

**THE CITY OF DEXTER
VIRTUAL COUNCIL GOAL SETTING WORK SESSION
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Mayor Keough held via an online Zoom conference call permitted by State of Michigan law.

B. ATTENDANCE:

Council Members: Paul Cousins, Donna Fisher, Jamie Griffin, Wa-Louisa Hubbard, Julie Knight, Zach Michels

Mayor: Shawn Keough

Student Representatives: Alex Gilbert and Isabella Malek

Also attending: Justin Breyer, Interim City Manager and City Clerk; Marie Sherry, Treasurer/Assessor/Finance Director; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Carol Jones, Recording Secretary; and residents.

C. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

Patsy Klassen of 3725 Bristol Drive spoke about road conditions on Bristol Drive and Kingsley Drive and the need for replacement. Ms. Klassen asked that the repairs be done this year and not be put off.

Sanam Arab of 6896 Wellington Drive stated that she was here to listen and that she is glad that the meetings are on Zoom so she can participate.

D. AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. Road Priorities

Discussion began with a review of the Streets Fund activity and projections. Discussion proceeded onto the Dexter Crossing streets (Bristol, Kingsley and Wellington), how this project could be moved forward, and the need for cost estimates for this project.

Discussion followed on sidewalk improvements on Second Street, the upcoming Third Street project, and additional concerns with roads and streets in the City.

2. Parks and Non-Motorized Priorities

Discussion included Mill Creek Park trail, Huron Waterloo Pathways, Border to Border Trail and connections with Scio Township. Discussion followed on the City's priorities in connecting to the various trails.

3. Water Quality

Discussion followed on ways Dexter can educate the residents on the water quality in Dexter and the effects of lead, copper and PFAS

4. Staffing

Discussion centered on office staffing needs which included a deputy Clerk/Treasurer position and communications position. Also discussed was succession planning due to those who are or soon will be retirement eligible.

5. Senior Center

Janet Potter of 518 Coventry Circle addressed Council Members about concerns of the Dexter Senior Center and the current issues with funding and location. Discussion followed on the importance of the Senior Center and the need for the City of Dexter as well as surrounding townships to assist in keeping the Center going. The concept of a Civic Center was also discussed.

6. Student Representatives – Alex Gilbert and Isabella Malek

Mr. Gilbert was asked by Council Member Michels as [to](#) how the Student Representative program could be improved. He responded that having a mentorship for the program and have it rotate among Council Members; establish a communication system with students using email; and use of a survey among the other student representatives.

Ms. Malek answered the question of recognition of student achievement in the Schools by sending a letter or presenting a certificate; use social media to engage students with the community and engage students at a younger age.

Discussion followed.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 AM by Mayor Keough.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer

Interim City Manager and City Clerk

Approved for Filing: _____