

**THE CITY OF DEXTER  
REGULAR VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 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 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 Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

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; Carol Jones, Recording Secretary; Scott Munzel, City Attorney; Robert Smith, Dexter Area Fire Chief; residents; and media.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

1. Regular City Council Meeting – December 14, 2020

Motion Knight; support Griffin to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 14, 2020 with the following corrections:

- Page 3, I Reports, City Manager Report the second bullet point, *ids* should be *bids*.
- Page 6, M Council Comments, under Mr. Cousin's remarks, add the word *facility* in front of the word materials.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

**D. PRE-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:**

None

**E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None

**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 and was absent for the meeting.

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

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

- I met with Mr. Augustine regarding the 24 signs to post for the social district boundaries, and he knows where they should be placed. They will go up next Monday and the tent will be erected on Tuesday. We should have the labels for containers by Tuesday and will need oks by Washtenaw County and DAFD.
- I have also included other local businesses with outdoor services on the map to be located in the tent.
- Artistica will be closing permanently soon.

3. Board, Commission & Other Reports

Washtenaw County Sheriff - Provided a written report included in the 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:

- I have reached out to Washtenaw County Sheriff Department's Lt. Hunt to attend the January 25, 2021 meeting. I have also invited the City's Auditor, Rana Emmons, to attend the January 25, 2021 meeting for her annual report.
- Good news, the Michigan Legislature passed the bill on virtual meetings extending them to March 31, 2021.
- The City will be bringing on a Management Intern on January 4, 2021.
- There was a slight bend in the Fish Sculpture and was sent to Klapperich Welding for repair.
- The City will be doing a follow-up meeting with Third and Broad Street residents on the Third Street Project.

6. Mayor Report – Shawn Keough

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

- I wish everybody an upcoming Happy New Year.
- I walked around the City and picked up used Luminary bags as part of my exercises over the past week.

7. Council Member Reports

None

**J. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$153,786.62
2. Consideration of: 2021 Meeting Calendar Through March 31, 2021

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

**K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:**

1. Discussion of: Revised Draft of Conflict of Interest Ordinance

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

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

*Nays: None*

*Motion carries*

Mr. Breyer reviewed the changes in the Ordinance which are significant from the previous Conflict of Interest Ordinance. Mr. Breyer also reported that these changes were presented to City Attorney Scott Munzel. It was suggested that Council, Boards, Committees, and Commissions hold a training regarding Conflict of Interest, and for City Council to hold another Public Hearing before the adoption of the Ordinance. Discussion followed.

Motion Griffin; support Cousins to postpone the adoption of the Conflict of Interest Ordinance until training for officials is held; until additional revisions are made if needed; and until another Public Hearing is held.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

#### **L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:**

1. Consideration of: Dexter Ice Fest Park Use Request

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to approve the request as defined by the application of December 14, 2020, with the condition that the live ice sculpting demonstrations are not permitted.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Creation of City Manager Search Committee

Motion Fisher; support Hubbard to approve Mayor Keough's recommendations for the City Manager Search Committee.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

#### **M. COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Gilbert	None
Malek	In regards to the questions you asked last time, Alex and I plan to discuss them at the Work Session.
Cousins	Happy New Year. My son who has lived in California for over 20 years moved back to Michigan last week.
Griffin	Happy New Year.
Michels	The next CAPT/DART meeting will be January 7, 2021 on Zoom. I have a question for Chief Smith on the Facilities Assessment and if it would be completed to have for our Goal Work Session on January 9, 2021? (Chief Smith responded that it should be ready.)
Knight	Have a safe New Year.
Fisher	Wishing everyone a good New Year's, and the leadership and discussion was good tonight.
Hubbard	Happy New Year.

**N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:**

Ryan Henyard of 3577 Shaw Court, Dexter continued the wishes for a Happy New Year and that he was personally celebrating Kwanzaa this year. Regarding the Conflict of Interest Ordinance, he likes the fact that Council and City Staff are participating in local organizations. We have a lot of confidence in our Council members. Thank you for keeping us informed.

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer

Interim City Manager and City Clerk

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