

**COUNCIL MINUTES OF
August 12, 2021**

COUNCIL PRESENT: Marcia Delaware, Charles Ellms, Peter Haskell, Andrew Bermudez, David Palmer

EXCUSED ABSCENSE: Steve Gudroe, Heidi Kinney

STAFF PRESENT: Marilyn Curtis, Laura Maul, Kevin Wintle

The Invocation was led by **Andrew Bermudez** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Order A2021-50 Victualers License for Ethan Wright dba Gatherings 4 Main Street
Trampas King stated that it will be similar to how it was previously with lunch being served on Monday and Wednesday.

II. MINUTES

1. Approve/Amend Council Minutes of July 8, 2021

Motion to Approve: **David Palmer**

Second: **Chuck 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. **Mr. King** reported that he would be going to the Day Spring House to present Gertrude Wiley with the Boston Cane for being the oldest female in Dexter. He also gave condolences to the family of **Russ Titus** who was the male cane holder. He passed away at the age of 102. **Mr. King** reported that it was going to be a busy week. The Beatle's Tribute is Friday night at Ellms Field with the Make A Wish Fly In/Cruise In on Saturday at the airport. There was also music in the park on Tuesday night. The Town paving is once again scheduled for next week and the Mill Street bridge will be done in September. **Mr. King** reported that he has been trying to get rid of the geese at the beach. He has placed a beacon there that is supposed to distract them and he also has purchased a pyrotechnic launcher.

2. Departmental Reports

NO COMMENTS

3. Order A2021-50 Victualers License for Ethan Wright dba Gatherings 4 Main Street

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby approves the new Victualer's License for Ethan Wright doing business as Gatherings 4 Main Street, 4 Main Street, subject to the final inspection and approval from the State and local authorities.

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PETER HASKELL

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Second: **Andrew Bermudez**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Order A2021-51 Accept AIP Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby supports the submission of that certain Grant Agreement with the United States of America, Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, identified as **AIP Grant No. 3-23-0016-016-2021** with a date of offer of July 15, 2021 (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 the project for the removal of on and off Airport Property Obstructions for Runways 16/34 and 7/25 Approaches. The Grant Agreement is for \$428,000.00.

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ANDREW BERMUDEZ

Second: **Peter Haskell**

Marcia Delaware asked if we had to pay any in kind monies. **Trampas King** stated that it was all stimulus money so we didn't have to pay anything.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

2. Order A2021-52 Accept Grant from the Department of Environmental Protection for Bridge Repair

BE IT ORDERED, that the Dexter Town Council hereby accepts the grant for the Mill Street Bridge repair in the amount of \$95,000 from the Department of Environmental Protection.

Filed August 12, 2021
CHARLES ELLMS

Second: **Andrew Bermudez**

Trampas King stated that we should have accepted this last year but didn't. The project will start in September.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

3. Proposed Ordinance – Lease Agreement with George Peterson

David Palmer made a motion to place on September agenda for Public Hearing.

Second: **Peter Haskell**

Marcia Delaware stated that she has been in from both sides and the trail system is awesome. It is a little rough but well-marked out.

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

4. Discussion on Tear Down of Dangerous Buildings

Trampas King stated that they were given pictures of two different houses. One house that has burned is on High Street and **Mr. King** reported that the owner can't afford to have it cleaned up and it isn't fair to the neighbors. He will put it out to bid and we can vote on it at next month's meeting. We can also place a lien on the property after we clean it up. **David Palmer** reported

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that the neighbor of the house had chased some kids out of the house. **Mr. King** stated that the other house is on Mechanic Street. The side of the house is bowed out and the neighbor is concerned that it is going to fall on his house. The problem with this property is that there are about five interested parties and **Marilyn Curtis**, the finance director, is concerned that they might not all get properly notified. There will be three years of taxes due this month and the third year will mature in the spring. The Town attorney instructed **Mr. King** to wait until it becomes foreclosed on to take action. **Mr. King** is going to take **Steve Kimball** to look at the structure to make sure that it is stable and won't fall. **Mr. King** also reported that he has sent out fourteen letters to residents about mowing their lawns. He was interested to see that only two of them were behind on taxes.

5. Discussion on Internet Access on Shore Road

Mr. King stated that he had gotten a letter from Spectrum saying that they are going to extend their services on the Shore Road. They asked if the Town would like to add Zions Hill. We would have to pay \$32,000. **Mr. King** stated that we are getting a grant that can be used for this. The money has to be spent within two years of receiving it or we will have to return the unused portion. The Council was in agreement to use \$32,000 of the grant money for this.

6. Sign/Approve Cemetery Deed for the following:

Michael Eaton

Nancy Lammers

Lawrence & Karen Graham

David Palmer made a motion to sign/approve

Second: **Peter Haskell**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

Jeremy Trowbridge addressed the Council with a concern about people mowing grass into the road and not cleaning it up. He stated that it can be very dangerous to motorcycles.

Mr. Trowbridge asked if it could be discussed to possibly make an Ordinance against it. **David Palmer** agreed that it can be a hazard and stated he will look into it. **Chief Kevin Wintle** stated that if they see it occurring they do talk to the offender.

Norman White addressed the Council about the issue of geese at the Lake. He stated that he has called the Department of Agriculture to see if there is a way to permanently get rid of them. **Mr. White** was told that we can hire somebody to come and remove them or they can give permission for certain individuals to shoot them. **Mr. White** stated that we need to clean up the whole lake not just the beach. He addressed the Lake Association about it at the annual meeting but stated that they are more concerned about evasive plants. **Mr. White** stated that **John Woods** is who he talked to and we could get more information from him and he would like for the Town to look into it. He stated that if we don't do something we will be overrun in five years. **Chief Kevin Wintle** spoke up and asked **Trampas King** if they could reach out to somebody for a plan as he would hate to see them get shot. **Mr. King** stated that he had talked to the Department of Agriculture. If we were to shoot them we would have to do it in the spring and get the pairs when they first come. **Mr. Wintle** asked if they can be trapped. **Mr. King** stated that they will trap and

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trailer them and they would be euthanized. It is also quite expensive. **Chuck Ellms** stated that we need to do something but there would be a liability with giving people the authority to shoot them. If that is the way we go we need to give the responsibility to the Police. **David Palmer** stated that there is no easy answer to the problem.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

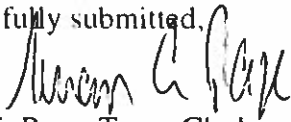
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Andrew Bermudez made a motion to adjourn at 7:35

Second: **Chuck Ellms**

Vote: Unanimous in favor, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,



Susan E. Page, Town Clerk