

**DEXTER CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORK SESSION VIA ZOOM
WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Keough and was held via an online Zoom conference call permitted by State of Michigan Law.

B. ROLL CALL: Mayor Keough

P. Cousins	D. Fisher
J. Griffin	W. Hubbard
Z. Michels - absent	

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

C. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Joe Semifero of 3214 Boulder Court inquired about crack sealing in the Roads Budget.

Isabella Malek, Student Representative, invited everyone to attend tomorrow's Senior Night for the Dexter Soccer Team.

D. REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET

GENERAL FUND:

Mr. Breyer reported that the 3515 Broad Street purchase has been incorporated into the budget document and he highlighted the areas it affects. The second area showing significant change would be staffing changes that would impact most areas of the budget. The third area of change is the transfer of \$50,000 per year for substantial equipment purchases over the next few years.

STREETS:

Mr. Breyer reviewed four funds that comprise the Street Funds and expected projects for the two budgeted years. Also included in the budget will be a crack seal program and the yearly road stripping.

OTHER FUNDS:

SOLID WASTE FUND

No significant changes from prior meetings in solid waste fund.

EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND:

Mr. Breyer reported on the replacements coming up and provided a list of equipment owned by the City.

TREE FUND:

Mr. Breyer reported that the tree fund is used for replacement of trees and tree maintenance comes from the General Fund.

SEWER FUND:

Mr. Breyer reported that the need for a 7% increase in rates resulted from the upgrade for the sewer plant. Mayor Keough reviewed the long-term debt and deficit currently with the fund and the expectation of increasing reserve funds in the future. Also reviewed were the projects for the 2021-2022 sewer budget and future projects.

WATER FUND:

Mr. Schlaff and Mr. Breyer listed the projects for the budget years and reported that the water fund is in good shape and looking at only a 3% increase due to inflation costs.

Mr. Breyer reported that at the first meeting in June, Council will adopt the Millage Rate and at the second meeting in June, Council will adopt the 2021-2022 Budget.

E. CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

Council Members discussed the following related to the City Council vacancy:

- For the long term consider a re-look at the process on filling a Council vacancy.
- The City Charter requires that Council complete the appointment in a 60-day time frame.
- Council Member Griffin indicated a desire for non-arranged participation prior to the vote on the candidate.

Discussion followed on the process and possible changes.

Adjourned at 8:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer
Interim City Manager and City Clerk

Approved for Filing: _____