

**THE CITY OF DEXTER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 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-AB	J. Knight
Z. Michels	J. Smith

Student Representatives:

A. Covert - AB  
I. Malek – AB

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

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

1. City Council Work Session – December 9, 2019
2. Regular City Council Meeting – December 9, 2019
3. City Council Work Session – December 17, 2019

Motion Smith; support Knight to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2019 City Council Work Session, the December 9, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting, and the December 17, 2019 City Council Work Session with the following correction:

) Page 4, under Ms. Locks' comment; remove the word "then" from the second line.

Unanimous voice vote approval with Council Member Fisher absent.

**D. PRE-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:**

None

**E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Motion Smith; support Cousins to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business item L-3, Request from Treasurer/Finance Director/Assessor for Fieldwork for the 2020 Roll.

Unanimous voice vote approval with Council Member Fisher absent.

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None

**G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:**

Robert Murphy of 3713 Bristol Drive wished Council members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Wendy Carty-Saxon, Director of Real Estate Development for Avalon Housing, spoke of the request on the agenda for an extension for Avalon Housing and announced three funding awards that they have received recently.

Sheri Montoye, Director of Faith in Action, spoke of the support that Faith in Action has for the Avalon Housing development in Dexter as well as the support that has come from local churches.

Dick Ulrich of 3760 Delhi Court spoke of an old friend who, if he were still alive today, would have benefitted greatly from the Avalon Housing development.

**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. In Mr. Schlaff's absence, Ms. Nicholls provided the following update:

) Leaf bags were picked up today and they filled the Department of Public Works' dumpster.

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

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

) I spoke to the Planner at Dexter Township and they will not be doing a comprehensive Master Plan update until after the 2020 Census.

) The City's arborist and Mr. Augustine walked Grand Street to inspect the trees that may be impacted during the upcoming road project.

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 provided the following updates:

- J The website went live on December 16, 2019.
- J The sign for the Industrial Park was installed on Saturday.
- J Someone threw a bicycle on the ice rink. We will not know how significant the damage is until after the rink thaws.
- J The City has received confirmation from the State of Michigan that Dexter has met the SAW Grant requirements.
- J There will be a presentation from the Housing Task Force at the January 27, 2020 meeting.
- J I met with the Fair Housing Commission, Derrick Jackson from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, Avalon Housing and Faith in Action regarding holding a public meeting on the Hilltop View Apartments at the end of January or in early February.

6. Mayor Report – Shawn Keough

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

- J DAFD did not meet in December. The Chief shared information on runs through November and it looks like the City will again be at a lower run rate than the other units for the second year in a row.
- J Union negotiations continue.
- J I am wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

7. Council Member Reports

None

**J. CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$567,206.30
2. Consideration of: Resolution for the Purpose of Establishing Organizational Matters for the City of Dexter
3. Consideration of: 2020 Meeting Calendar

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher

Motion carries

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

None

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

1. Consideration of: Resolution Approving MDOT Contract No. 19-5572 and Authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to Execute the Contract for the Mill Creek Trail – Phase II Project

Motion Michels; support Bell to adopt the resolution to direct the Mayor and City Manager to sign and execute the contract with MDOT for Mill Creek Park Trail Phase 2 project.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Inspection Period Extension Request from Avalon Housing for Purchase of Dan Hoey Property

Motion Cousins; support Knight to approve the inspection period extension as requested until June 30, 2020.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher

Motion carries

3. Consideration of: Request from Treasurer/Finance Director/Assessor for Fieldwork for the 2020 Roll

Motion Knight; support Smith to approve contracting with Matthew Sherry to perform fieldwork for the City on December 26, 2019; December 27, 2019; and December 30, 2019 for a cost not to exceed \$600.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher

Motion carries

**M. COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Michels According to the label on my milk bottle, Calder Dairy has a farm in Southfield.

Knight Merry Christmas and have a safe and Happy New Year.

Smith Merry Christmas and have a safe and Happy New Year.

Jones Merry Christmas and have a safe and Happy New Year.

Bell Merry Christmas and have a safe and Happy New Year.

Cousins Merry Christmas and have a safe and Happy New Year, and remember those not as fortunate as we are.

Fisher Absent

Covert Absent

Malek Absent

**N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:**

Robert Murphy of 3713 Bristol Drive inquired about the runs this past year in the City, the total number of runs and the new fire equipment.

Marie Sherry, City Treasurer/Finance Director/Assessor thanked City Council for their understanding during her recent bereavement.

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Smith; support Bell to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval with Council Member Fisher absent.

Respectfully submitted,  
Justin Breyer  
City Clerk and Assistant to the City Manager

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