

**THE CITY OF DEXTER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2019**

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

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:06 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-ab
Z. Michels	J. Smith

Student Representatives:  
A. Covert-arr. 7:38PM  
I. Malek-ab

Also present at Council Meeting: Courtney Nicholls, City Manager; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Justin Breyer, City Clerk and Assistant to the City Manager; Mike Auerbach, Assistant Planner; Carol Jones, Recording Secretary; residents and media.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

1. Regular City Council Meeting – August 12, 2019

Motion Smith; support Cousins to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting with the following correction:

- Page 1; Approval of the Agenda, the Unanimous vote should read “Unanimous voice vote approval with Council Member Cousins absent.”

Unanimous voice vote approval with Council Member Knight absent.

**D. PRE-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:**

None

**E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

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

Unanimous voice vote approval with Council Member Knight absent.

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None

**G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:**

## **H. COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar

Mayor Keough reported that the WATS meeting had been cancelled. Council Member Cousins reported that the WAVE Board meeting is on Thursday, August 29, 2019 not on August 27, 2019; and that the Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce did meet today and their meetings will be the last Monday of the month.

## **I. REPORTS:**

1. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

Mr. Schlaff submits his written report as per packet. Ms. Nicholls provided the following updates due to Mr. Schlaff's absence:

- F&V should be at the September 9, 2019 meeting to give a report.
- The Central Street project is moving along.
- Cement is being poured for the Forest Street sidewalk.
- The rapid flashing beacons have been ordered.

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

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

- At the last meeting, vacation of alleys in Dexter was discussed. There are eight public rights-of-way that have been identified as vacated, but the vacations have not been recorded. To handle this issue the City should do a new Public Hearing giving residents involved proper notice; identify how many of the alleys have utilities above and below ground; prepare a resolution to file with the County; and adjust the property identification. Discussion followed.
- The City office had a rash of calls regarding yellow jackets in town. They are being taken care of.

3. Board, Commission & Other Reports

Council Member Cousins reported on the following:

- Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce – Executive Director, Betsy Sallade-Farina has resigned; they have no budget yet and an audit has not been completed; they are not in compliance as a non-profit organization; and Dexter Daze has requested to leave Chamber. Discussion followed.

4. Subcommittee Reports

None

5. City Manager Report – Courtney Nicholls

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

- The City should close on the MAVD property on Wednesday, August 28, 2019.
- Paint Dexter was very successful this year.
- 160 people requested swaps of their toters from 96-gallons down to 64-gallons.
- We still have an issue with crossing guards in the City as we have not received any applications. The City will be using the road crossing signs from downtown until the rapid flashing beacons can be put into place. We will also be doing a promotional video to demonstrate safe crossings.
- I am working on a newsletter about pedestrian safety.

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

- I have asked Mr. Smith to be a part of the union negotiation team along with Ms. Nicholls and Ms. Sherry.
- There will be a pre-trial hearing on the Power Wellness Tax Tribunal case this Friday.
- Happy Labor Day. It is almost September.

7. Council Member Reports

None

**J. CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$412,136.12

Motion Fisher; support Bell to approve item 1 of the Consent Agenda.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Knight

Motion carries

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

None

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

1. Consideration of: Acceptance of Scope of Work from Partners in Architecture for an amount not to exceed \$7,800

Motion Cousins; support Bell to approve the Scope of Work from Partners in Architecture for an amount not to exceed\$7,800.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Knight

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: CAPT/DART/Rep. Donna Lasinski Transportation Forum

Council Member Michels gave an explanation of the purpose of the forum. Discussion followed on priority items for Dexter and the Dexter Area which included:

- Island Lake Road/Dexter-Chelsea Road/Dexter-Pinckney Road geometrics;
- Mast Road/Huron River Drive/Joy Road geometrics;
- Continuance of the Border to Border Trail to Scio and Chelsea; and
- Commuter stops for the railroad.

3. Consideration of: Acceptance of 2019-2020 Budget Document

Motion Cousins; support Smith to accept the 2019-2020 Budget as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Knight

Motion carries

**M. COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Cousins Happy Labor Day. September 1, 2019 is a special day as it is my birthday and anniversary.

Bell None

Fisher None

Jones I would like to invite you to attend the Support of Gordon Hall Fund-raising Dinner on September 21, 2019 at Chelsea Hospital.

Smith None

Michels Last year I remember hearing a strange sound on Friday nights in the fall. I hope that I continue to hear that sound this year.

Covert I apologize for being late to the meeting due to football practice, and it was a wet one.

Malek Absent

Knight Absent

**N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:**

None

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Smith; support Fisher to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval with Council Member Knight absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer

City Clerk and Assistant to the City Manager

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