

**THE CITY OF DEXTER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>3</sup>, 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

Student Representatives:

A. Covert - AB  
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; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Mike Auerbach, Assistant Planner; Carol Jones, Recording Secretary; residents and media.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

1. City Council Work Session – September 9, 2019
2. Regular City Council Meeting – September 9, 2019

Motion Smith; support Knight to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2019 City Council Work Session and the September 9, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting with one correction:

Page 5, Item H Communications, *The Chamber of Commerce will meet at 9 AM, not 9 PM.*

Unanimous voice vote approval.

**D. PRE-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:**

None

**E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

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

Unanimous voice vote approval.

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None

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

Jim McCargar of 3580 Hudson Street spoke of a recent Letter to the Editor in the Sun Times regarding Avalon Housing. He stated that as a past school teacher he knows that there are homeless children in Dexter and that there is a need for the services provided by Avalon.

Robert Murphy of 3713 Bristol Drive spoke of the 1930's when he grew up and there were a great deal of people who lived in the community with limited incomes.

## **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 provided the following updates:

- On Forest Street, the stormwater main and manholes are being installed. We have received positive comments from residents for keeping them informed.
- On Central Street, the curbs have been finished and sidewalks poured. Asphalt will be poured beginning the week of September 30, 2019.
- Lead and copper sampling this year has some changes from past years. We will need to republish the report to include newly required language.
- The Wastewater Treatment Plan will be hosting an open house on October 17, 2019 from 4-6 PM.
- Wednesday through Friday this week, hydroseeding and asphalt work will be done at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Ms. Nicholls reported that the DDA did approve the project to reset the bricks by Aubree's.

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

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

- Previously Council had approved the MDOT Tourist and Destination signage for the Encore Theatre, but Jolly Pumpkin waited to submit their request due to road construction. Jolly Pumpkin is now ready to re-engage with MDOT for the signs. Two of the signs are in the City while the third is in Scio Township. Discussion followed on allowing these signs.
- I have received correspondence from the Ann Arbor Economic Development Corporation and a proposal to sit down with other Economic Development Corporations in Washtenaw County to examine how they can help each other.
- The development at 3075 is going forward and the applicant does understand the process if she wants to divide the property.

3. Board, Commission & Other Reports

Washtenaw County Sheriff – August 2019 Report included in the packet

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 bike rack issue on Main Street was discussed by the DDA. The DDA did not like the idea of expanding the existing rack behind the Dairy Queen and would like to look at other possible locations.
- The Grand Street project has been pushed back until there is a design which should be available in October.
- The signal at Meadowview will be changing starting Thursday to allow pedestrians time to cross before cars begin moving.
- The City has had a request again this year to have scarecrows displayed for Apple Daze and leave them up until Halloween.
- Included in the packet are two letters to the Water Resources Division of EGLE (Environment, Great Lakes & Energy) with comments on the draft TMDL (total maximum daily load) of phosphorous. Discussion followed.
- On October 14, 2019 a work session will be held on the Fire Station and possibly City Offices.

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

- The Suds on the River event was great.
- I participated in a conference call regarding the October 4, 2019 presentation for the Cityhood MML Training Session.

7. Council Member Reports

None

**J. CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$382,605.69
2. Consideration of: Closure of Central Street from Main to Fifth from 7 am to 6 pm for Apple Daze on October 5, 2019
3. Consideration of: Setting a Public Hearing for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Request for k-Space on October 28, 2019

Motion Fisher; support Bell to approve items 1, 2 & 3 of the Consent Agenda.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

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

None

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

1. Consideration of: Purchase and Installation of Industrial Park Sign from Signs in One Day for Not to Exceed \$16,000

Motion Smith; support Michels to approve the purchase and installation of a new Industrial Park Sign from Signs in One Day for an amount not to exceed \$16,000.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Discussion of: Mast Rd. Property

Ms. Nicholls explained how this piece of property could be useful for access to the Huron River and to what extent the City may be involved. Council Member Cousins spoke of meeting with interested parties and walking the property. Rebecca Esselman, Executive Director of the Huron River Watershed Council, explained that there is a timeline to put an offer in front of the owners which is October 4, 2019.

It was suggested that Mayor Keough and Council Member Cousins represent City Council in discussing the Mast Road property.

**M. COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Cousins I will miss the October 14, 2019 meeting.

Bell None.

Fisher At Hudson Street and Baker Road, the gas station has a bush that needs trimming.

Jones None

Smith None

Knight None

Michels October 19, 2019 is the Transportation Town Hall sponsored by CAPT/DART from 10 AM-Noon at the Chelsea Senior Center.

Covert Absent

Malek Absent

**N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:**

None

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Smith; support Fisher to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer  
City Clerk and Assistant to the City Manager

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