

**THE CITY OF DEXTER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016**

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.

<b>B. ROLL CALL:</b> Mayor Keough	J. Carson	D. Fisher
	J. Knight	Z. Michels
	J. Smith	R. Tell

Also present: Courtney Nicholls, City Manager; Marie Sherry, Finance Director/Treasurer; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager; Carol Jones, Interim City Clerk; Brenda Tuscano, City Administrative Assistant and Farmers Market Manager; residents and media.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Regular City Council Meeting – April 25, 2016
2. City Council Work Session – April 27, 2016

Motion Smith; support Carson to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2016, Regular City Council Meeting and the minutes of the April 27, 2016, City Council Work Session as presented.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

**D. PRE-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

**E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion Smith; support Fisher to approve the agenda with the following changes:

- Move Consent Item 2 – Dexter Daze closures and event information to New Business Item L-8.
- Move Consent Item 3 – Temporary Closure of Fifth Street Alley to New Business Item L-9.
- Change New Business Item L-4 – Lion’s Park Art Sculpture Selection to a discussion item.

- Change New Business Item L-5 – Bicycle Sculptor Art Selection to a discussion item.

Ayes: Fisher, Knight, Michels, Smith, Carson and Keough

Nays: Tell

Motion carries 6 to 1

## **F. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## **G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

Dennis Berry of 7500 Third Street, Dexter introduced himself as the Vice-President of the Dexter Lion's Club and stated that he was present to answer any questions regarding the sculpture proposed for Lion's Park. The Dexter Lion's Club wants to make a donation to the City of a piece of art depicting a blind person, leader dog and guitar player and have found an even better spot to place the work in the park.

Paul Cousins of 7648 Forest, Dexter stated that he was disappointed that the two selections from the Art Selection Committee have been moved from consideration under the Consent Agenda to discussion items. Mr. Cousins gave a background of how the bike sculpture came about, the donations received for this piece of art, and the placement of it along the bike trail in Dexter at Central and Huron Streets.

Lynn Babcock of 9432 Sundance Trail, Dexter spoke of the Ann Arbor Bike Club's support of this sculpture with a donation and she also handed out information about the Club.

## **H. COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar

## **I. REPORTS**

1. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

Mr. Schlaff submits his report as per packet. Mr. Schlaff gave the following updates and answered questions:

- Question – Is the sewer van needing repairs the same as the vehicle to be replaced? (No)
- Question – How many alleys will have gravel placed on them? (Not sure, did not get a list from the DPW, but they try to get to all of them.)
- The contractor is hoping to do the road work on the Border to Border Trail this week.
- We had hoped to begin road repairs for the cape sealing this week, but other things came up.

- We found two water hydrants out of service on Huron River Drive during inspection and have located the shut-off valves. Will work on the repairs next Sunday.
- Regarding the Fifth Well, did find issues and will cost an additional \$1500 for repairs.
- We have begun hauling sludge and intend to have the primary sludge digester inspected.
- Question – Do you think that the issue with the bearings on the Fifth Well is due to the amount of iron in the well? (It shouldn't be related but we need to schedule a cleaning every three years.)

## 2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

Ms. Aniol submits her report as per packet. Ms. Aniol gave the following updates and answered questions:

- I have received amended and revised plans for Grandview Commons and 8080 Grand Street.
- Last week there were 48 new trees installed in the City.
- Does anyone want to attend the SEMCOG University presentation? (No response.)
- Questions regarding Morningstar's Camp application – Will there be increased foot traffic from the Morningstar day care to the Camp? (Not known.) Does the new site require any special licensing? (Yes, it comes from the State of Michigan.) What happens during inclement weather? (Children will be inside.)
- Question – What is the purpose of the purchase of the additional property for the Grandview Commons along Grand Street? (The developer will be coming back with a new plan with additional units in the space for a total of 80 units.)
- Question – What was the response from the developer of Grandview Commons when the Planning Commission asked about having units facing Baker Road? (There is not room to do this.)
- Question – Has there been any action regarding the Well-Being Center on Baker Road for the amount of things piled up there? (I have taken pictures and will contact them.)

## 3. Boards, Commissions. & Other Reports-“Bi-annual or as needed”

### *Dexter Area Chamber/Dexter Daze – Julie Knight*

Ms. Knight gave the following updates and answered question:

- The Chamber had a resignation of another Board Member and has talked about disbanding.
- The combined Chelsea/Dexter Chamber Golf Outing is June 9 at Reddeman Farms.
- Questions have been raised regarding the continuation and existence of the Dexter Daze event with the potential disbanding of the Dexter Chamber.
- I attended the Dexter Daze Committee meeting on April 2. It was a well run meeting. There was a discussion about having a run event the Saturday morning of Dexter Daze, thankful for the fences from the City, the fireworks display is sponsored by IHA, and booth spaces are filling up.

- Comment – Have a concern that the major contributor to Dexter Daze is Meijer’s and that Busch’s was ignored. Will you take that back to the Committee? (Will do.)
- Question – What was Dexter Daze Committee’s reaction to the Chamber’s plight? (Not much was said.)
- Question - Who will take over the sponsorship of the Friday Night Concerts? (Right now the Chamber is sponsoring them.)

#### 4. Subcommittee Reports

##### *Facilities – April 15 2016 Meeting Notes*

- Mayor Keough reported that the Facilities Committee met and the City Manager is compiling a report. Hope to have something for the next Council meeting.

#### 5. City Manager Report

Ms. Nicholls submits her report as per packet. Ms. Nicholls gave the following updates and answered questions:

- The City Budget meeting will be at Creekside on May 18.
- Show Us Your Hope (part of Relay for Life) will be installing purple ribbons on May 15.
- The City and Justin Breyer are reaching out to graduating seniors to get them registered to vote. Mr. Breyer reported that he will conduct another voter registration drive at the end of September.
- The City will also do increased voter education in the fall to prepare for the November election.
- Mr. Breyer spoke about contacting a representative from the FAA about drones. He asked if Council would like someone to come to a meeting. Discussion followed and the question was asked as to how staff feels about this issue. (The issue could be enforcement or it may only be a fad.)
- Regarding the relocation of the WAVE Bus Stop formerly at the Senior Center, have an intermediate solution at the corner of Hudson and Ann Arbor Street.
- Mr. Breyer spoke about the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee and the criteria or lack thereof for the art selection process. Discussion followed.

#### 6. Mayor’s Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. Mr. Keough gave the following updates:

- Scott Munzel has filed the cross appeal on the Chelsea Wellness Tax Tribunal case.
- I have spent time working with Ms. Nicholls to understand the Dexter Area Fire Department’s retiree and MERS issues.
- I am trying to set up a meeting with the City and DTE regarding the sub-station.
- Question – What was the meeting between you and Todd Clark of Old National Bank about? (I had never met him and we talked a lot about the schools.)

## **J. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$132,470.94

Motion Fisher; support Carson to approve items 1 of the Consent Agenda.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

## **K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:**

None

## **L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:**

1. Consideration of: Setting a Public Hearing for June 13, 2016 for the Budget and Millage Rate

Motion Michels; support Tell to set the Public Hearing for June 13, 2016 to consider the Budget and Millage Rate up to 14.5562 mills.

Ayes: Carson, Fisher, Knight, Michels, Smith, Tell and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Setting a Public Hearing for June 13, 2016 for the 2016-2017 Utility Rate Ordinance

Motion Tell; support Smith to set a Public Hearing for June 13, 2016 for the 2016-2017 Utility Rate Ordinance.

Ayes: Knight, Michels, Smith, Tell, Carson, Fisher and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

3. Consideration of: Recommendation from the Farmers Market/Community Garden Oversight Committee for Improvements to the Farmers Market.

Motion Tell; support Smith to postpone action on the recommendation from the Farmers Market/Community Garden Oversight Committee for improvements to the Farmers Market until a future date.

Ayes: Michels, Smith, Tell, Carson, Fisher and Keough

Nays: Knight

Motion carries 6 to 1

4. Discussion of: Recommendation from the Art Selection Committee on the Lion's Park Sculpture

- A discussion was held regarding the Lion's Park sculpture. Dennis Berry of the Dexter Lion's reminded Council that the Lion's Club will do all of the work to install the piece as well as purchasing the piece. The following questions and comments were given by Council:
- The overall size appears too large for the space.
- Will the edges of the piece be smoothed? (Yes)
- What are the height of the steps and the total height of the piece? (Will have to measure.)
- Why was the sculpture built before approval? (It was a project at Ferris State and needed to be done in a specified time or it wouldn't get done.)
- Could the guitar player be lowered? (The artist felt that it could not.) Could he not be placed on the pedestal? (Possibly)
- The location of the placement of the piece is now different than what was suggested, why? (We now see a better placement than was first mentioned.)
- Comment – A low voltage light could potentially be affixed to the sculpture, which may or may not be used.
- Comment – Would have appreciated a finished proposal with location, heights, maintenance, and any other issues before coming back before the City Council.

5. Discussion of: Recommendation from the Art Selection Committee on the Bicycle Sculpture

A discussion was held about concerns of the height of the piece and the location of placement on private property.

Motion Fisher; Support Carson to remand the proposed ~~Lions~~ Bicycle Sculpture donation back to the Art Selection Committee for further study and to gather the following information:

- Clarify the height of the pole
- Determine color scheme of the bikes
- Identify the location of placement
- Check the safety and cost of the foundation
- Draft an easement agreement with CMR Mechanical

Ayes: Smith, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Knight, Michels and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

6. Consideration of: Recommendation from Planning Commission to Approve a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to Allow for Public Parks in Residential Zoning Districts.

Motion Tell; support Smith pursuant to Section 23.07, Criteria for Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Text and the recommendation of the Planning Commission, City Council moves to approve the amendment to Article II, Section 2.02, Definitions, to add a definition of a public park and make the following change in the definition to read – Noncommercial parks and recreational facilities- Any developed land used for active and/or passive recreational pursuits, within the jurisdiction and control of a governmental agency, commonly referred to as a

public park; and Article X, R-1A and R-1B, One Family Residential District, Section 10.02 Permitted Uses, to allow a public park use in residential districts, as cited herein.

Ayes: Tell, Carson, Fisher, Knight, Michels, Smith and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

7. Discussion of: Coal Tar Regulation

Motion Smith; support Fisher to postpone discussion on the Coal Tar Regulation until the next meeting.

Ayes: Fisher, Knight, Michels, Smith, Carson and Keough

Nays: Tell

Motion carries 6 to 1

8. Consideration of: Closure of Central Street from Main to Fifth from August 10, 2016 at 9 am to August 14, 2016 at noon and Jeffords between the alley and Forest from Friday, August 12, 2016 (once the cars are cleared out after the close of the fair) to Saturday, August 13, 2016 after the fireworks for the Annual Dexter Daze event.

Motion Smith; support Fisher to approve the request from the Dexter Daze Committee regarding closure of the roads for the August 12 and 13 events.

Ayes: Knight, Michels, Smith, Tell, Carson, Fisher and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

9. Consideration of: Closure of the Alley off of Fifth Street (between Central and Dover) from 12 pm to 12 am for a Graduation Party on June 11, 2016

Motion Smith; support Michels to approve the closure of the alley off of Fifth Street for a Graduation Party on June 11, 2016.

Ayes: Michels; Smith; Tell, Carson; Fisher, Knight and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

**M. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Tell	None
Fisher	None
Carson	None
Jones	None
Smith	None
Knight	None

Michels The silt fence for Lion's Park is installed backwards. I look forward to working with the Art Selection Committee and the Facilities Committee and will be asking a lot of questions.

**N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

Paul Cousins of 7648 Forest Street, Dexter would like to be informed on the future coal tar discussion. Also I like the better location for the Lion's Park sculpture. The City should not allow the Chamber of Commerce to close. They can help prevent this with leadership.

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Carson; support Smith to adjourn at 11:14 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones  
Interim Clerk, City of Dexter

Approved for Filing: \_\_\_\_\_