

MAYOR & COUNCIL
December 2, 2024
MEETING HELD IN-PERSON AND VIA TELECONFERENCE

Mayor Thomas A. Bauer called the regular scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council of Delmar, Delaware to order at 7:00 P.M. This meeting is available to the public, in person with limited seating and via teleconference. In attendance were Vice Mayor Odell Jones, Jr., Council Members Todd Lanier, Mike McClure, and Matthew Waldman. Key Personnel: Town Manager Jeff Fleetwood, Chief Ivan Barkley, Clerk of Council, Vondell Spencer, and Student Advisor Joey Morelli. Guests: Rodney Brown, and Farrah Morelli.

Mayor Bauer called the meeting to order and Chief Barkley led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was established.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Bauer commented he hoped everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holiday.

He said the Tree Lighting Ceremony last night went smooth. Mayor Bauer thanked Joy Smith, St. Stephen's Methodist Church, and all involved for putting on the event.

Mayor Bauer congratulated the Delmar Field Hockey Team on their drive for nine state championships and the town will be honoring them in the next couple of months.

Mayor Bauer wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in advance. He said he hoped everyone has a wonderful holiday season.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Bauer called for a motion to approve the revised November 4, 2024 meeting as circulated. A motion was made/seconded (Jones/McClure) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Abstain (Waldman).

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business –

Resolution #2024-12-2A and Resolution #2024-12-2B WPCRF and DWSRF Loan Closing
Mayor Bauer introduced and read Resolution #2021-12-2A WPCRF, General Obligation Bond for the sewer replacement Phase 3 project. Town Mgr. Fleetwood explained Resolution #2024-12-2A.

Mayor Bauer called for a motion to accept Resolution #2024-12-2A. A motion was made/seconded (Lanier/Waldman) and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes.

Mayor Bauer introduced and read Resolution #2024-12-2B DWSRF, General Obligation Bond, for Lead Service Inventory Service Project. Town Mgr. Fleetwood explained Resolution #2024-12-2B.

Mayor Bauer called for a motion to accept Resolution #2024-12-2B. A motion was made/seconded (Lanier/Jones) and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes.

Adopt Sussex County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mayor Bauer introduced and read the Sussex County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mayor Bauer called for a motion to adopt Sussex County Hazard Mitigation Plan. A motion was made/seconded (Waldman/McClure) and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes.

Student Advisory

Mr. Joey Morelli reported: 1.) Fall sports have finished. Mr. Morelli congratulated the field hockey team on their 9th consecutive state championship and the football and soccer teams who hosted home playoff games. He further congratulated Coach Hearn on earning the AFCA Regional Power of Influence Award. 2.) Winter sports have started. The boys' varsity basketball team has an away game against Delmarva Christian on December 4th at 4:30 p.m. 3.) The girls' varsity basketball team plays Delmarva Christian as an away game on December 4th at 4:00 p.m. 4.) The wrestling team will have the home Delmar Wrestling Invitational on December 13th starting at 3:30 p.m. 5.) There is a math league meet on December 11th. 6.) Winter break starts on December 21st. School will resume on January 6, 2025. 7.) Interim progress reports for marking period 2 will be distributed on December 20th. 8.) Middle school has a chorus concert on December 5th at 7:00 p.m. 9.) High school has a chorus concert tonight starting at 7:00 p.m. 9.) The high school band has a concert December 11th at 7:00 p.m. 10.) The middle school band has a concert December 12th at 7:00 p.m. 11.) Both high school and middle school bands will be participating in the Delmar Christmas Parade on December 7th at 2:00 p.m. 12.) The high school band will also be in the Gumboro Christmas Parade on December 20th.

Committee Reports:

Police Chief's Report – The report is included in the mail packet.

Chief Ivan Barkley reported: 1.) Sunday was the Love Light Tree Lighting which Chief Barkley was unable to attend because he was in Dover, DE attending the Police Officer's Memorial Candlelight Service. 2.) Chief Barkley is looking forward to those that will be attending the Christmas Parade this weekend. 3.) PD is geared up for the holidays. 4.) There will be a greater presence of the officers in the town's business areas during the holidays. 5.) PD is doing their best to get information out to citizens about scams this time of the year. Also, citizens should not be leaving valuables in their vehicles and make sure the vehicles are secure. 6.) Chief Barkley is still

working on PD's Citizen Advisory Committee.

Code Enforcement Officer Report – The report is included in the mail packet.

Public Works – The report is included in the mail packet.

Utility Commission –

Council Member Lanier reported: 1.) Fiscal year 2026 focus will be on the WTP because there is a lot of capital investment that will need to be done at the same time. A conversation occurred.

Parks and Recreation Report – The report is included in the mail packet.

Council Member McClure reported: 1.) There will be no December meeting. 2.) January the committee will start to plan the New Year's Eve Celebration but they will need lots of organizations to help them plan.

Fire Department – No report.

Mayor Bauer stated the FD has their meetings the same night as this council so, the reports will be a month late moving forward.

Planning & Zoning –

Vice Mayor Jones reported:

1. **Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Spruce/Elevation K – Lot 118, 38493 Barberrry St., Delmar, DE** – Mr. Brown presented a new home build as referenced per the attached drawings.

Deputy Mayor Lenox called for a favorable recommendation to the Mayor and Council for – Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Spruce/Elevation K – Lot 118, 38493 Barberrry St., Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings.

Vice Mayor Jones called for a motion to accept – Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Spruce/Elevation K – Lot 118, 38493 Barberrry St., Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings. A motion was made/seconded (Bauer/McClure) and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes.

2. **Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Hazel/Elevation K – Lot 155, 38441 Sandberrry St., Delmar, DE** – Mr. Brown presented a new home build as referenced per the attached drawings.

Deputy Mayor Lenox called for a favorable recommendation to the Mayor and Council for – Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Hazel/Elevation K – Lot 155, 38441 Sandberrry St., Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings.

Vice Mayor Jones called for a motion to accept – Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Hazel/Elevation K – Lot 155, 38441 Sandberry St., Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings. A motion was made/seconded (Waldman/Lanier) and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes.

Town Manager’s Report

Town Mgr. Fleetwood reported: 1.) This Saturday at 2:00 p.m. the Delmar’s 2024 Christmas Parade will take place. The float for the elected officials will be at the town hall parking lot around 9:00 a.m. 2.) The Holiday Employee Luncheon was well received. The employee group thanked the elected officials for allowing the luncheon. 3.) At the close of this calendar year Town Mgr. Fleetwood will provide the elected officials a detailed year-end report of projects completed by all departments. The report will also be published in the Laurel Star for the public. Town Mgr. Fleetwood thanked the Mayor and Council for their support over the last 12 months and he said he is looking forward to calendar year 2025.

Council Comments

- 1.) Council Member Lanier wished everyone Happy Holidays. He said Delmar is looking beautiful and he is happy to be here in Delmar for Christmas.
- 2.) Vice Mayor Jones commented he has heard nothing but positive about the employee luncheon from staff. He apologized for missing it but he personally thanked employees and wished them a Happy Thanksgiving. He further commented the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was nice lastnight. Also, he looks forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Parade. He wished everyone Happy Holiday’s.
- 3.) Council Member McClure agree with Vice Mayor Jones and commented it was a nice tree lighting ceremony and it was a good job by Joy Smith and everyone involved. He said the Chamber of Commerce met a couple of weeks ago and there will not be a meeting in December. January they will elect officers, and in the first quarter of the year they will be working on the Citizen of the Year nominations, the banquet should be April early May.
- 4.) Council Member Waldman echoed all council comments. He said he hoped everyone enjoyed the upcoming holiday season, and he is looking forward to the parade, and the town looks nice for the holiday season.

Public Comments

- 1.) Mr. Rodney Brown inquired about fire lanes in front of FoodLion here in town because people are parking right in front of the store. A conversation ensued.

Adjournment

Mayor Bauer asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made/seconded (Waldman/Jones) and

carried by a roll call vote of 5 Ayes.

Submitted by:

Clerk of Council
Vondell Spencer