

**THE CITY OF DEXTER  
REGULAR VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021**

**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 arriving at 6:20 PM.

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 arriving at 6:15 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; Michael Auerbach, Planning Assistant; Carol Jones, Recording Secretary; Robert Smith, Dexter Area Fire Chief; residents; and media.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

1. Regular City Council Meeting – December 28, 2020

Motion Knight; support Griffin to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 28, 2020 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: 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  
Absent: Fisher  
Motion carries

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None

**G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:**

None

**H. COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Upcoming Meeting List

Council Member ~~Michels~~ Cousins reported that the WAVE Board will meet on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 10 AM. Mayor Keough confirmed that City Council will hold a Goal Setting Work Session on Saturday, January 16, 2021 beginning at 9 AM.

**I. REPORTS:**

1. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

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

- Second Street is now open as cold patch was placed on the street over the break to allow the City to open up the street to traffic.
- Preventive maintenance was recently done at Well 2 at Ryan Drive. After the cleaning process, the pump failed. The cost will be over \$5,000 and will be on a future agenda for approval and covered in the maintenance budget. The pump and well pipe are back in place.

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

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

- There was a “soft opening” for the Social District as not all of the participants have their licenses from the Liquor Control Commission. This is intended to give the businesses an opportunity to learn the rules. When all have their licenses there will be a Grand Opening of the district. Thank you to Mr. Schlaff, Mr. Augustine and their crew for setting up the area.

3. Board, Commission & Other Reports

None

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:

- It appears that the TMDL case involving phosphorus discharge may finally be coming to an end. I would like Council to have a Closed Session at a future meeting to have an update on the case.
- Mr. Schlaff is working with OHM Advisors for options on a water tap for the Community Garden which will be on a future agenda.
- Aimee Osinski from the Dexter Guardian contacted me to arrange an interview for the paper.
- Representatives from OHM Advisors and I met with Dan Waitz about his property at Third and Broad Streets to talk through options for the right-of-way needed for the Third Street Project. We also met last week with members of the Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club who expressed some issues about the loss of parking in the area. We are looking at design for additional parking on Broad Street. There is hope to have both issues worked out by the end of the month.
- The packet for Saturday's meeting will be ready on Wednesday.
- The Arts, Culture & Heritage Commission is looking at their Master Plan and projects, and they will have a recommendation at a future date.

## 6. Mayor Report – Shawn Keough

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

- Ms. Sherry got a Google Drive set up for the Search Committee and copies of applications should be available tomorrow (January 12, 2021).
- There are applications coming in for open positions on the Board, Committees and Commissions.
- The time for Saturday's Goal Setting Work Session will be 9 AM.

## 7. Council Member Reports

None

## **J. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of 82,056.63

Motion Fisher; support Cousins to approve item 1 of the Consent Agenda.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

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

Postponed from the December 14, 2020 City Council Meeting

1. Consideration of: Amendments to the General Code of Ordinances Section 10-38 - Pet Ownership

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to approve the adoption of the proposed General Code Text Amendment under Section 10-38 Pet Ownership.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

Postponed from the December 14, 2020 City Council Meeting

2. Consideration of: Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance – Commercial Kennels

Motion Griffin; support Fisher pursuant to Section 23.06 of the City of Dexter Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Commission’s recommendations, and the input received during the public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on December 7, 2020, City Council moves to approve AP2020.21-05 Commercial Kennel Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments as provided in the January 11, 2021 City Council meeting packet.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

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

1. Consideration of: Board of Review Hardship Guidelines

Motion Cousins; support Knight to adopt the Resolution to set 2021 Hardship Guidelines.

Motion Cousins; support Knight to postpone action on the Hardship Exemption Guidelines Resolution until the January 25, 2021 meeting.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Recommendation from Parks and Recreation Commission to Adopt the 2021-2026 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Motion Michels; support Hubbard to approve the Resolution to adopt the City of Dexter 2021-2026 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

3. Consideration of: Bid Award to Evergreen Tree and Restoration for an Amount Not to Exceed \$20,892 for the Mill Creek Park Slope Improvements Project – Phase 1

Motion Knight; support Fisher to approve the bid from Evergreen Tree and Restoration for an amount not to exceed \$20,892 for the Mill Creek Park Slope Improvements Project – Phase 1.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

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

Malek	None
Gilbert	None
Michels	What if we started our meetings off the meeting by reciting The Preamble to the Constitution? It is a beautiful document. We should make plans to discuss the Needs Assessment from the DAFD sooner than later.
Fisher	None
Cousins	The Parks and Recreation Master Plan was well done. I am happy to see that work on the slope behind the Farmers Market will be done. I am also happy that the weather is holding out with little or no snow and ice.
Griffin	None
Knight	Happy to see the work on the slope in the Park will be done.
Hubbard	I enjoyed the attendance of Ms. Sherry's cat at tonight's meeting.

#### **N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:**

Ryan Henyard of 3577 Shaw Court, Dexter and I second the recognition of Ms. Sherry's cat. I am also thankful for a Council who takes the time to hear from its residents. Are there any plans to address the future of the Senior Center at the Council Work Session? At the end of December, I was added to the Board of Trustees for Avalon Housing.

Ms. Sherry, Treasurer/Assessor/Finance Director reported that Gary the cat is 19-22 years old and a good boy

Council Member Fisher reported that the Senior Center will have a Board meeting tomorrow to discuss the Center.

City Manager Breyer clarified that the contract with Evergreen Tree and Restoration is to do landscaping on portions of the slope and not the entire slope.

#### **O. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Fisher; support Knight to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer

Interim City Manager and City Clerk

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