

**THE CITY OF DEXTER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.

**B. ROLL CALL:** Mayor Keough

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| P. Cousins | D. Fisher  |
| J. Knight  | Z. Michels |
| J. Smith   | R. Tell    |

Also present: Courtney Nicholls, City Manager; Marie Sherry, Treasurer/Finance Director; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager/Clerk; Carol Jones, Recording Secretary; Tom Stringer and Scott Munzel, City Attorneys; residents and media.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Regular City Council Meeting – June 25, 2018
2. City Council Work Session – June 25, 2018

Motion Smith; support Knight to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting and the minutes of the June 25, 2018 City Council Work Session with the following correction on the Regular City Council Meeting minutes:

- Page 3, the first bullet point in the City Manager’s Report should read, “The next newsletter will be coming out in mid July and asked whether anyone has [idesideas](#) for the newsletter.”

Unanimous voice vote approval.

**D. PRE-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

**E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

Unanimous voice vote approval.

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

## Show Cause Hearing – 2865 Baker Public Nuisances

Consideration of: Action regarding 2865 Baker Public Nuisances

Mayor Keough opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 PM. Ms. Aniol explained the purpose of the Public Hearing – that it would allow the City of Dexter to move forward with prosecution for Public Nuisances at 2865 Baker Road. She also reviewed the violations and steps to have these items rectified.

Richard Weaver, 9113 Stoneyfield stated that he will be moving into the area on Grand Street and wondering what will be done with this property.

John Weber of 10331 Fleming Road also inquired what would be done with this property as the buildings are in bad shape and need to come down. There was no one present representing the property in question. Mayor Keough closed the Public Hearing at 7:20 PM.

Motion Michels; support Fisher to direct the City Attorney to pursue prosecution of the property owners at 2865 Baker Road.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

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

Andrew Covert of 3550 Edison Street introduced himself as a Boy Scout from Troop 442 and he is attending the meeting to earn his Citizenship in the Community Badge as part of his Eagle Scout project.

## **H. COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar

## **I. REPORTS**

1. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

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

- The storm water work is mostly done on Dan Hoey Road, and they are now working on the entrance to the Industrial Park.
- Tomorrow there will be a progress meeting on the Baker Road roundabout project.
- Water usage this past Sunday was 936,000 gallons, which is extremely high. Staff will need to hand out reminders about watering and usage.
- We have started hauling sludge today.

## 2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

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

- The Trailblazer signs for Jolly Pumpkin have been put on hold due to the construction and also because Washtenaw County Road Commission does not support these types of signs.
- The 150 Jeffords project is moving forward. There is an issue with a piece of the property that still needs to be worked out.
- I have been working with DexTech on a noise complaint at the business due to the opening of doors in the evening because of heat.

## 3. Board, Commission & Other Reports

None

## 4. Subcommittee Reports

None

## 5. City Manager Report – Courtney Nicholls

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

- The City has received a FOIA request for emails regarding Dexter Wellness and City Attorney Scott Munzel will be reviewing the documents.
- The MERS defined benefit funding has reached 88%.
- Today ends the inspection period for DTE. The first check for the property will be cut.
- Grand Street looks good and the area has been cleaned up.

## 6. Mayor's Report – Shawn Keough

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

- Council received a letter from the Schools, which will be discussed at a later meeting.

## **J. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$566,169.29
2. Consideration of: Sale of Alcohol at Dexter Daze

Motion Fisher; support Michels to approve items 1 and 2 of the Consent Agenda.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

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

None

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

1. Consideration of: Resignation of City Assessor Chris Renius

Motion Cousins; support Smith to accept the resignation of City Assessor Chris Renius effective August 8, 2018.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Updates to Engineering Standards

Motion Smith; support Knight to approve the updates to the Engineering Standards.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

3. Consideration of: Roundabout Landscaping

Motion Michels; support Fisher to direct staff to get quotes for roundabout landscaping of Example A for both Dan Hoey and Baker Roads and Dongara and Baker Roads.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

4. Consideration of: Resolution to Compensate the Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion Fisher, support Cousins to table action on a resolution to compensate the Zoning Board of Appeals until it is clarified as to who is eligible for compensation.

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

Nays: None

Motion ~~carries~~[carries](#)

5. Consideration of: Sale of Utility Vehicle via Online Auction

Motion Michels; support Smith to approve the sale of the 2002 Chevy Silverado to the highest bidders via the GovDeals website and to increase the price to be paid to Todd Wenzel Buick GMC by \$1,000 due to not providing a trade in vehicle.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

6. Consideration of: Acceptance of 2018-2019 Budget Document

Motion Fisher; support Michels to accept the City of Dexter's Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget document as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

7. Consideration of: Liquor License for Plein Air

Motion Knight; support Cousins to approve the resolution for the liquor license request for Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

**M. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Michels CAPT/DART will meet on Wednesday, July 25 to discuss housing. I would be in favor of ordinances that would reduce the amount of notices that the City has to send to handle property violations.

Knight None

Smith None

Jones None

Fisher None

Tell None

Cousins None

**N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

**O. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION (Power Wellness V. City of Dexter; Five Healthy Towns v. City of Dexter) IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268 Sec.8**

Motion Fisher; support Michels to move into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation (Power Wellness v. City of Dexter; Five Healthy Towns v. City of Dexter) in accordance with MCL 15.268 Sec. 8. At 8:22 PM

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Smith; support Fisher to leave Closed Session at 9:25 PM.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Smith; support Fisher to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer  
Assistant to the City Manager/Clerk

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