

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

A. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:08 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; Mike Auerbach, Assistant Planner; Carol Jones, Recording Secretary; Megan Masson-Minock, CWA; Robert Smith, Dexter Area Fire Department Chief; Sgt. Al Hunt, Washtenaw County Sheriff Department; residents and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Regular City Council Meeting – November 11, 2019

Motion Smith; support Knight to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting as presented.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

D. PRE-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

Wa Hubbard – Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee Chair

Ms. Hubbard addressed Council regarding the Paint Dexter Plein Air Event which was instituted by the Arts Culture & Heritage Committee (ACH). It has become a growing community event much like Dexter Daze and it has been a challenge for the Committee to achieve other goals. The Committee is proposing to hire someone or a firm to take on the event with supervision by ACH or staff at a proposed cost of \$6,000.

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve the agenda with the following changes:

) Remove New Business Item L-3, Replacement Radiator for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Generator; and

) Additional information on New Business item L-5, Community Garden.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Alley Vacation on Forest

Council Member Smith recused himself from the Council table at 7:30 PM.

Mayor Keough opened the Public Hearing at 7:31 PM. Ms. Aniol gave a review of the request to approve the alley vacation between 7765 Forest and 7815 Forest. Mayor Keough closed the Public Hearing at 7:40 PM.

Consideration of: Resolution to Approve Alley Vacation Request

Motion Cousins; support Bell based on the information provided by the petitioners and staff, and reflected in the minutes of this meeting, City Council moves to adopt the Resolution to Vacate the Alley between 7765 Forest and 7815 Forest with the addition of “whereas DTE has no objection to said vacation of said public alley, and” after ~~he~~ the seventh whereas in the resolution.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Smith

Motion carries

Council Member Smith returned to the table at 7:42 PM

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

Todd Austin of 3594 Ryan Drive read a statement regarding the Community Garden and its relocation focusing the need for the raised beds, which are currently in disrepair.

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar

The following updates were given regarding the meeting list:

-) No CAPT/DART in December
-) No Fire Board meeting in December
-) No Urban County Executive Committee in December

I. REPORTS:

1. Washtenaw County Sheriff – Sgt. Hunt

Sgt. Hunt explained the recent rotation of Lieutenants in preparation for the selection of a new Captain on December 6, 2019. He also discussed the issue of staffing throughout all of the County Sheriff Offices and that Shop with a Cop takes place December 4, 2019.

2. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

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

-) Work is being done on the mixer at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
-) We received a new truck on Thursday.
-) We will be auctioning-off some ~~equipment~~ equipment.

3. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

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

-) The Trailblazer sign for Jolly Pumpkin will be allowed by the Road Commission on the sign for the Industrial Park. The City and the Road Commission will need to discuss the approval process.
-) I met with DTE and DexTech regarding the intermittent service in the Industrial Park. It was recommended to put a second meter in at DexTech to determine when interruptions happen. They may be due to getting a nondirect feed from the substation. There will be another meeting after the first of the year between DTE and DexTech.

4. Board, Commission & Other Reports

None

5. Subcommittee Reports

None

6. City Manager Report – Courtney Nicholls

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

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-) The SAW Meeting on December 9, 2019 will start at 5:30 PM.
-) The City will be launching the new website on December 12, 2019.
-) We have seen a decline in fraudulent check activity.
-) I met last week with HART and they may be able to store their vehicle at the Webster Township Fire Station.
-) The auditor should be giving the report on the audit at the next meeting.
-) The ice rink will be installed next week.
-) I attended the State of Homelessness in Washtenaw County meeting.

7. Mayor Report – Shawn Keough

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

-) It appears that the property at Mast Road and Huron River Drive has a potential buyer.
-) We are continuing to work on union negotiations.
-) The networking breakfast on November 13, 2019 was well set up and well attended.
-) I am trying to set up a tour opportunity of Avalon Housing projects.
-) A person from the group calling themselves the Parents for Student Safety Committee has requested to speak at the December Planning Commission meeting. Discussion followed.
-) At the last meeting, the budget for the Dexter Area Fire Department was approved and two new engines were welcomed into the fleet.
-) Activities coming up in the next few weeks are Christmas at the Mansion and the Luminary packaging.
-) I am recommending the re-appointment of Joe Semifero to the Board of Review.
-) Happy Thanksgiving.

8. Council Member Reports

None

J. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$658,262.87
2. Consideration of: Change in Meeting Date for December Board of Review
3. Consideration of: Re-Appointment for Board of Review
4. Consideration of: Resolution Appointing Delegates to the Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve items 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Michels, Knight, Smith, Fisher, Bell, 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: Recommendation from Planning Commission to Adopt the Updated Master Plan

Motion Smith; support Cousins to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve a resolution adopting the updated Master Plan for the City of Dexter with the addition of the following as the last whereas statement in the resolution: “Whereas, the City Council for the City of Dexter asserts the right to approve the Master Plan.”

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Modification to Small Cell Consultant Approval

Motion Fisher; support Michels to modify the Small Cell Proposal to complete tasks #1 and #2 for an amount not to exceed \$8,000.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

3. Consideration of: Replacement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Generator

Removed from the agenda

4. Discussion of: Comments on Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority Budget

Ms. Nicholls gave a brief explanation of the budget for the Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority wherein each entity contributes \$5,000 and the County contributes \$35,000. The goal is to make the recycle stream clean and not be a financial drain on the communities.

5. Discussion of: Community Gardens

Ms Nicholls discussed the need that the City has to figure out the location for the Community Garden with the sale of the Dan Hoey property to Avalon Housing. There would be issues with water and parking, and the City may not be able to create permanent structures on the site at present. Discussion followed.

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Knight None.

Smith Thank you for the approval of the alley vacation.

Jones St. Andrew’s Church will be selling Lebkuchen (German Christmas cookies) at their monthly dinner on December 5, 2019.

Fisher Have a nice holiday.

Bell Happy Thanksgiving

Cousins I met recently with Melissa Kesterson who has moved back into the Dexter area. I was appointed for another three years to the Ann Arbor Convention & Visitors Bureau. I had a recent conversation with some Forest Street residents and they are not happy with the road right-of-way and with the leaf pickup.

Michels I have met with Phil Mekas at the Beer Grotto about being able to meet with residents on Monday afternoons prior to Council meetings.
Covert Absent
Malek Absent

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

Todd Austin of 3594 Ryan Drive thanked the City for the Community Garden and he looks forward to engaging in discussion on the future of the Garden.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Smith; support Knight to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer
City Clerk and Assistant to the City Manager

Approved for Filing: _____