

**THE CITY OF DEXTER  
REGULAR VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021**

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

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Mayor Keough and was held via an online Zoom conference call permitted by State of Michigan Law.

**B. ROLL CALL:**

Sanam Arab – Absent.

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 – Absent.

Zach Michels – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan.

Shawn Keough – Present remotely in the City of Auburn, New York.

Student Representatives:

Alex Gilbert – Present remotely in Webster Township, Michigan.

Eren Buyukbozkirli – Absent.

Also attending remotely: Justin Breyer, City Manager and City Clerk; Marie Sherry, Treasurer/Assessor/Finance Director; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Mike Auerbach, Assistant Planner; Carol Jones, Recording Secretary; Robert Smith, Dexter Area Fire Department Chief; Marcus McNamara, OHM Advisors; residents; and media.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

1. City Council Work Session – August 9, 2021
2. Regular City Council Meeting – August 9, 2021

Motion Griffin; support Cousins to approve the minutes of the [City Council Work Session of August 9, 2021](#) and the [Regular City Council Meeting of August 9, 2021](#) ~~July 26, 2021~~ with the following corrections:

- Page 1, Item D – City Council Organizational Matters, remove the word “one” in the first sentence.
- Page 4, under Ms. Dunajsky’s comments, add the word “of” between “study” and “Broad”.
- Page 6, under Old Business, Item 1, the motion for the Consideration of: Conflict of Interest, add the word “to” between “Michels” and “move”.

Ayes: Cousins, Michels, Griffin, Fisher and Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Hubbard and Arab

Motion carries

**D. PRE-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:**

None

**E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

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

Council Member Michels indicated that he would abstain on the Consent Agenda due to a Conflict of Interest as his employer, Carlisle Wortman Associates, is listed in Bills and Payroll.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Griffin, Michels and Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Hubbard and Arab

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 had no verbal updates to provide.

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

Ms. Aniol submits her written report as per packet. Ms. Aniol had no verbal updates to provide.

3. Board, Commission & Other Reports

*Washtenaw County Sheriff – July 2021 Report include in the packet.*

4. Subcommittee Reports

None

5. City Manager Report – Justin Breyer

Mr. Breyer submits his written report as per packet. Mr. Breyer had no verbal updates to provide.

## 6. Mayor Report – Shawn Keough

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

- It was great to work with Mr. Breyer on the closing of the 3515 Broad Street property. I also had the opportunity to hold the first meeting in our City Office building with Partners in Architecture.
- At the recent DDA meeting, members had concerns about a lack of updates from the current developer. The DDA would like to look into moving forward, whether it be with Norfolk or another developer.
- I did enjoy Dexter Daze and thought that the Dexter Daze Committee and the Firefighters Association did a good job.

## 7. Council Member Reports

None

## **J. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$707,144.30

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

Ayes: Griffin, Cousins, Fisher and Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Hubbard and Arab

Abstain: Michels

Motion carries

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

*Items postponed from a previous meeting*

None

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

1. Consideration of: City Council Organizational Matters

Motion Fisher; support Griffin to postpone action on the approval of the City Council Organizational Matters until the next meeting when all Council Members are able to attend the meeting.

Ayes: Fisher, Griffin, Cousins, Michels and Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Arab and Hubbard

Motion carries

2. Discussion of: Adoption Ordinance to Re-codify the General Code of Ordinances

Mr. Breyer explained the need to re-codify the General Code of Ordinances. The next step is to bring this item back to City Council on September 13, 2021 to set a public hearing for October 11, 2021.

3. Discussion/Consideration of: Traffic Control Requests and Signage

a. Right Turn Only Signage at Central St.

Mr. Breyer explained the need for consideration of right turn only signage from Central Street. Discussion followed and included possible time restrictions for left turns.

b. No Parking Signage on 5<sup>th</sup> St. and Alley

Discussion followed of including signage denoting locations where parking should be prohibited. Request to bring this item back to Council as a Traffic Control Order.

c. Broad Street Speed Limit Signage

Mr. Breyer reported that Broad Street is already signed for 25 miles per hour. Signage may need to be added.

d. Downtown Pedestrian Only Stencils

Mr. Breyer gave information on stencil signage that could be used near the downtown that would indicate a prohibition on bicycles, skate boards and skates on the sidewalks. One suggestion was to work with the schools to design eye catching signage.

e. Farmers Market Parking Signage

Mr. Breyer explained a recent email from a local merchant regarding signage and parking at the Farmers Market. Discussion followed including a need for signage when the Farmers Market is open, but it could possibly be covered when not in use.

f. Championship Signage

Mr. Breyer spoke of a request from a Dexter Little League team that won the State Championship this year to include them on the signs at the City limits. Discussion followed on ways to recognize the accomplishments of the Dexter Little League Majors Softball All Star team.

4. Discussion of: Connecting Communities Grant Application

Mr. Breyer explained the Connecting Communities Grant Application for both of the connecting communities of Dexter and Chelsea. Mr. Breyer will prepare a resolution for support for a grant for the September 13, 2021 meeting.

5. Discussion of: MIOSHA's Center for Education and Training (CET)  
Consultation Services

Mr. Auerbach reached out to MIOSHA to inquire about work place evaluations through MIOSHA's Center for Education and Training as requested by City Council. He described the two types of services provided, a Consultation Visit and a Training and Consultation Hazard Survey. Discussion followed.

Motion Michels; support Cousins to engage now with MIOSHA to schedule a Training & Consultation Hazard Survey with written report.

Ayes: Michels, Cousins, Griffin, Fisher and Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Hubbard and Arab

Motion carries

6. Discussion of: NFPA 1500 Report and Fire Chief's Letter Regarding 8140 Main St.

Discussion followed on the NFPA 1500 Report. Council requested that Chief Smith summarize the report and present this at a future Work Session.

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

Cousins None.

Griffin None.

Michels A reminder for my reason for abstaining from the vote on the Consent Agenda was that my employer is listed under Bills & Payroll. Regarding Jeffords parking, there should be barrier free parking but not solely used for residents, as they do have parking inside the building. During my travels over the weekend, I did see skate parks everywhere and Dexter does not have much for the kids to do. I also saw many dog parks. I would suggest that we refrain from making bold statements outside of this body regarding what is needed for fire facilities before we go through the proposed review process.

Fisher None

Gilbert On August 11, 2021, I took a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. It was very educational and useful.

Arab Absent.

Hubbard Absent.

Buyukbozkirli Absent.

**N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION:**

None

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Fisher; support Griffin to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval with Council Members Arab and Hubbard absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer

City Manager and City Clerk

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