

**THE CITY OF DEXTER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020**

A. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:11 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

Also present at Council Meeting: Courtney Nicholls, City Manager; Marie Sherry, Finance Director/Treasurer/Assessor; 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; Patrick Droze, OHM Advisors; Scott Munzel, City Attorney; residents and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Regular City Council Meeting – January 13, 2020

Motion Smith; support Bell to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting with the following corrections:

- Page 2, re-align the last line of the Public Hearing on Coal Tar Based Products; and
- Page 6, correct the word “estimated” to “estimates” in New Business Item #7, the second motion.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

D. PRE-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion Cousins support Fisher to approve the agenda as printed.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

Matt Kowalski of 7652 Grand Street and Chairman of the Planning Commission stated that items identified by the Housing Task Force parallel those discussed by the Planning Commission in preparing the Master Plan for the City. He feels encouraged by what he read in the report.

Donna Lasinski, 4977 St. Annes Court and District 52 Representative, spoke of a letter she recently mailed regarding her support of the Avalon Housing project.

Cole Miller of 7654 Forest Street encouraged action by City Council on what are easy solutions in regards to housing and to also look at comprehensive solutions.

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar

Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce is now meeting at LaFontaine Chevrolet on the last Monday of the month and CAPT/DART has moved their meeting to the first Thursday of the month.

I. REPORTS:

1. Farmers Market Manager – Dana Queen – End of Season Report for 2019

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

- Introduced herself to Council Members who had not had the opportunity to meet her previously.
- Gave a review of market activity by the spring, summer, and fall seasons and identified future plans and ideas for the market.

2. Finance Director/Treasurer/Assessor – Marie Sherry

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

- I am working on updating the Hardship Exemption Form, modeling it after the Ann Arbor City form; there were procedural questions with the previous form.
- I have a correction for the cash available on the report for Mill Creek Park Phase II included in my report.

3. 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:

- There was a meeting held in regards to punch list items at the Wastewater Treatment plant.

4. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

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

- The Housing Task Force was a glorious challenge.
- In doing some research, I have found a comparable city in Colorado that allows Short Term Rentals but does not allow Accessory Units, which are allowed in Dexter. I hope to work with them on both topics.
- 150 Jeffords has come in for zoning compliance for 21 of the 22 units.

5. Board, Commission & Other Reports

Washtenaw County Sheriff – December 2019 Report – included in packet

Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce - Paul Cousins

Council member Cousins reported that the Ice Festival was well attended for the weather and that the City should draft a letter of appreciation to the Chamber for holding this event.

6. Subcommittee Reports

None

7. City Manager Report – Courtney Nicholls

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

- I had scheduled the next Goal Setting meeting for March 7, 2020 but would like to change it to March 14, 2020.
- I attended a Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority meeting today. There is a grant request available that would evaluate residential recycling contents for the proper usage.
- The liquor license review was completed in the City and there were no concerns.
- DTE continues working on the demolition of the substation on Broad Street.
- I am looking at costs for ongoing Lucity support.
- Council will see a scope of services for work on Third Street in February.

8. Mayor Report – Shawn Keough

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

- Thank you to Council and staff for participating in the Goal Setting Session on Saturday.
- The union negotiations will be discussed in the Closed Session this evening.

9. Council Member Reports

None

J. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$216,013.49
2. Consideration of: Acceptance of Quote from K&B Asphalt for the 2020 Crack Seal Program for an amount not to exceed \$20,000
3. Consideration of: 2019-2020 Budget Amendments

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve items 1, 2 and 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: Scope of Services from OHM/SmithGroup for Construction Engineering Services for Mill Creek Park Path Project

Motion Smith; support Bell to approve the Scope of Services from OHM Advisors for Mill Creek Park Phase 2 Construction Engineering Services in an Amount not to exceed \$180,741.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Covert None

Malek None

Knight None

Smith None

Jones Do we have an app on the website that answers questions regarding what is recyclable?

Fisher None

Bell None

Cousins None

Michels The Dexter High School Hockey team is in first place in the White Division.

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

None

O. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING LABOR NEGOTIATIONS AND PENDING LITIGATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268

Motion Smith; support Fisher to go into Closed Session to discuss labor negotiations and pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268 with the following non-Council Members present at the meeting: Carol Jones, Recording Secretary; Courtney Nicholls, City Manager; Marie Sherry, Finance Director / Treasurer / Assessor; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Justin Breyer, City Clerk and Assistant to the City Manager; and Scott Munzel, City Attorney at 8:10 PM.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Smith; support Bell to leave the Closed Session at 8:49 PM.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Cousins; support Michels to ratify the Agreement between the City of Dexter and the Teamsters State, County and Municipal Workers Local 214.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Smith; support Bell to move forward with the appeal with the Court of Appeals in regards to Chelsea Health & Wellness/Power Wellness Management.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Smith; support Bell to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer
City Clerk and Assistant to the City Manager

Approved for Filing: _____