

**THE CITY OF DEXTER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020**

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
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 Manager; Mike Auerbach, Assistant Planner; Carol Jones, Recording Secretary; Robert Smith, Dexter Area Fire Department Chief; residents and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Regular City Council Meeting – December 23, 2019

Motion Smith; support Knight to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting as presented.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

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D. PRE-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion Smith; support Michels to approve the agenda with additional materials for New Business Item L-7, Authorization for City Manager to get estimates for a sign for the future site of the Fire Station.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Amendments to the General Code of Ordinances – Chapter 26-113 Consumer Fireworks

The Public Hearing on the Amendments to the General Code of Ordinances regarding Fireworks was opened by Mayor Keough at 7:04 PM. Jim McCargar of 3590 Hudson Street acknowledged the reason that there was a need for the amendments in that they follow the law. Personally I would like to see the legislature return to some of the restrictions that we have had. Mr. Breyer provided an overview of the changes. Mayor Keough closed the Public Meeting at 7:07 PM.

Consideration of: Amendments to the General Code of Ordinances – Chapter 26
Consumer Fireworks

Motion Smith; support Michels to adopt the Amendments to the General Code of Ordinances Chapter 26-113 Consumer Fireworks.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Amendments to the General Code of Ordinances – Chapter 18 Coal Tar Based Products

The Public Hearing on the Amendments to the General Code of Ordinances on Coal Tar Based Sealer Products by Mayor Keough at 7:09 PM. Mr. Breyer reported on the proposed changes in the ordinance which included adding definitions, requiring non-commercial contractors to submit an application, and implementing an enforcement process. Mayor Keough closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 PM.

Consideration of: Amendments to the General Code of Ordinances – Chapter 18
Coal Tar Based Sealer Products

Motion Cousins; support Bell to adopt the Amendments to the General Code of Ordinances Chapter 18, Article VI – Coal Tar Based Sealer Products.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

None

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar
3. Carlisle Wortman Holiday Letter

Mayor Keough reported that the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study – Policy Meetings for January and February were cancelled.

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 updates:

- J The City did get three inches of rain in a 24-hour period and the EQ Basin was used to divert the water.
- J The DPW was on hand on Saturday to check the City for any problems with the rain.
- J Hopefully Mr. Schlaff will return for the first meeting in February.

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

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

- J I plan to have the Zoning Ordinance update request on the February Agenda, after Planning Commission has had a chance to review it.
- J There was an issue at Victoria Condos beginning in December. The sewer lines need to be televised and cleaned in order to have the project signed off.
- J At 8180 Main Street (Mill Creek Sports), Mr. Pound is looking to put a restaurant possibly with a small brewery on the property and looking into water service to the property.
- J I met with someone who is interested in 7850 Second Street (Adair Printing) to adaptively reuse the building for housing and business.

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 I have included proposed dates for Work Sessions in my report.
- J We have received a METRO Act permit application.
- J I met with members of the Dexter Daze Committee regarding placing booths in front of businesses on Main Street.
- J We have received the bid back for Mill Creek Park Phase II. Next will be the Scope of Services from SmithGroup and OHM.
- J We will need to reprint the Resident Guide due to changes such as trash and recycle pickup.
- J The City will continue to pursue the contested NPDES Permit.
- J There are openings on City Boards, Committees and Commissions.
- J Mr. Breyer provided additional information on the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee.

6. Mayor Report – Shawn Keough

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

- J I have interviews coming up for Arts, Culture & Heritage and DDA to fill open positions.
- J I have been responding to many emails regarding the Avalon Housing Project. Today I was interviewed by Channel 7 and it will be aired tomorrow.
- J Union negotiations are going well.
- J I have a DDA meeting on Thursday morning and a Fire Board meeting in the evening. We finished the year with the City having 29.2% of the runs.

7. Council Member Reports

None

J. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$304,314.19
2. Consideration of: Setting Monday, March 30, 2020 as the Date for the All Board/Committees Meeting
3. Consideration of: Closure of Central between Main and Fifth from 5 am to 7 pm for the Ice Festival on Saturday, January 18, 2020

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: Resolution to Place a Ballot Question/s on a Future Election Ballot

Language from August 12, 2019 Minutes

Motion Cousins; support Smith to postpone action on the ballot language until the first meeting in January 2020.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Michels; support Cousins to approve the Resolution submitting the Bond Proposal for the Fire Hall/City Offices with corrections of the date as January 13, 2020, the amount not to exceed 9.9 million dollars, the date of the election as May 5, 2020, the submission date as February 11, 2020 and amount and millage corrections to the City Facilities Bond Proposal – Option 1.

Ayes: Smith, Cousins, Knight, Michels, and Bell
Nays: Fisher and Keough
Motion carries.

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: Tree Bid Award

Motion Michels; support Bell based on the recommendation of the Tree Board, City Council moves to award the 2020 & 2021 street tree planting contract to Lodi Farms, and authorizes the Community Development Manager to execute a contract with Lodi Farms, pursuant to the company's bid.

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

2. Discussion of: Design and Construction Oversight Committee for the Proposed Fire Station

Discussion followed on the makeup of the Oversight Committee and to have this item on the February Council agenda.

3. Discussion of: Architectural/Engineering Agreement with Partners in Architecture for the Proposed Fire Station

Discussion followed of the Architectural/Engineering Agreement with Partners in Architecture and have on the February Council agenda.

4. Discussion of: Preferred Construction Delivery Method for the Proposed Fire Station

Discussion of the preferred construction delivery with the preference being Construction Management and a decision for this item to be on the February Council Agenda.

5. Consideration of: Authorization for the City Manager to Seek a Proposal for Civil Site Surveys at the Dexter Ann Arbor Road Property Including Complete Site Information

Motion Cousins; support Smith to authorize the City Manager to seek a proposal for civil site surveys including complete site information for the February 10, 2020 meeting.

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

6. Consideration of: Authorization for the City Manager to Seek a Proposal for Geotechnical Investigations of the Dexter Ann Arbor Site with Reports.

Motion Cousins; support Smith to authorize the City Manager to seek a proposal for Geotechnical investigations of the site with reports for the February 10, 2020 meeting.

Ayes: Cousins, Knight, Bell, Fisher, Michels and Smith
Nays: Keough
Motion carries

7. Consideration of: Authorization for the City Manager to Get Estimates for Creating and Constructing a Sign Denoting “Future Site of City of Dexter Fire Station” to Include Photo of the Current Proposed Design.

Motion Michels; support Knight to adopt a Resolution to Authorize Placement of a sign on the City-owned property southeasterly of the intersection of Dexter Ann Arbor road and Meadowview Drive stating “Future Home of City of Dexter Fire Station”

Motion Smith; support Fisher to postpone indefinitely the resolution authorizing the placement of a sign on City-owned property.

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

Motion Smith; support Cousins to authorize the City Manager to get estimates for creating and constructing a sign denoting “Future Site of City of Dexter Fire Station” to include a photo of the current proposed design.

Ayes: Smith, Michels, Bell, Knight and Cousins
Nays: Fisher and Keough
Motion carries

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Cousins The Ice Fest will be January 18, 2020 in downtown Dexter from 11 am – 5 pm.
Bell None
Fisher None
Jones None
Smith None.
Knight None
Michels I care about everyone in this room. It is painful to disagree, but I respect all even if we disagree.
Covert None
Malek Absent

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

Laura Sanders of 11774 Quigley Road and co-founder of WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) spoke of the 11 signs she created in placed in the park around the nativity scene. She thanked the Mayor and the Washtenaw

County Sheriff's Department for being flexible with the signs. Ms. Sanders gave an explanation of her all-volunteer organization.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Smith; support Fisher to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Breyer

City Clerk and Assistant to the City Manager

Approved for Filing: _____