

**THE CITY OF DEXTER
VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL GOAL SETTING WORK SESSION
SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM by Mayor Keough held via an online Zoom conference call permitted by State of Michigan law.

B. ATTENDANCE:

Council Members: Paul Cousins (arrived at 9:06 AM), Jamie Griffin, Wa-Louisa Hubbard, and Julie Knight

Mayor: Shawn Keough

Absent – Donna Fisher and Zach Michels

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/media.

C. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

None

D. AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. Gathering and Use of Public Input

- Mr. Breyer gave an explanation of how ~~Public~~public input and Communication is incorporated into Goals and Objectives

Summary of Council Comments

- Use of a survey to residents – “ Let me hear from You”
- Look to encourage participation by various means.
- I get a lot of surveys and many are based on political parties. In Ann Arbor their Council meetings are on cable TV. Residents need to have a base of information in order to complete surveys.
- I would like to see us continue to offer something like Zoom for the public. What kind of programs are being offered for communities our size?
- I think we are doing a great job in the community. Remember, “you can lead a horse to water but you can’t make him drink.”
- I am willing to try anything. More information is better than less. Budget public hearings are most often poorly attended.

- With surveys, typically you get the people who want to complain. We have done a lot with email since 2008. Can we ask the questions –“ what are we doing great”? and “what can we do better”?
- I am open to learning what tools are available.
- The ways to increase collaboration with the schools and youth would be to use the school newspapers and invite students to give their opinions. Also use social media like instagram.
- We are a growing community with a larger footprint than just our boundaries.

2. Sale of Equipment

- The question has been raised as what does the City do with used vehicles?
- Is there a difference between sale and ~~battering~~ bartering (trade-in)?
- Sales require a vote of the residents currently.
- City Council could propose a resolution to amend the Charter with a 3/5 vote.
- We need to understand what we have with the Charter Amendment.
- We should have options for sale of equipment.
- Residents want to vote on the selling of land not on the selling of equipment.
- The City has handled a lot of property purchases over the last 17 years.

E. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:

Cole Miller of 7654 Forest Street would like to have the type of property sale and costs from the Charter Amendment clarified. He also mentioned that he would do more uploads and would continue them if the City would like him to do so. He mentioned open democracy programs and will forward the information.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM by Mayor Keough.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer

Interim City Manager and City Clerk

Approved for Filing: _____