

**THE CITY OF DEXTER
REGULAR VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020**

A. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Mayor Keough held via an online Zoom conference call permitted by executive order of Michigan Governor Whitmer.

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; Marie Sherry, Treasurer/Assessor/Finance Director; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Justin Breyer, City Clerk and Assistant to the Manager; Mike Auerbach, Assistant Planner; Kurt Augustine, Streets Foreman; Patrick Droze and Marcus McNamara, OHM Advisors; Robert Smith, Dexter Area Fire Department Chief; Carol Jones, Recording Secretary; residents and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Regular City Council Meeting – April 27, 2020
2. City Council Work Session – April 29, 2020

Motion Smith; support Knight to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting and the minutes of the April 29, 2020 City Council Work Session as presented.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

D. PRE-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion Smith support Fisher to approve the agenda as presented.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

Tracy Lambert of 6812 Strawberry Lake Road, Dexter asked City Council for support and approval for Dexter Daze before June or July in order to make plans for the event.

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List

I. REPORTS:

1. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

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

-)] There was a meeting on Grand Street, the plan for the project is to start on May 18, 2020.
-)] The mulch blanket was picked up on Central Street today and restoration will begin on May 19, 2020.
-)] Work is being done on the path for Mill Creek Trail 2 behind the City Office and Grand Street.

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

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

-)] Planning Commission postponed action on Encore Theatre’s application last week due to an incomplete application.
-)] A suggestion was received from a resident about repurposing parking on the north side of Main Street to allow for more space for outdoor seating. Discussion followed.
-)] Another idea to help businesses is a gift card stimulus program like what is happening in Midland, Michigan in cooperation with their DDA. Discussion followed.
-)] I had a request from Jolly Pumpkin for an outdoor seating area and they are looking at how they can make it work on a temporary basis before they make it a permanent request. Discussion followed.
-)] There will be a temporary sign erected at Busch’s shopping area to indicate which businesses are open.

4. Board, Commission & Other Reports

Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce – Paul Cousins

-)] The Chamber will meet on Monday May 18, 2020 at 10 AM. They are looking for ways to support local businesses.

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:

- J I received Dexter Daze’s permit request and have forwarded it to the Sheriff’s Office and DAFD for signatures. DAFD have signed off on the permit, however, Washtenaw County Sheriff Office and Washtenaw County Health Department are unsure of large gatherings. The earliest it could be put on Council’s agenda is May 26, 2020.
- J Also on the May 26, 2020 agenda will be the approval of the signals for Baker and Main Streets.
- J The Charter Amendment vote should be placed on the November ballot.
- J Jim Carson from the Senior Center reported that the Meals on Wheels program is doing well.

7. Mayor Report – Shawn Keough

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

- J I have started reviewing the student applications that the City has received and would like to have appointments made no later than the first Council meeting in June.
- J The virtual meetings that we will be having through June will be starting at 6 PM, and I suggest that the Public Hearing on June 8, 2020 also be scheduled for 6 PM instead of 7 PM.
- J Please add the May 21, 2020 Fire Board meeting and DDA meeting to my calendar.

8. Council Member Reports

- a. Council Member Cousins – Council Member Cousins submitted his report as per packet.

J. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$119,925.54
2. Consideration of: Setting Public Hearing for Millage Rate and Budget on June 8, 2020
3. Consideration of: Setting Public Hearing for Water and Sewer Rate Ordinance on June 8, 2020

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

None

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Discussion of: Reconstruction of Third and Broad

Patrick Droze from OHM introduced the Third/Broad Street project that would begin around the corner from the Dexter Mill.

Marcus McNamara from OHM followed up with details of the project and that it is on schedule with the exception of hosting a public meeting. Also mentioned regarding the project was the sidewalk on public property, bike lanes, crosswalk markings, stormwater management, and decorative lighting. Discussion followed.

2. Consideration of: Resolution Regarding Ballot Proposal for August 4, 2020 Election

Motion Smith; support Fisher to approve the resolution to rescind the ballot request for the bond proposal on the August 4, 2020 ballot.

Motion Michels; support Knight to amend the above motion to rescind the bond proposal vote from the August 4, 2020 ballot and place it on the November ballot.

Ayes: Cousins, Knight and Michels

Nays: Bell, Smith, Fisher and Keough

Motion fails

Vote on the original motion made by Smith and supported by Fisher to approve the resolution to rescind the ballot request for the bond proposal on the August 4, 2020 ballot.

Ayes: Bell, Fisher, Smith and Keough

Nays: Cousins, Michels and Knight

Motion carries

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Cousins I cannot understand why the decision was made on the ballot proposal regarding the fire station to not have a vote in November when there are City Council elections. By delaying the vote, we are looking at higher construction costs.

Michels None

Fisher I see that the clothing collections containers have moved back to the front of the property at Dexter Mill and the shopping center. Can we ask them to move them back?

Knight I have a premier view of the park outside my window and I have noticed people sitting in the park and not always taking care of

their trash. Also as I have been walking I've noticed bricks have been left on the DTE site and have not been taken care of.

Smith	None
Bell	Stay safe and good health.
Malek	Absent
Covert	Absent

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

None

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Smith; support Knight to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Breyer

City Clerk and Assistant to the City Manager

Approved for Filing: _____