

**THE CITY OF DEXTER
REGULAR VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2020**

Prior to the meeting, Council Members Wa-Louisa Hubbard, Jamie Griffin and Zach Michels were virtually sworn into office.

A. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Mayor Keough held via an online Zoom conference call permitted by State of Michigan law.

B. ROLL CALL:

Paul Cousins – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan.
Donna Fisher – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan.
Jamie Griffin – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan.
Wa-Louisa Hubbard – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan.
Julie Knight – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan.
Zach Michels – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan.
Shawn Keough – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan.
Student Representatives:
Alex Gilbert – Present remotely in Webster Township, Michigan.
Isabella Malek – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan at 6:20 PM.

Also attending remotely at Council Meeting: Justin Breyer, Interim City Manager and City Clerk; Marie Sherry, Treasurer/Assessor/Finance Director; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Mike Auerbach, Assistant City Planner; Carol Jones, Recording Secretary; Marcus McNamara and Patrick Droze, OHM Advisors; Robert Smith, Dexter Area Fire Chief; residents; and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Regular City Council Meeting – November 9, 2020

Motion Knight; support Cousins to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 9, 2020 as presented.

Ayes: Michels, Knight, ~~Griffin~~, Hubbard, Cousins and Keough

Nays: None

Abstain: Griffin

Offline: Fisher

Motion carries

D. PRE-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion Cousins; support Knight to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Hubbard, Cousins, Michels, Griffin, Knight and Keough

Nays: None

~~Off-line~~ Offline: Fisher

Motion carries

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Conflict of Interest Ordinance

Consideration of: Conflict of Interest Ordinance

Mayor Keough opened the public hearing at 6:09 PM.

Mayor Keough explained that this ordinance is required by the City Charter and it was previously scheduled for October 12, 2020, however City Council was unable to meet on that date and the public hearing needed to be rescheduled.

Mayor Keough closed the public hearing at 6:11 PM.

Motion Michels; support Griffin to adopt the Conflict of Interest Ordinance.

Motion Michels; support Fisher to postpone action on the Conflict of Interest Ordinance until the second week in December.

Ayes: Fisher, Michels, Knight, Cousins, Griffin, Hubbard and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

None

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 update:

- Leaf collection will be finished in the original village town this afternoon and we still have Dexter Crossing, Westridge and Huron Farms to complete. There is a lot of brush to chip, we will begin on that tomorrow and then will finish up on the leaves.

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

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

- Four local businesses have indicated an interest in being a part of the proposed Social District “Commons Area” – Aubree’s, Beer Grotto, Erratic Ales, and Dexter’s Pub. Key concerns for the selected area are snow removal and trash pickup, and the City would like to have help from the businesses. The DDA has agreed to provide a tent, which needs to be a snow grade tent at a cost different than originally proposed. Existing outdoor seating will not be provided after November 30, 2020.
- I would like to propose that the workshop that was planned for November 30, 2020 be changed to a Special Meeting so that the Management and Maintenance Plan can be approved.

3. Board, Commission & Other Reports

Washtenaw County Sheriff – Report included in Packet

4. Subcommittee Reports

None

5. City Manager Report – Justin Breyer

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

- With COVID numbers as they are, staff has gone back to working split shifts.
- New Council Members have the opportunity for Elected Officials training through Michigan Municipal League.
- The Twisted Fish Sculpture was returned and mostly undamaged and will be re-installed this week.
- Utility bills have gone out this week.
- The Charter Amendment was passed and certification was sent to the State and County, and it will be published as a public notice.
- The Winter Informational Flyer is being prepared and will be sent out next week.
- November 30, 2020 will be the last day for compost bag pickup by Waste Management, and then the City will be picking up bags on December 23, 2020, January 6, 2021 and January 20, 2021. December 7, 2020 will be the last day for loose leaf collection and will be a bulk item pickup day.
- The City Office will be closed on November 26 and 27, 2020.
- Winter taxes will be mailed out next week.
- Shop with a Cop and the Luminary project are in need of donations.
- I met with Paul Evanoff and Carol Schulte from SmithGroup regarding the Mill Creek Scope bid and hope to get more bids and better pricing.

6. Mayor Report – Shawn Keough

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

- The Luminary project is seeking block captains to deliver the kits in the City on December 5 and 12, 2020 in order to keep the tradition going.
- The Dexter Daze Committee sent a communication regarding the Light Parade and holding such a parade this year. Discussion followed.
- We are still working on the DAFD/Union contract.
- Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

7. Council Member Reports

a. Student Representative Alex Gilbert

Mr. Gilbert submitted his written report as per packet. Mr. Gilbert provided the following updates:

- I am suggesting an inclusive display in the community using a Dreidel with presents. Although I did not get a response back from other groups, I would like to request that other groups contact the City and would have those displays fill out permits. Other ideas would be having the light pole wrapped with differently colored lights and asking businesses to dress up their store windows. Although we are late into the season, I will continue to work on this project. Discussion followed.

J. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$232,815.10
2. Consideration of: Approval of the Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority (WRRMA) FY 2021 Budget
3. Consideration of: Setting a Public Hearing for December [414](#), 2020 City Council Meeting Regarding Amendments to the General Code of Ordinances Section 10-38 – Pet Ownership
4. Consideration of: Resolution Establishing Authorized Signatories for MERS Contracts

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

Ayes: Griffin, Fisher, Hubbard, Knight, Cousins 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: Scope of Services for the Design of the Second Street Water Main Replacement, Sidewalk Installation, and Road Reconstruction from OHM Advisors for an Amount Not To Exceed \$103,500

Motion Michels; support Knight to approve the proposed Scope of Services from OHM Advisors for the Second Street design project for an amount not to exceed \$103,500.

Ayes: Knight, Fisher, Hubbard, Michels, Griffin, Cousins and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Quit Claim Deed for Road Right of Way Adjacent to Dexter Ann Arbor Road Property

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to hereby approve the Quit Claim Deed to dedicate a portion of land at the corner of Dexter Ann Arbor Road and Meadowview Drive as right-of-way.

Ayes: Cousins, Knight, Hubbard, Fisher, Michels, Griffin and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

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| Michels | I have been trying to visit the Brighton Fire Station #34 for the past few weeks which is a very new station. Regarding the seating on Main Street in the parking spaces, everyone I have talked to seems to have enjoyed it. |
| Knight | Happy Thanksgiving and COVID free. |
| Cousins | Welcome to our two new Council Members and welcome back Mr. Michels. Have a safe Thanksgiving and enjoy your small groups. |
| Griffin | Thank you for working with me and the support from the City of Dexter voters. I will be attending the MML training program in January and Happy Thanksgiving. |
| Hubbard | Thank you for making me feel welcome and Happy Thanksgiving. |
| Fisher | Welcome to our new members and Happy Thanksgiving. |
| Malek | Happy Thanksgiving. I enjoyed hearing Alex's report. |
| Gilbert | Congratulations to the new Council Members and to the re-election of Mr. Michels. Stay safe and healthy. |

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

Ryan Henyard of 3577 Shaw Court, I want to applaud Alex Gilbert and Bella Malek for participating on City Council. I would suggest that you could talk to the Washtenaw Interfaith Council to share thoughts and ideas and find others to include in your discussion. If you wish to continue this program next year, I would be happy to help you.

James McCargar of 3580 Hudson Street, I want to give a shout out to Mr. Breyer for the handling of the recent election. The process was one of the best and I was provided with a lot of information. Welcome and congratulations to the new Council Members, and I look forward to listening to you in your participation with City Council.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Fisher; support Cousins to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer

Interim City Manager and City Clerk

Approved for Filing: _____