# MAYOR & COUNCIL October 8, 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, and Matthew Waldman. Key Personnel: Town Manager Fleetwood, Clerk of Council, Vondell Spencer, and Student Advisor Joey Morelli. Guests: Daniel Webster, Rodney Brown, and Farrah Morelli. Absent: Chief Ivan Barkley and Council Member McClure.

Mayor Bauer called the meeting to order and Mr. Joey Morelli led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was established.

# **Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Bauer thanked everyone for re-electing him. He congratulated Council Members Odell Jones, Jr. and Todd Lanier for serving four more years.

Mayor Bauer welcomed Mr. Joey Morelli the new student advisor for the Delaware side. .

Mayor Bauer informed all in attendance Council Member McClure is excused this evening.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Bauer called for a motion to approve the September 3, 2024 meeting minutes as prepared. A motion was made/seconded (Jones/Waldman) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (McClure).

# **Unfinished Business**

None.

Old Business -

None.

#### New Business -

#### Halloween Resolution #2024-08-10

Mayor Bauer introduced and read Halloween Resolution #2024-08-10. Town Mgr. Fleetwood added if residents do not want trick-or-treaters, they should turn their outside lights off and close their doors.

Mayor Bauer called for a motion to accept the Halloween Resolution #2024-08-10. A motion was made/seconded (Jones/Waldman) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (McClure).

# Public Hearing 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance #184, Impact Fees

Mayor Bauer called for a motion to open the public hearing for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance #184, Impact Fees. A motion was made/seconded (Jones/Lanier) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (McClure).

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Bauer called for a motion to close the public hearing. A motion was made/seconded (Waldman/Jones) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (McClure).

Mayor Bauer read Ordinance #184, Impact Fees.

There was no discussion from the council.

Mayor Bauer called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #184, Impact Fees. A motion was made/seconded (Lanier/Jones) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (McClure).

# Municipal Street Aid Grant

Mayor Bauer reported the amount of the Municipal Street Aid Grant received from the State of Delaware for fiscal year 2024 by the Town of Delmar.

There was no discussion from the council.

Mayor Bauer called for a motion to transfer the Municipal Street Aid Grant funds to the Delmar, DE grant account for reimbursement of allowable expenditures in the amount of \$48,635.11. A motion was made/seconded (Jones/Waldman) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (McClure).

#### Proposed Changes to DE Ordinance #87

Mayor Bauer discussed the changes made to Ordinance #87. The council was in agreeance with the changes.

Mayor Bauer called for a motion to accept the changes to Ordinance #87. A motion was made/seconded (Lanier/Waldman) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (McClure).

#### **Student Advisory**

Mr. Joey Morelli reported: 1.) The Delmar High School Homecoming was a success. 2.) The Delmar Varsity football team won 55-29 vs. Indian River. 3.) The Homecoming King was Khalid Schoolfield and Homecoming Queen was Tylah Brown. Mr. Morelli thanked the town for allowing the parade. 4.) The football team's record so far is 4 wins 1 loss. The next game is home vs. Lake Forest Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Admission cost is \$5.00. 5.) The boys' cross country team's record is 0-6. 6.) The varsity field hockey team's current record is 10-1.

They have an away game against Dover tonight. 7.) Boys' soccer currently has a 6-4-1 record. They have a home game tonight against Milford. 8.) Girls' varsity volleyball's record is 1-9. They have an away game tonight against Sussex Central. 9.) The interim progress reports will be distributed tomorrow, October 9<sup>th</sup> and the end of the marking period is November 4<sup>th</sup>. 10.) Halloween night at the high school will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and will have trick or treating at the school.

# **Committee Reports:**

<u>Police Chief's Report</u> – The report is included in the mail packet.

<u>Code Enforcement Officer Report</u> – The report is included in the mail packet.

<u>Public Works</u> – The report is included in the mail packet.

Parks and Recreation Report – Council Member McClure is excused.

<u>Fire Department</u> – No report.

<u>Planning & Zoning</u> –

Vice Mayor Jones reported:

Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Spruce/Elevation L – Lot 108, 38510 Barberry 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 – Chirs Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Spruce/Elevation K – Lot 108, 38510 Barberry 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 L – Lot 108, 38510 Barberry St., Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings. A motion was made/seconded (Bauer/Waldman) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (McClure).

Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Cedar/Elevation L – Lot 111, 38478 Barberry 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/Cedar/Elevation L – Lot 111, 38478 Barberry St., Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings.

Vice Mayor Jones called for a motion to accept – Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – Stillwater/Cedar/Elevation L – Lot 111, 27478 Barberry St., Delmar, DE, per the attached

drawings. A motion was made/seconded (Waldman/Lanier) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (McClure).

3. Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Hazel/Elevation K – Lot 121, 38511 Barberry 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 121, 38511 Barberry 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 121, 38511 Barberry St., Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings. A motion was made/seconded (Bauer/Lanier) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (McClure).

4. Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Spruce/Elevation K – Lot 115, 38360 Center Circle, 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 115, 38360 Center Circle, 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 115, 38360 Center Circle, Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings. A motion was made/seconded (Waldman/Bauer) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (McClure).

5. Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Cedar/Elevation K – Lot 21, 11751 Silverbell Dr., 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/Cedar/Elevation K – Lot 21, 11751 Silverbell Dr., Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings.

Vice Mayor Jones called for a motion to accept – Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Cedar/Elevation K – Lot 21, 11751 Silverbell Dr., Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings. A motion was made/seconded (Lanier/Waldman) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (McClure).

6. Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Hazel/Elevation K – Lot 22, 11755 Silverbell Dr., 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 22, 11755 Silverbell Dr., 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 22, 11755 Silverbell Dr., Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings. A motion was made/seconded (Waldman/Bauer) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (McClure).

7. Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Dogwood/Elevation K – Lot 150, 11740 Silverbell Dr., 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/Dogwood/Elevation K – Lot 150, 11740 Silverbell Dr., Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings.

Vice Mayor Jones called for a motion to accept – Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Dogwood/Elevation K – Lot 150, 11740 Silverbell Dr., Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings. A motion was made/seconded (Bauer/Lanier) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (McClure).

8. <u>Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Hazel/Elevation K – Lot 152, 11728 Silverbell Dr., Delmar, DE</u> – 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 152, 11728 Silverbell Dr., 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 152, 11728 Silverbell Dr., Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings. A motion was made/seconded (Waldman/Lanier) and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (McClure).

# **Town Manager's Report**

Town Mgr. Fleetwood reported: 1.) Town Mgr. Fleetwood congratulated Mayor Thomas A. Bauer and Council Members Odell Jones, Jr. and Tood Lanier for their victory in the DE Municipal 2024 Election and provided vote counts. Town Mgr. Fleetwood publicly acknowledged Office Manager, Kimberly Layton, Clerk of Council, Vondell Spencer, and the Delmar Public Library Director, Jessica Webb for all their work and help with the election. 2.) Delmar, MD has paving taking place on south Maryland Ave. and west East St. The paving will be complete by the end of the week. Paving on the DE side will be complete within the next week to 10 days. 3.) Town staff have a precon meeting at 2:00 p.m. with Hopkin's Construction to fix Sixth St. For a period of 10 days Sixth St. and Seventh St. will be closed. 4.) Tomorrow the installation of the shade sails will take place at

the West Tot Lot and State St. Park in the kiddie areas. 5.) The new luminated board is installed at town hall. It is not complete due to affixed lettering that has not arrived as of yet. 6.) The town is now live on govdeals.com. The items consist of equipment/cars from every department. 7.) The Employee Holiday Luncheon will take place at the Delmar Fire Department on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. and the elected body is invited. 8.) The Delmar Nursing Home had an open house today at 2:00 p.m. The nursing home is completely renovated. The event was well catered.

#### **Council Comments**

- 1.) Council Member Lanier commented he is glad to be on the council for another four years. He further commented he feels good about Delmar as he ever has.
- 2.) Vice Mayor Jones echoed Council Member Lanier and thanked the citizens for entrusting him for four more years to represent them.
- 3.) Council Member Waldman commented Heritage Day was well done and it was good to see a decent turnout, number of vendors, and great weather. He thanked everyone that helped with the event.

#### **Public Comments**

None.

# Adjournment

Mayor Bauer asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made/seconded (Waldman/Jones) and carried by a roll call vote of 4 Ayes 1 Absent (McClure).

Submitted by:

Clerk of Council Vondell Spencer