

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF  
June 8, 2023**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Andrew Bermudez, Charles Ellms, Peter Haskell, Marcia Delaware, Adam Briggs, and Levi Ladd

**EXCUSED ABSCENSE:** Heidi Kinney

**STAFF PRESENT:** Marilyn Curtis, Chief Wintle

**I. PUBLIC HEARING**

NONE

**II. MINUTES**

*1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of May 11, 2023*

Motion to approve: **Marcia Delaware**

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes.

**III. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & ELECTIONS**

NONE

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*1. Manager's Report*

**Trampas King** thanked everyone for coming both in person and via zoom. **Mr. King** thanked all his employees. He stated we are short staffed in the front office so please be patient. He thanked Marilyn for everything she does behind the scenes especially now with all the audits. He thanked the Police Department as they are short staffed as well but are doing a great job. The cemetery crew is doing great, and everything looks amazing. **Mr. King** pointed out that the Senior Class has been through a lot in their four years, and they should be commended. **Marcia Delaware** asked how the Town Clean Up Day went. **Mr. King** stated that it was a beautiful day, but they only had 12-13 people show up, but some residents did some cleaning in their own neighborhoods.

*2. Departmental Reports*

**Trampas King** pointed out that the Highway Department already had all of their sand in for the winter which is very impressive. He also pointed out that the ladder truck from the fire station is being housed at the Highway Garage for now because the new fire truck won't fit into its bay. They are working to get it fixed.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

*1. Order A2023-27 Office Closure for June 13, 2023*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby authorizes the closure of the Municipal Office for the School Election on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 in order to allow the clerk to work at the election polls.

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**MARCIA DELAWARE**

Second: **Charles Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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*2. Order A2023-28 Change Date of September 2023 Council Meeting*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby changes the September Council Meeting from Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM to Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00PM due to a staffing conflict.

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**PETER HASKELL**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*3. Order A2023-29 Approve Medical Marijuana Retail License*

**BE IT ORDERED** that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the Medical Marijuana Retail License for Delta Solutions, 399 Corinna Road.

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**LEVI LADD**

Second: **Peter Haskell**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*4. Order A2023-30 Approve Airport Grant for Terminal Building*

**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. 3-23-0016-021-2023** with a date of offer of May 26, 2023 (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 construction of a new terminal building. The Grant Agreement is for an amount not to exceed \$304,000.00.

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**ADAM BRIGGS**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

**Trampas King** stated that this is the second grant of four for this project. This will also be the access road, aprons, fencing, etc.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*5. Order A2023-31 Closure of Town Office for July Holiday*

**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the closure of the Municipal Office on Monday, July 3, 2023. Employees will not be financially compensated unless they use a vacation or personal day.

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**CHARLES ELLMS**

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

*6. Marcia Delaware made a motion to add Order A2023-32 to the agenda*

Second: **Adam Briggs**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

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**BE IT ORDERED**, that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the grant from Bureau of Parks and Lands for the Dexter Rail Riders ATV Club in the amount of \$38,250. The funds are to be used for trail maintenance.

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**MARCIA DELAWARE**

Second: **Peter Haskell**

**Peter Haskell** asked if this money was to help maintain the trails. **Trampas King** stated that it was. They have \$3,000 set aside for washouts and such, but they are working with the D.O.A. for the other trails. This will give us money to do extra things. **Mr. King** stated this is different than the snowmobile grant because this one must go through the Town which will be more work for Marilyn. The club does a great job, and they are always on the go.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

6. *Approve/Sign Cemetery Deed for the following:*

*Ray Pipes*

*Donna Patterson*

**Marcia Delaware** made a motion to approve/sign

Second: **Peter Haskell**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

7. *Discussion on Universalist/Unitarian Church*

**Trampas King** informed the Council that he was approached a week and a half or so ago by some of the Church members looking for help to figure out what they can do with the building. They only have 16 members and there is a lot of upkeep involved. **Mr. King** also brought it up at the DRC meeting to get them involved as well. He would hate to see it torn down as it was the first meeting house in Dexter. He would like to put something out to the public to form a committee for ideas of uses for the building. **Andrew Bermudez** stated that he has people approach him with concerns of it being torn down. It was asked if they were looking for the Town to take it over. **Mr. King** stated that they mostly wanted help finding new owners. He had told them that the Town already has a lot of buildings to maintain. The members had mentioned that they do have money to tear it down and turn it into green space, but he would hate to have that happen. **Mr. King** want anyone with any ideas to let him know.

**VI. PUBLIC FORUM**

**Theresa McMannus** addressed the Council stating that they are very hard to hear in the audience and asked if they could speak up. **Ms. McMannus** asked about the Dexter Rail Riders and if she should join the club as she would like to ride her horses on the Trails. **Trampas King** stated that she should join. **Ms. McMannus** continued on stating that it was a great Memorial Day service, and she is proud to be here although she was hoping that we would have a parade. She thanked the Town for having flags on Spring Street but questioned why we didn't have them on the light poles on Main Street. She offered to purchase them and put them up. **Mr. King** stated that we can only do so much with the light poles as they are weak. We need to figure out where we could put them.

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**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Andrew Bermudez** made a motion to get into executive session per MRSA Sec 405 (6) (a)

Second: **Marcia Delaware**

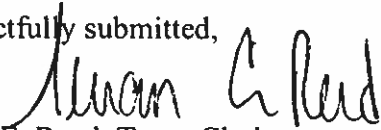
Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

made a motion to adjourn at 7:30

Second:

Vote: unanimous in favor, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,



Susan E. Reed, Town Clerk