

**THE CITY OF DEXTER  
SPECIAL VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021**

**A. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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:**

Paul Cousins – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan.  
Donna Fisher – Present remotely in the City of Alma, Michigan.  
Jamie Griffin – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan.  
Wa-Louisa Hubbard – 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.

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; Carol Jones, Recording Secretary; David Gassen, Partners in Architecture; residents; and media.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to approve the agenda as presented.

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

**D. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:**

Joe Semifero of 3214 Boulder Court thanked Council Member Griffin for the posting of the meeting agenda in The Sun Times. He also corrected a comment that was attributed to him by The Sun Times as not being in favor of a new fire station. He stated that what he said was that he was not in favor of the size of the station at 18,000 to 20,000 square feet and equated it to the Taj Mahal. Mr. Semifero further explained that it is not what the City wants but what the City needs, and provided a description of the station bays at the Dexter Township and Webster Township stations.

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

1. Consideration of: Resolution to Appoint the City Treasurer/Finance Director as Transfer Agent

Motion Fisher; support Hubbard to adopt the resolution appointing the City Treasurer/Finance Director as the City's Bond Transfer Agent for the 2021 Capital Improvement Bonds.

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

2. Consideration of: Authorization to Amend the Purchase Agreement for 3515 Broad Street

Motion Fisher; support Hubbard to authorize an amendment to the Purchase Agreement for 3515 Broad Street to reduce the purchase price from \$1,986,000 to \$1,906,000 and to authorize the Interim City Manager to sign the agreement.

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

3. Consideration of: Resolution to Authorize the Execution of Closing Documentation on the Purchase of 3515 Broad Street and to Designate Signatories

Motion Fisher; support Hubbard to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Closing Documentation on the Purchase of 3515 Broad Street and to Designate Signatories.

Motion Griffin; support Cousins to postpone New Business Items 3 and 4 until the Monday, June 14, 2021 City Council Meeting.

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

4. Discussion of: 3515 Broad Street Next Steps

New Business Item 4 was also postponed until the June 14, 2021 meeting

**M. COUNCIL COMMENTS:** (Paraphrased or summarized by City Clerk)

Michels                    In response to Mr. Semifero's comments regarding the Webster and Dexter Township stations, I have been in these stations and others. I don't think that a fire station should be a tomb for a dead wife (Taj Mahal).

Griffin	Given the cost per square foot, 3515 Broad Street seems to be a good option. It is too bad that we are not doing a combined Fire Station and City Hall at Meadowview. I will be looking for more information such as a summary of discussion on both projects. I do have a concern about the use of other stations for fire and that it may cause the loss of fire presence in the City at night. Also, who do we trust and when with an assessment of needs that was recently presented by the Fire Chief for the current station?
Hubbard	None
Cousins	None
Fisher	None

**N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:**

Joe Semifero of 3214 Boulder Court addressed Council regarding Council Rules, including following Robert’s Rules of Order when you do not have a rule in place. Rules to rescind the seconding of a motion cannot be done. With the procedure to call the question, there needs to be a motion with a second and a vote, which was not done in that manner this evening.

Ryan Henyard of 3577 Shaw Court spoke of his disappointment that Council keeps kicking decisions down the road, as was done in tonight’s meeting. The need existed for a City Hall and a Fire Station before he moved to Dexter. He suggests that if Council has good faith issues regarding the City Hall or Fire Station, that Council Members put them on the table and figure out what to do in order to come to a decision.

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Griffin; support Cousins to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval with Council Member Michels absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer

Interim City Manager and City Clerk

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