

**MAYOR & COUNCIL**  
**MARCH 4, 2024**  
**MEETING HELD IN-PERSON AND VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Mayor Bauer called the regular scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council of Delmar, Delaware to order at 7:30 P.M. This meeting is available to the public, in person with limited seating and via teleconference. In attendance were Vice Mayor Jones, Council Members McClure, Lanier, and Waldman. Town Manager Fleetwood, Chief Barkley, and Clerk of Council Vondell Spencer. Guests: Mike Goldberg, Vince Luca, Farrah Morelli, Julianna Morelli, Carle Johnson, Dean Elliott, Jonathan Layton, and Rodney Brown; via teleconference Chris Brown.

Mayor Bauer called the meeting to order and Mr. Dean Elliott led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was established with five members.

**Mayor's Comments**

None.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Bauer called for a motion to approve the February 5, 2024 meeting minutes. A motion was made/seconded (Jones/McClure) and carried by a roll call vote of 5 Ayes.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business –**

Hometown Hero Banners

State of Delaware Senior Leader for the Children of the American Revolution Representative, Ms.Carolynn Foxwell presented Hometown Hero Banners. A discussion occurred.

Mayor Bauer called for a motion for the Delmar Council to earmark \$10,000 in ARPA funds to pay for the hardware, installation, and removal of the Hometown Hero Banners and 50% of this year's banners. A motion was made/seconded (Bauer/McClure) and carried by a roll call vote of 5 Ayes.

Resolution Terminating Current Retirement Plan

Town Mgr. Fleetwood read and explained Resolution 2024-03-04 terminating the current retirement plan.

Mayor Bauer called for a motion to approve Resolution 2024-03-04 terminating the current

retirement plan. A motion was made/seconded (Lanier/Waldman) and carried by a roll call vote of 5 Ayes.

#### Planning and Zoning Commission Nomination

Mayor Bauer stated several people applied, and several interviews took place. Mr. Jonathan Layton is a local business person, a teacher at Delmar Middle High School (Business Education), and Mr. Layton has a Bachelor's Degree from DE State University.

Mayor Bauer called for a motion to accept Mr. Jonathan Layton for the Planning and Zoning Commission Delaware Resident seat. A motion was made/seconded (Jones/McClure) and carried by a roll call vote of 5 Ayes.

#### **Student Advisory Report –**

Student Advisory Julianna Morelli reported: 1.) The boys' basketball team finished their season with a record of 8 wins 11 losses. The girls' basketball team finished their season with 9 wins 9 losses. 2.) Varsity wrestling finished their season with a record of 9 wins 4 losses. The team sent 7 wrestlers to a state championship. Two of the wrestlers placed and they are Bryce Johnson that came in 6<sup>th</sup> place and Jazmon Snead that placed 8<sup>th</sup>. 3.) The spring sports team have started practicing and are preparing for upcoming scrimmages. 4.) The County Honors Band performed on February 29<sup>th</sup> and Delmar had four participants. The Allstate Honors Band will perform on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and Delmar has two participants. 5.) The high school drama production, "Into the Woods", will be this Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The adult tickets are \$10.00 and students and senior citizens tickets are \$8.00. 6.) There is an art show on March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The calendar that the district recently released shows the talent show on the same day at 7:00 p.m. but Ms. Morelli was informed the talent show has been moved to April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. 7.) SAT testing and PSAT testing is approaching for students. 8.) The school will be closed Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> for a Professional Development Day. Spring break will start March 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Department/Committee Reports:**

##### Police Chief's Report –

Chief Barkley reported: 1.) The two academy recruits are still doing very well. 2.) The two part-time PCO's are now working weekends covering most of the hours except for the short amount of time that PD has to switch over which is better and safer for the officers. 3.) PFC Nicholas Snead finished his SRO (School Resource Officer) Education. PFC Snead would like to start a police youth academy for a couple of weeks during the summer when he can let the youth know some of the things that officers do at PD. This will be more informational for our youth. Chief Barkley said he suggested that PFC Snead partner with the Parks and Recreation Committee to do something for the youth that way they can help fill some gaps with additional information. Mayor Bauer asked Chief Barkley if this included ride-alongs. Chief Barkley answered it would include some ride-alongs but it will be limits. He further answered when this summer program takes place, he will bring PFC Snead in when he is not working to do the summer program so he can give it his full attention. Council Member McClure asked Chief Barkley if the parks could possibly be used as far as basketball courts. Chief

Barkley answered that's why he is suggesting PFC Snead to partner with the Parks and Recreation Committee. 4.) Two of the four new Durango's are currently in service, the third is having a radio programmed, and the fourth is still at the outfitters and due to come back to PD very soon. 5.) Chief Barkley said in the Mayor and Commissioners meeting last month he mentioned some of the scams that are occurring locally. The scammers are targeting some of the towns elderly residents and quite a few have fallen victim to the scams. Chief Barkley asked that everyone please inform the people they knew in their communities about the scams. 6.) The swearing-in/promotion ceremony will be March 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

Water Treatment Plant – The report is included in the mail packet.

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

Mayor Bauer asked Town Mgr. Fleetwood if the fire hydrants were all functioning. Town Mgr. Fleetwood answered the town has two contractors and pricing is being done. There are four hydrants that need to be replaced in their entirety. Two hydrants have been replaced in the last week to ten days.

Utility Commission Report –

Council Member Lanier reported: 1.) There were two reallocation requests. The Pine St. lift station had a pump break down and that cost was \$22,500. Also, money was moved out of the Contingency fund in the amount of \$16,000 for WWTP vendors. 2.) There was an event that an attendee came to discuss.

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

Council Member McClure reported: 1.) The second annual trash pick-ups in the parks are April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. starting at State St. Park. The rain date will be Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. 2.) The first Movie Night will be May 4<sup>th</sup>. The movie will be Star Wars.

Planning & Zoning –

Vice Mayor Jones reported:

1. **Rebecca Ramia/Timothy Ramey Construction, Inc. – New Home Build – 403 N. Second St., Delmar, DE** – No representative was present. Vice Mayor Jones presented this new home build as referenced.

Deputy Mayor Lenox called for a favorable recommendation to the Mayor and Council for – Rebecca Ramia/Timothy Ramey Construction, Inc. – 403 N. Second St., Delmar, DE. – Single Family Home and Garage as submitted subject to all of the standard signatures and change to the north arrow.

Vice Mayor Jones called for a motion to accept – Rebecca Ramia/Timothy Ramey Construction, Inc. – New Home Build – 403 N. Second St., Delmar, DE, per the attached

drawings. A motion was made/seconded (Waldman/Bauer) and carried by a roll call vote of 5 Ayes.

2. **Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Spruce/Elevation K – Lot 7, 11705 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/Spruce/Elevation K – Lot 7, 11705 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/Spruce/Elevation K – Lot 7, 11705 Silverbell Dr., Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings. A motion was made/seconded (Waldman/McClure) and carried by a roll call vote of 5 Ayes.

3. **Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Spruce/Elevation K – Lot 16, 11731 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/Spruce/Elevation K – Lot 16, 11731 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/Spruce/Elevation K – Lot 16, 11731 Silverbell Dr., Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings. A motion was made/seconded (McClure/Waldman) and carried by a roll call vote of 5 Ayes.

4. **Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Hazel/Elevation L – Lot 95, 38316 Stillwater Parkway, 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 L – Lot 95, 38316 Stillwater Parkway, 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 L – Lot 95, 38316 Stillwater Parkway, Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings. A motion was made/seconded (Bauer/McClure) and carried by a roll call vote of 5 Ayes.

5. **Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Tupelo/Elevation K – Lot 105, 11884 Yellow Wood 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/Tupelo/Elevation K – Lot 105, 11884 Yellow Wood Dr., Delmar, DE per the attached drawings.

Vice Mayor Jones called for a motion to accept – Chris Brown/Ryan Homes – New Home Build – Stillwater/Tupelo/Elevation K – Lot 105, 11884 Yellow Wood Dr., Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings. The motion was made/seconded (Waldman/Bauer) and carried by a roll call vote of 5 Ayes.

### Town Manager's Report -

Town Mgr. Fleetwood reported: 1.) Town Mgr. Fleetwood reminded everyone in attendance of the police swear-in/promotion ceremony Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Delmar V.F.W. 2.) The Delmar Middle Senior High School MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for SRO (School Resource Officer) will be provided to the school for their action by the end of the month. 3.) Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> Town Hall will be closed for a trip to the White House in Washington, D.C. and if time allows after the White House Tour a quick tour of the National's Baseball Stadium. Town Mgr. Fleetwood reminded everyone to set the clocks ahead Saturday night because daylight savings time begins.

### **Council Comments**

Council Members Waldman and Lanier had no comment.

Vice Mayor Jones sent his condolences out to Parks and Recreation Committee Member Penny Glasgow for the loss of her son this weekend. He said his prayers go out to her family.

Council Member McClure commented the Delmar Citizen of the Year nominations will be accepted by the Delmar Chamber of Commerce this month. The applications are online.

### **Public Comments**

None.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Bauer asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made/seconded (Jones/Lanier) and carried by a roll call vote of 5 Ayes.

Submitted by:

Clerk of Council  
Vondell Spencer