

**THE CITY OF DEXTER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 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. ROLL CALL: Mayor Keough	J. Carson	D. Fisher-ab
	J. Knight	Z. Michels-ab
	J. Smith	R. Tell

Also present: Courtney Nicholls, City Manager; Marie Sherry, Treasurer/Finance Director, Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Carol Jones, Interim City Clerk; and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular City Council Meeting – December 12, 2016

Motion Smith; support Knight to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2016, Regular City Council Meeting as presented.

Unanimous voice vote approval with Council Members Fisher and Michels absent.

D. PRE-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Carson; support Smith to approve the agenda as presented.

Unanimous voice vote approval with Council Members Fisher and Michels absent.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar

I. REPORTS

1. Treasurer/Finance Director – Marie Sherry

Ms. Sherry submits her report as per packet. Ms. Sherry answered the following question:

- Question – How is the \$38,776.57 for Essential Services calculated? (The answer is the taxable value provided by the State multiplied by the lowest operating millage rate since 2012 divided by 1000, less the DDA capture, multiplied by the essential services percentage calculated in 2012.)
- Comment – Thank you for explaining the Personal Property Revenue process.

2. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

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

- Question – Since we moved into snow plowing before the last of the leaf pickup, what will happen to these leaves? (We will try to go out and see if any existing piles can be picked up with the front end loader.)
- Question – After the eight inches of snow, did you notice the plowed snow by Parts Peddler was piled up over the sidewalk and the [Alley](#) alley [sidewalk](#) was not cleaned? (Yes we did call someone today about their snow removal.)
- Why did the depth of the 5th well go down by a foot? (The operator left the well on longer than necessary when filling the tower.)

3. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

Ms. Aniol submits her written report as per packet.

- Comment – Ms. Nicholls spoke about the upcoming Planning Commission meeting on January 3rd and the meeting held on December 19th with the Michigan Economic Development Commission. Discussion followed.

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

None

5. Subcommittee Reports

None

6. City Manager Report

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

- When looking at the recent Doodle Poll, I am suggesting that we hold the Facilities Workshop on January 7th.
- Webster Township has passed the annexation of the Mill Creek Adventure property and Scio Township will be voting on this on January 10th.

- I will be attending the Dexter District Library Board meeting on January 2nd regarding DDA legislation regarding TIF capture.
- It has been a long time since City Council has met with the various City Boards and Commissions. Since there is a 5th Monday in January, maybe we could meet on January 30th. It was also suggested that City Council meet with each Board and Commission one hour prior to regular Council meetings over a period of weeks, or attend the Board and Commission meetings. Discussion followed.
- Comment – We have not had an updated directory of Board and Commission members. (I do have this and will get it to Council.)

7. Mayor's Report

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

- I will try to have draft dates for upcoming Goal Setting Workshops, the City Manager Review and Budget Meetings at the next Council meeting.
- Question – Was there any reaction from Foremost Development? (We have received no response as of yet.)
- The DAFD Board did pass the 2017 fire budget of approximately 1.9 million dollars which is up about \$70,000 from last year. Data on runs is not yet finished. It looks like the City is closer to a 35% of the runs rather than 32% or 33% as we had hoped.
- Question – Did the Fire Board get \$100,000 commitments from the other municipalities? (The Board is not sure how they want to handle this.)
- The annual Economic Development Corporation meeting was held on December 16th. One thing that was brought up was high speed internet versus cable in the City and the expansion of fiber optics.
- Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$128,189.90
2. Consideration of: 2017 Meeting Calendar

Motion Carson; support Smith to approve items 1 and 2 of the Consent Agenda.

Unanimous voice vote approval with Council Members Fisher and Michels absent.

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

None

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

None

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tell None

Fisher Absent
Carson Happy New Year
Jones Happy New Year
Smith Happy New Year
Knight Happy New Year
Michels Absent

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

O. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PENDING LITIGATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268

Motion Tell; support Knight to move into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268 at 8:08 PM.

Ayes: Knight, Smith, Tell, Carson and Keough
Nays: None
Absent: Fisher and Michels
Motion carries

Motion Tell; support Carson to leave Closed Session at 8:14 PM.

Ayes: Tell, Carson, Smith, Knight and Keough
Nays: None
Absent: Fisher and Michels
Motion carries

Motion Tell; support Smith to approve the [recommended](#) settlement from the City Assessor as discussed in the Closed Session.

Ayes: Smith, Tell, Knight, Carson and Keough
Nays: None
Absent: Fisher and Michels
Motion carries

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Carson; support Smith to adjourn at 8:17 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval with Council Members Fisher and Michels absent

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Interim Clerk, City of Dexter

Approved for Filing: _____