

**THE CITY OF DEXTER
REGULAR VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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. Gilbert
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 City Planner; Carol Jones, Recording Secretary; residents; and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Regular City Council Meeting – September 14, 2020

Motion Smith; support Knight to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting as presented.

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

D. PRE-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion Bell; support Fisher to approve the agenda as presented.

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

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

None

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
Council Member Michels reported that the CAPT/DART meeting will be this Thursday on Zoom.

I. REPORTS:

1. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

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

- The concrete contractor has just about completed work in the City. There are items to be completed on the punch list such as restoration, sprinklers and redoing areas that do not meet the ADA requirements.
- This Wednesday will start the winterizing of the fire hydrants and information will be posted on the City's email update and website.
- Beginning the week of October 12, sewer cleaning will begin. We have set a goal to clean every sewer over seven years. Also included is the inspection of 600 manholes in the City.

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

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

- There continues to be changes and updates on Social Districts for the winter months which I will provide more information on in the future.
- The kSpace project is moving forward with the landscaping inspection completed last Friday. They are near the completion of the project.
- I am working with Millennium Place on certain specifics and interpretations of the fire codes.

3. Board, Commission & Other Reports

Washtenaw County Sheriff – August 2020 Written Report included in the packet.

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:

- I will be speaking to the new director of WAVE on October 2, 2020.

- Roy Townsend called regarding the Scio Township millage that was passed on the trails and would like to discuss participation between the City of Dexter and Scio Township with the trails.
- The Dexter Schools will be returning on October 8, 2020 with a modified schedule of half of the students attending Monday and Tuesday, the other half on Thursday and Friday and all students off on Wednesdays.
- The Parks and Recreation Commission are interested in polling residents on the placement of the Ice Rink. Discussion followed on the rink.
- Council Member Michels suggested following up with the Washtenaw County Road Commission regarding the dedication of a portion of Dexter Ann Arbor Road. We will need to pass a resolution. Discussion followed.
- I did include a power point presentation of the Upper Middle Huron Watershed Management Plan in the packet.
- I had a report from a resident regarding the misuse of speed on Central Street especially at the crosswalks and bike lanes.
- Additional updates include the following: Mill Creek Park Path is open, will be closing on DTE property soon, sent out 1929 absentee ballots, and happy with the truck and lights auction sales.

6. Mayor Report – Shawn Keough

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

- This has been a busy month with DAFD and the contract negotiations.
- Libby Brushaber is stepping down from the Fire Board. Mark Mesko will be replacing her on the Board and there will be the need to fill the Treasurer's position. I gave up my Secretary's position and will be assuming the Treasurer's position.
- The Fire Board has begun the budgeting discussion with talk of the addition of the fourth firefighter to each shift. This would be a cost increase to the community.
- I walked the Mill Creek Park Path with Ms. Nicholls last week. It is a very nice addition to what we have. I would like to consider using Tree Fund money to plant trees along the trail. I feel there is a need for way finding signage along the trail.
- I have been trying to help Ms. Anioli get in touch with Norfolk Homes as the City has not received and call or update from them. Sean Lefere did return a call and reported that they are looking at the properties on Forest Street for Building 3 and still strong on the 3045 Broad Project. Norfolk would like to come to the October 26, 2020 meeting to provide an update.

7. Council Member Reports

a. Paul Cousins – Council Member Cousins submits his report as per packet. Mr. Cousins commented on the Mayor's report that it sometimes goes against decisions that have been made and that these comments may undermine those decisions.

b. Zach Michels – I have been visiting a variety of local fire stations. I have found that departments do not like epoxy flooring and there is a need for areas for training and enough room for repairs in the bays.

J. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$301,526.13
2. Consideration of: Acceptance of Quote from Jett Pump for the Rebuild of an Activated Sludge Pump for Not to Exceed \$7,300
3. Consideration of: Setting a Public Hearing on October 26, 2020 for the Renewal of the Lease with Hotel Hickman for 8050 Main
4. Consideration of: Setting a Public Hearing on October 26, 2020 for the water and Sewer Ordinance

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

None

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: Resolution to Adopt an Emergency Ordinance to Continue to Mitigate Impacts of SARS COVID-2 and a Time Extension for Temporary Outdoor Service Areas

Motion Michels; support Knight to adopt a Resolution for an Emergency Ordinance to continue to mitigate impacts of SARS COVID-2 and a time extension for temporary outdoor services.

Motion Smith; support Fisher to amend the original motion to change Zoning Administrator to City Manager or designee in the document.

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

Nays: Michels

Motion carries

Amended Motion – Motion Michels; support Knight to adopt a Resolution for an Emergency Ordinance to continue to mitigate impacts of SARS COVID-2, a time extension for temporary outdoor services, and changing Zoning Administrator to City Manager or designee in the document.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: City Office and Meeting Space in Dexter Crossing

Motion Michels; support Cousins to direct City Manager Nicholls to contact Oxford Management regarding the space at the Dexter Crossing Mall bringing back the information for City Council to consider at the next meeting, engage Partners in Architecture to plan the space for a build out, and authorize Ms. Nicholls to place a reasonable, refundable deposit to secure the space while Council takes action.

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

3. Discussion of: Rental Inspection Ordinance

Ms. Nicholls spoke of encouraging property owners of rental properties to get their rental properties into the proper codes by the addition of a Rental Inspection Ordinance. Staff is looking for feedback from City Council. The next step would be scheduling a public hearing. Discussion followed.

4. Discussion of: Halloween

Council Discussion of Treat or Treating in Dexter centered on following CDC Guidelines, possible extended longer hours, participation by residents by choice, and following Washtenaw County recommendations. Discussion followed.

Motion Smith; support Fisher to set 2020 Halloween Hours for Trick or Treating on October 31, 2020 at 5:00 – 7:00 PM.

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

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Cousins None.
- Bell None.
- Michels I am wondering if Mr. Bell has anymore regarding testing sewers for COVID and would it be worthwhile for Dexter to do this? When the Hotel Hickman ordinance comes up again, I would like to see comparisons with other similar commercial properties in town.
- Gilbert None.
- Fisher None.
- Malek If you want to watch DHS Football games, you can go to the school’s website to stream the game.
- Knight None.
- Smith None.

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager gave the following updates – Ruby’s Makery has closed, 3238 Broad Street will have a new Salon, Whitetail

Farm has moved to Grand Street, and I did receive a complaint from someone about the horn that is sounded at the DHS Football games and how loud it is.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Smith; support Fisher to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer

City Clerk and Assistant to the City Manager

Approved for Filing: _____