

**DEXTER CITY COUNCIL  
VIRTUAL BUDGET WORK SESSION  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council Budget Work Session Meeting was called to order at 6:02 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- <del>AB</del>	P. Cousins
D. Fisher	J. Knight
Z. Michels	J. Smith

Also attending: Courtney Nicholls, City Manager; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Marie Sherry, Treasurer/Assessor/Finance Director; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Justin Breyer, City Clerk and Assistant to the City Manager; Mike Auerbach, Assistant Planner; and Carol Jones, Recording Secretary.

**C. REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET**

Ms. Nicholls reported on the following updates:

- ) Solid Waste Fund does have an increase to the rate because of the contract, rise in recycling costs, and yard waste removal costs.
- ) Sewer Fund meter reads came in at \$200,000 just as estimated for the March/April read.
- ) Local Community Stabilization funds need to be placed in the General Fund first and then can be moved to the Sewer Fund by a vote.
- ) I have provided minor changes with Plein Air and an increase in elections postage due to absentee voting.
- ) The same salary as last year is budgeted for the City Manager. (Council comments were to approve a 3% wage increase for the City Manager)

Council Member Bell requested cost comparisons on solid waste and recycling. Discussion followed.

**D. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT FEE SCHEDULE:**

Ms. Nicholls reported that there were minimal changes made on the Fee Schedule. The IFT fee was previously omitted and added and some changes with the Coal Tar fees which Mr. Breyer explained.

**E. COMMENTS:**

Council Member Michels inquired about sending recyclables to Western Washtenaw Recycling and/or the addition of large dumpster containers within the City. He also

stated that he did not like putting extra funds into the Sewer Fund as it is an enterprise fund. Mr. Michels asked the question regarding cutting the budget by 0.5 to 1 mill. Discussion followed.

Ms. Sherry gave a description of Invoice Cloud which would provide residents and others a credit card service with more services, security and flexibility for payments.

Ms. Nicholls provided updates on Plein Air, the use of more online services and Dexter Daze. Council Member Cousins inquired about the Community Garden.

Adjourned at 6:54 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer  
City Clerk and Assistant to the City Manager

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