

**THE CITY OF DEXTER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019**

A. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council 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

S. Bell	P. Cousins
D. Fisher	J. Knight
Z. Michels	J. Smith

Also present at Council Meeting: Courtney Nicholls, City Manager; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager/Clerk; Carol Jones, Recording Secretary; Patrick Droze, OHM Advisors; Robert Smith, Dexter Area Fire Department Chief; residents and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular City Council Meeting – February 11, 2019
2. City Council Work Session – February 11, 2019

Motion Smith; support Knight to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting and the minutes of the February 11, 2019 City Council Work Session with the following correction:

- Page 4 of the Regular City Council meeting, the second bullet point under Ms Aniol's report, change the word *in* in the last sentence to the word *to*.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

D. PRE-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

1. Presentation from Meeder Investments

Mike Kloak presented the City's quarterly investment report.

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Unanimous voice vote approval.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Amy Smith of 7910 Ridgeway Court spoke of seeing tonight's agenda and having read the memorandum from OHM Advisors from the Council packet. She stated that she is looking forward to hearing the report on how safety will be handled for the children of the community.

Pete Potsos of 3630 Meadow View Drive and a business owner on Broad Street stated his opposition to the purchase of property at Dexter-Ann Arbor Road and Meadow View. He feels that he has not seen anything with public participation reviewing fire hall sites and is concerned about the response times to the downtown area as well as fire suppression in the downtown. He is also concerned about those residents who currently live behind the Dexter-Ann Arbor Road site and encourage Council to move ahead with the public meeting.

Mishelle Lamarand of 7631 Ann Arbor Street spoke about moving to Dexter because of the walkability of the community, but she feels she cannot do this safely in Dexter because of the way people drive.

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:

- After the last day and a half, the 5th Well is finally back operating after the power outage issues. The street light at Broad and Main was also out due to the high winds.
- There was no asbestos found in the pipes at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

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

- I have been trading phone calls with Mr. Jeffries about a small craft beer location in the City.
- I will be meeting with Ms. Bishop from AR Brouwer tomorrow about a potential out lot development on the Country Market site.
- I have a meeting Wednesday afternoon with a reporter from Crain's Detroit. He is doing an article on "Cool Cities" which was a term used during the Granholm administration. I was contacted because of the move of Commonwealth Heritage to Dexter because they could not find the talent

needed in their previous Jackson location. What has happened in larger cities is now happening in smaller cities like Dexter.

- Because of the interest in safety of Dexter children, could the schools look at the Safety Patrol Program for crosswalk crossings. The program has markedly reduced fatalities in children 5-14 years of age.
- Council Member Cousins spoke of the perceived concern from MC3 on the eliminations of the Community Gardens due to the upcoming projects.

3. Board, Commission & Other Reports

None

4. Subcommittee Reports

5. City Manager Report – Courtney Nicholls

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

- April 27 will be the Town Hall Meeting on facilities.
- I am working with the Dexter District Library to add banner poles near the Library's location.
- I have 50% engineering drawings for the Mill Creek Park Trail Phase II to hand out.

6. Mayor's Report – Shawn Keough

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

- I want to thank the Council for a very good Goal Setting Session this past Saturday. The next one will be March 23, 2019 at the Senior Center.
- I have contacted the seven students who have applied to be Student Representative on City Council, Boards, Commission and Committees. I will have recommendations for appointments at the next Council meeting.
- The DDA meetings scheduled for February 21, 2019 and February 22, 2019 did not have a quorum.
- I will be attending a meeting on Wednesday with Waste Management.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$299,616.41
2. Consideration of: Change in Route for the Jolly Pumpkin Run on Sunday, April 14, 2019

Motion Fisher; support Smith 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. Discussion of: Pedestrian Safety Improvements

Patrick Droze of OHM Advisors gave background on Dexter pedestrian mobility which reviewed the Dan Hoey Road, Baker Road, and Dexter-Ann Arbor Road crossings and what may and may not work for Dexter. He also listed some of the next steps that the City should consider:

- Redo walking maps for the City;
- Educate the community on the crossings to use;
- Improve the lighting at the crossings;
- Develop a City policy for the implementation of crosswalk enhancements;
- Analyze designations of the major streets in the City;
- Establish a budget and add to the CIP; and.
- Coordinate pedestrian safety improvements with Dexter Community Schools.

2. Discussion of: Future Road/Sidewalk Projects

Ms. Nicholls presented road projects through 2023 and the adding of a pedestrian enhancement project in 2019. She also asked for direction for the Grand Street project. Discussion followed.

3. Consideration of: Placement of Council Member’s Report Items on the Council Agenda

Discussion followed on where to place Council Members Reports on the agenda, or if the term “Reports” it should be added to the Council Comments. No vote on the item.

4. Consideration of: Bid Award for Crack Seal to K & B Asphalt for an amount not to exceed \$20,000

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to approve the bid award for Crack Seal from K & B Asphalt for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Cousins I should be here for all of the upcoming meetings even though I am going to California to see my son.

Bell None

Fisher It is nice to see residents here at the meeting.

Jones I certainly did like the MSU –U of M game on Sunday.

Smith None
Knight None
Michels I will not be able to attend the CAPT/DART meeting on Wednesday. They will be talking transportation. I also will not be able to attend the Housing Commission meeting. I would hope that our discussion on crossing safety affects adults as well as children. Since I have been working at an ice rink, I would like to see something like that built in Dexter.

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Julie Schumaker of the Dexter School Board thanked City Council for considering safe ways to get to schools, as currently it is dangerous for adults as well as children. We also need to consider adequate lighting on the road and not all traffic is school related.

Jill Boydston of 6951 Wellington Drive thanked Council for all of the time put into the issue of safe walking to the Schools as well as to locations downtown. A lot of the roads in the community are dark and need improvements. She would like to suggest using high school students as crossing guards.

Stuart Imfeld of 7819 Ann Arbor Street spoke of a close call in crossing the street to come here this evening due to the street lighting. He urged Council to not wait to make improvements, just start fixing the areas that need to be fixed.

Amy Smith of 7910 Ridgeway Court stated that she was pleased that the City is moving forward with collaboration with the Schools on walking safety in Dexter and she will be looking forward to the next steps.

O. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION (TAX TRIBUNAL CASES) IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268 Sec 8

Motion Smith; support Cousins to go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268 Sec. 8 with the following non-Council Members present at the meeting: Carol Jones, Recording Secretary; Courtney Nicholls, City Manager; Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk; Marie Sherry, Treasurer/Finance Director/Assessor; and Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager at 9:35 PM.

Ayes: Knight, Fisher, Bell, Michels, Smith, Cousins and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries

Motion Smith; support Fisher to leave the Closed Session at 9:48 PM.

Ayes: Smith Michels, Fisher, Bell, Knight, Cousins and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries

Motion Smith; support Knight to proceed as discussed in the Closed Session.

Ayes: Fisher, Michels, Knight, Cousins, Smith, Bell and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Smith; support Cousins to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer
Assistant to the City Manager/Clerk

Approved for Filing: _____