

**THE CITY OF DEXTER  
REGULAR VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 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 Ann Arbor, Michigan, left at 8:45 PM.

Donna Fisher – Absent.

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 – In route to meeting and will be present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan.

Also attending remotely at Council Meeting: Justin Breyer, Interim City Manager and City Clerk; Marie Sherry, Treasurer/Assessor/Finance Director; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Michael Auerbach, Assistant Planner; Carol Jones, Recording Secretary; Blair Selover, Elaine Venema and Rick Grant from F&V; Kyle Konwinski and Matt Zimmerman from Varnum; residents; and media.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

1. Regular City Council Meeting – February 22, 2021

Motion Knight; support Griffin to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 22, 2021, with the following corrections:

- Page 4, Consent Agenda, motion made by Knight not Fisher, support by Griffin not Hubbard” and punctuation is needed after the word, “Absent”.
- **Page 5, New Business Item L-3, correct the second sentence to read,** “Patrick Droze and Marcus McNamara from OHM reviewed the options for Second Street, which includes future uses of the street, where to place the water main, possible on street parking, bike lanes, sidewalks, curbs, lighting and decorative cross walks all of which will determine cost and work to be done.”
- Page 6, Council Comments, correct “Bosnia” to “Grozny”.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher

Motion carries

**D. PRE-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:**

1. Dexter Firefighters Association – Dexter Daze Social Tent Park Use/Road Closure Permit

Dexter Firefighter Association President Tim Andrews, Vice-President Jake Cassidy, and Dexter Daze Representative Ben Boyce presented the information that the Association submitted for the Social Tent at Dexter Daze. They are interested in working with the City and the Dexter Daze Committee to make this event happen.

**E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher

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. Mr. Schlaff provided the following updates:

- The DPW have been out cleaning up the alleys and cutting back brush. However, we now do not have a place to ~~but~~ put the chips and will be looking for a location to store them.
- I have been working on the budget for the DPW, Water and Wastewater.
- Today some of the sewer mains around Hudson Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets and Dover Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets were televised. It was not an emergency, but we will need to get the cost to fix any problems.

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol and Mike Auerbach  
Ms. Aniol submits her written report as per packet. Mr. Auerbach provided the following updates:

- Planning Commission discussed Accessory Dwelling Units and amendments to the zoning ordinance regarding their use. Planning Commission has asked for some revisions on floor area and height and will discuss further at the April meeting.
- There will be a pre-application meeting with A.R. Brouwer for 7390 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road.
- We have received an application for firework sales at the Dexter Cider Mill from June 24, 2021 to July 4, 2021.

### 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:

- There will be an Art Selection Committee meeting on Thursday.
- Our Farmers Market Manager has resigned and the City will be posting to fill that position.
- There has been an opinion rendered regarding the Chelsea Wellness case.
- Jim Carson will be providing information to the City to request help for the Dexter Senior Center.
- On Wednesday March 10, 2021 City Council will hold a Zoom meeting workshop on Conflict of Interest.
- There will be bond information presented at the next Council meeting.
- The City will be posting information for summer help for the DPW and Students Representatives for Council, Boards, Committees and Commissions.

### 6. Mayor Report – Shawn Keough

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

- Mayor Keough gave a report on the decision from the Court of Appeals received on March 4, 2021 on the Chelsea Wellness case.
- I met with a representative from St. James Church regarding a sewer issue and they have asked for help with the situation.
- On March 5, 2021 I toured 3515 Broad Street with David Gasson from Partners in Architecture to take a look at the property.
- Ms. Fisher says Hi to everyone. She is currently doing rehab.

### 7. Council Member Reports

None

## **J. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$370,292.91
2. Consideration of: Setting a Public Hearing to Consider Text Amendments to the General Code of Ordinances for the Merging of Parks and Recreation Commission and Tree Board
3. Consideration of: Appointment to Art Selection Committee  
Wa-Louisa Hubbard - Planning Commission Representative  
Meredith Glitner – Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee Representative
4. Consideration of: Setting a Public Hearing to Consider an IFT for Utilities Instrumentation Service (UIS) at 2290 Bishop Circle East

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

Ayes: Griffin, Hubbard, Cousins, Knight and Keough  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Michels  
Absent: Fisher  
Motion carries

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

*Item postponed from a previous meeting*

1. Consideration of: Dexter Daze Park Use/Road Closure Permit Request

Motion Michels; support Knight to approve the Dexter Daze minimal plan presented at this time and revisit the moderate plan if vaccination rates continue to increase and Covid rates decline.

Motion Cousins; support Hubbard to postpone action on the Dexter Daze Park Use/Road Closure Permit Request until the March 22, 2021 meeting.

Ayes: Cousins, Hubbard and Keough  
Nays: Griffin, Knight and Michels  
Absent: Fisher  
Motion fails

Vote on the Original Motion:  
Ayes: Michels, Knight and Griffin  
Nays: Hubbard, Cousins and Keough  
Absent: Fisher  
Motion fails

2. Consideration of: The Watermoo Park Use/Road Closure Permit Request

Motion Cousins; support ~~the~~ Michels to approve the request ~~on~~ of the Watermoo Park Use/Road Closure Permit Request for August 14, 2021.

Ayes: Griffin, Cousins, Hubbard, Michels and Keough  
Nays: Knight  
Absent: Fisher  
Motion carries

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

1. Consideration of: Garden Club Plant Sale Park Use/Road Closure Permit Request

Motion Cousins; support Hubbard to approve the Park Use and Road Closure Permit request from the Garden Club to hold a Plant Sale on May 15, 2021.

Ayes: Cousins, Hubbard, Michels, Griffin and Keough  
Nays: Knight  
Absent: Fisher  
Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Recommendation from the Planning Commission Regarding Outdoor Service Area Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance

Motion Michels; support Griffin pursuant to Section 23.06 of the City of Dexter Zoning Ordinance, and based on the Planning Commission's recommendation, and input received during the public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on March 1, 2021, City Council moves to approve AP2020.21-03.2 Outdoor Service Area Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments, as provide herein

Ayes: Knight, Hubbard, Michels, Griffin, Cousins and Keough  
Nays: None  
Absent: Fisher  
Motion carries

3. Discussion of: Declaration of State of Emergency

Mr. Breyer explained that currently Council, Boards, Commissions and Committees can meet virtually until March 31, 2021. If another State of Emergency is declared, the date can be extended ~~possible~~ possibly to the end of the year. The City Attorney provided information as to how the State of Emergency could be extended. Discussion followed.

Council Member Cousins left the meeting at 8:45 PM.

4. Consideration of: Paper of Record

Motion Michels; support Griffin to name The Sun Times News asr the Paper of Record for publishing public information items.

Ayes: Griffin, Michels, Hubbard, Knight and Keough  
Nays: None  
Absent: Cousins and Fisher  
Motion carries

**M. COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Gilbert	None
Malek	None
Michels	I am reminding Council about the reason I abstained on the vote on the Consent agenda. There was a payment to my employer from Bills and Payroll.
Knight	I am planning on stepping away from Council at the end of March in order to spend more time in the summer at my vacation property.
Griffin	I am looking forward to the Conflict of Interest work session. I would like to see recordings of the Council meetings online.
Hubbard	None
Fisher	Absent
Cousins	Absent
Jones	Tomorrow, March 9, 2021, my Dad, Bob Mast, will turn 100 years of age.

**N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:**

None

**O. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268 Sec. 8**

Motion Knight; support Hubbard to go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268 Sec. 8 with the following non-Council Members present at the meeting: Justin Breyer, Interim City Manager and City Clerk; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Daniel Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Carol Jones, Recording Secretary; Student Representatives Alex Gilbert and Isabella Malek; Kyle Konwinski and Matt Zimmerman, attorneys from Varnum; and Blair Selover, Elaine Venema and Rick Grant, representatives from F&V at 8:58 PM.

Ayes: Michels, Knight, Griffin, Hubbard and Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher and Cousins

Motion carries

Motion Michels; support Knight to leave the Closed Session at 9:47 PM

Ayes: Hubbard, Michels, Griffin, Knight and Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Cousins and Fisher

Motion carries

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Hubbard; support Knight to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval with Council Members Cousins and Fisher absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer

Interim City Manager and City Clerk

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