

**THE CITY OF DEXTER
REGULAR VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020**

A. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 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

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; Robert Smith, Dexter Area Fire Department Chief; David Gassen, Partners in Architects; Carol Jones, Recording Secretary; residents and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Regular City Council Meeting – June 8, 2020
2. Special City Council Meeting – June 15, 2020

Motion Smith; support Knight to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting and June 15, 2020 Special City Council Meeting with the following correction:

) Page 6, New Business Item L-4, remove the second sentence, “*It was noted that originally the resolution stated to remove the vote from the August ballot and discuss it in the spring of 2021*” and replace with “*and to discuss at a future meeting*” at the end of the first sentence.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

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:

James McCargar of 3580 Hudson Street spoke about the two demonstrations in Dexter regarding Black Lives Matter and racism that were organized by Dexter High School Juniors and Seniors and how well these demonstrations were handled by the students and residents. Mr. McCargar asked City Council if they are aware of an organization “#8CantWait” which proposes eight actions to decrease violence in communities and police departments and would like to see the City Council take action regarding this effort.

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:

- J Construction on Forest Street was not able to start this week but will happen after July 4, 2020.
- J On the Grand Street/Hudson Street project, the storm sewer was finished last week. This week the grade on one side of Hudson Street will be cut down.

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

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

- J DDA was asked about helping out with the barricade rental. They approved paying half of the fee and would also like to look into purchasing barricades for City use.
- J Chris Jones of Dexter Creamery will be putting in a walk up window due to Covid 19 which will modify his business plan. He has done some changes on the inside of the store as well. He will also forego outdoor seating to maintain proper distancing.
- J The Encore Theatre will be coming back to the Planning Commission due to some changes to the agreement with Dexter Community Schools.
- J Staff has been working since last week’s meeting on the Emergency Ordinance, getting the application and ordinance out to businesses. It will go into effect on Wednesday.

3. Board, Commission & Other Reports

- a. Washtenaw County Sheriff - The report is included in the packet.
- b. WAVE
Paul Cousins reported that a WAVE sub-group is working on finding a new director for WAVE.

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:

-] WAVE will start back to work on July 6, 2020 and begin service on July 13, 2020 but the routes will have some changes.
-] City offices opened to the public on June 15, 2020 and we are working on placing a drop box at the outside door to PNC.
-] We have ordered extra supplies for the August election – masks, hand sanitizer, thermometers, face shields, and other PPE needs.
-] The absentee ballot list has significantly increased.
-] Remote meetings will continue into July depending on what the State of Michigan requires.
-] Trout Unlimited will be doing their planting project on July 6, 2020 and July 7, 2020.
-] The survey of the Dan Hoey property is about done.
-] The Community Garden is going well and we will now need to work on the plans for next year.
-] There have been a couple of interviews for the open DPW position.

6. Mayor Report – Shawn Keough

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

-] I am looking forward to the workshop on July 13, 2020 for City hall as space is needed for meetings.
-] The DDA did offer to help with the cost of renting barricades for downtown and interested in purchasing barricades for future use. (Ms. Nicholls noted that the City does not have space to store them at this time.)
-] I did leave off a few names for appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions and those names are on tonight's agenda.
-] Wishing all a belated Happy Father's Day as well as a Happy Fourth of July.
-] I recently received an email from Chris Knight of UIS who would like to meet regarding a new building plan for his business.

7. 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 \$244,262.51
2. Consideration of: Quote from CBIZ for \$5,500 to Complete on OPEB (Retiree Health Care) Actuarial Valuation as of June 30, 2020
3. Consideration of: FY 2019-2020 Budget Amendments
4. Consideration of: FY 2019-2020 Downtown Development Authority Budget Amendments
5. Consideration of: FY 2020-2021 Traffic Signal Projects
6. Consideration of: FY 2020-2021 WAVE Contract
7. Consideration of: City Manager Employment Agreement
8. Consideration of: Re-Appointments

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the Consent Agenda.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Michels

Motion carries

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

None

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: General Appropriations Act to Adopt the FY 2020-2021 Budget

Motion Smith; support Smith Fisher to adopt the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget under the General Appropriations Act.

Ayes: Smith, Bell, Fisher, Knight and Keough

Nays: Cousins and Michels

Motion carries

2. Discussion of: Possible Facilities Ballot Proposal for the November 4, 2020 Election

Council Member Smith led the discussion regarding replacing the previous resolution to remove the Facilities Ballot Proposal from the August election and to discuss a date for a proposal to be placed on a ballot. Council Member

Michels was not in favor of bringing the vote back for November. Discussion followed.

3. Discussion of: Status of Partners in Architecture Contract for Design and Construction Services for the Fire Station Project

In the packet is the contract with changes that have been made. A redline version of the changes was requested. Council Member Smith also spoke of a timeline sheet provided in the packet for construction and completion times.

4. Discussion of: When to Hold the Fire Station Design Education Session with Ken Newell which was approved by Council at the March 9, 2020 Meeting

A request was made to move forward with the Design Education Session with a remote meeting. A Doodle Poll will be sent to set a date.

5. Discussion of: At the March 9, 2020 Meeting Council Approved Beginning the Process of Review and Selection of a Construction Management Firm for the Fire Station Project

A request was made for an update on the RFQ for a Construction Management Firm for the Dexter Fire Station project.

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Smith	None.
Michels	I abstained from the vote under the Consent Agenda because a check was being cut to my employer. I voted against the budget, because I felt that we could reduce some of the expenses until next year. Regarding Council policy, I look forward to other things we could do as a community to make a difference in race relations. Lastly, I wish to address the Mayor's Report regarding the item about the Fire Station signs placed on Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, the sign ordinance, and the verbiage used in the report, which I feel impugned some of the Council Members. I would appreciate a written apology in the next Council Packet.
Knight	None.
Fisher	None.
Cousins	I have included an item under Council Member Reports an item for Council members to follow. Council Members must abide by the decision of the Council.
Bell	None.
Malek	None.
Covert	Absent.

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

None

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Smith; support Knight to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Breyer

City Clerk and Assistant to the City Manager

Approved for Filing: _____