marcia Delaware**

Second: **Adam Briggs**

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

III. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & ELECTIONS

NONE

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Manager's Report

Trampas King thanked everyone for coming in person and via zoom. **Mr. King** thanked **Jane Hibbard Merrill** for the donation of the automatic CPR machine for the Fire Department. It will be a huge asset. He thanked the Highway Department for all their hard work as last month was very busy and he also thanked the Fire Department as they had four calls between Friday and Saturday and 2 calls on Sunday. **Mr. King** reported that they had 1 resident stay at the Town Hall when it was open as a warming center. **Mr. King** told the Council if they had a chance, go up to the High School to look at the snow sculptures that the classes did for Winter Carnival. **Marcia Delaware** asked about his meeting with Acadia Benefits that was mentioned on his written report. **Mr. King** stated that he had talked to them about what they could provide for health insurance but said that we have good coverage now and most of the employees are happy with it. He was just looking at other options. **Ms. Delaware** also asked about the meeting with Spectrum for a new phone system. **Mr. King** stated that they could save us quite a bit of money and he will have further discussions with them. It was asked if the skating rink was open. **Mr. King** stated that we are having trouble with the liner as it isn't holding water. It will freeze on the top and then leaks underneath. It needs to be releveled and have a new liner put in. We haven't had the correct weather conditions for the ice either.

2. Departmental Reports

Marcia Delaware asked about the airport budget as there were a lot of lines in the red. **Trampas King** stated that we had paid the Aero Club for the hangar which hadn't been transferred from Economic Development yet and there were also things paid for that will be reimbursed when we get the grant. **Ms. Delaware** also asked about **Juli Kimball's** report that stated some families are starting to be evicted. **Mr. King** reported that during covid people started getting help with their rent and that is coming to an end.

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V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Order A2023-05 Tax Payment Extension

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council, pursuant to Chapter 2, Administration; Article VII Sec. 2-192 of the Dexter Code of Ordinances, hereby extends until March 13, 2023 the time period for owners of record and lien holders to bring their accounts current. Owners of record and lien holders are required to make full payment of all property taxes and costs assessed against properties that have tax liens that mature on February 10, 2023. Municipal Quit Claim deeds will be issued at the April 13, 2023 meeting on properties that have satisfied full payment of their taxes. Action will be taken to dispose of any remaining properties with outstanding tax balances with matured liens.

Filed February 09, 2023
CHARLES ELLMS

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

2. Order A2023-06 Accept Donation from Hartley's Charitable Foundation

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the generous donation from the Hartley Family Charitable Fund in the amount of \$1800.00.

Filed February 9, 2023
HEIDI KINNEY

Second: **Peter Haskell**

Trampas King stated that the Hartley's were residents of Dexter for awhile and they loved it here. They have given us this donation for several years. We have previously used it on the skate hut and the bath house.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

3. Order A2023-07 Accept Donations for Chest Compression System for Fire Department

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby supports the submission of that certain Airport Grant Agreement with the United States of America, Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, identified as **AIP Grant No. 3-23-0016-020-2023** with a date of offer To Be Determined (the "Grant Agreement"), and authorizes **Trampas King**, in his capacity as Town Manager, to execute the Grant Agreement on behalf of the Town of Dexter. The Grant Agreement is made in support of costs related to the construction of a new terminal building at Dexter Regional Airport. The Grant Agreement is for an amount not to exceed \$760,000.00.

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MARCIA DELAWARE

Second: **Peter Haskell**

Marcia Delaware asked about when the submission date is. **Trampas King** stated that they are working on it. They will get a written proposal and he and the lawyer will sign it. They need to get the contractors lined up so we need to accept the grant so we can get it going.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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4. Order A2023-08 Accept Bid for Airport Terminal Construction

BE IT ORDERED that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the bid submitted by DP Porter Contractors in the amount of \$1,590,885.55 to construct a terminal building and miscellaneous airport improvements at Dexter Regional Airport.

Filed February 9, 2023

PETER HASKELL

Trampas King explained that the bids had come in a lot higher than they were expecting. They had originally talked to the low bidder about cutting out some things that didn't necessarily need to be done now. Since we are going to borrow the money from the other Town's grants we are able to go with the original bid and get everything done. Stantec has worked with DP Porter before, and they recommended them.

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

5. Proposed Ordinance Change – Change to Town Code, Chapter 7 – Licenses, Permits, and Business Regulations Article 2. Licenses; Section 7-57

Marcia Delaware made a motion to put on next month's agenda for Public Hearing

Second: **Adam Briggs**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

Rich Hoffman, president of the Dexter Rail Riders Club, informed the Council that the Cambridge ATV club is trying to build a new trail to get access from Ripley to Cambridge as their current trail is no longer able to be used. He stated that they won't be able to have it done until the end of the 2023 season and wanted the Council to give them permission to use Zions Hill to access the current trail. Currently the bottom half of School Street is open for ATV use so they could use that to get to the rail trail and then go up all of Zions Hill or they could go up all of School Street and then up Lincoln Street onto Zions Hill. **Mr. King** stated that we couldn't give permission for that as it would have to go to Public Hearing and when we tried to open up Zions Hill before it didn't go over well with the residents.

Christina Belair and **Mark Tasker** introduced themselves to the Council and informed them of the group that they run called All In Maine. They are a group that helps people with all kinds of recovery. They collect clothing and food and distribute them to local residents and also to the homeless in Bangor. **Ms. Belair** and **Mr. Tasker** told the Council that they were looking for a meeting room that they could use 24-7 to meet with people for support purposes and be able to help them fill out paperwork and such. They don't want it to be at a church as that sometimes intimidates people in recovery. **Mr. Tasker** stated that they have been trying to do it on their own, but they need some help. They do have a lot of people that are donating items. **Andrew Bermudez** recommended that they collaborate with a nonprofit organization and see if they can help them to get grants by acting as a fiscal agent for them.

Jessica Mann introduced herself to the Council and stated that she is able to get grants, has a meeting place, and would like to partner with All In Maine. She went on to address the Council about the use of drugs in the community and how many people have died. Her goal is to keep the parks in Town clean for our children. **Ms. Mann** stated that she has collaborated with the Town Manager and he has provided her with a room to use at the Town Hall to meet with people. **Ms. Mann** stated that the world isn't what it used to be and we need to realize that a lot of people are

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using drugs and they need a safe place to do so. **Marcia Delaware** asked what they were asking the Council for. **Ms. Mann** stated that she had gotten a quote for a hazardous waste container, and she would like to see it put at Wayside Park. She stated that the quote she got was for \$500 and she would like to have the Town pay for it. **Trampas King** stated that the Rec Department does a spring clean up every year and he also picks up trash on a regular basis and he hasn't found any needles. **Christina Belair** stated that she has lived and worked by Wayside Park for years and she has never seen anyone there using drugs. She feels that if you put a box there it would attract people. Ms. Mann stated that she isn't worried about needles she is concerned with straws and plastic spoons that may have fentanyl on them.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

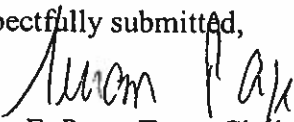
NONE

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