

THE CITY OF DEXTER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.

B. ROLL CALL: Mayor Keough	J. Carson	D. Fisher
	J. Knight	J. Semifero
	J. Smith	R. Tell

Also present: Courtney Nicholls, City Manager; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Marie Sherry, Finance Director/Treasurer; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Carol Jones, Interim City Clerk; Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager; Patrick Droze, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment; Sgt. Keith Flores, Washtenaw County Sheriff Department; residents and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular City Council Meeting – May 11, 2015
2. City Council Work Session – May 13, 2015

Motion Smith; support Tell to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 11, 2015 and the City Council Work Session of May 13, 2015 with one correction:

- Page 4, under Consent Agenda, item 2, the date June 12 should be June 14.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Smith; support Knight to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- I-6, City Manager’s Report - Information update on State Tax Commission.
- J-2, Consideration Item for Consent Agenda for the Dexter-Ann Arbor Run.
- L-2, New Business – Additional information: Construction Services for 2105 Local Road Projects.
- L-4, New Business Item - Approval to Submit Escrow Payment to Amtrak.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Boy Scout Nathan Miller introduced himself and reported that he was attending the meeting to earn a merit badge for communications.

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar
3. Letter from Dexter Area Historical Society
4. Letter from Dexter Senior Center

I. REPORTS

1. Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office Representative – Sgt. Keith Flores

Sgt. Flores gave the following verbal updates:

- He reported on the call volumes. For 2014 there were 1306 calls in Dexter, which was down slightly from 2013. Calls from January through April for 2015 was 375 compared to 425 for that time period in 2014, and 360 traffic stops in 2015 as compared to 503 in 2014.
- In 2011 there was a robbery and assault at Mugg and Bopps. Two suspects have been identified through DNA evidence.
- Banked Hours – the Dexter command will get through most of the year for events and have two deputies on duty due to having the banked hours.
- Sgt. Flores commented on an honest citizen who found a purse outside the flower shop with \$2000 in it and brought it to the station to be returned to the owner.
- On May 14 there was a situation on Hudson Street where the resident was lured outside while another person entered the home. The resident was able to scare off the home invader before anything was taken.
- Sgt. Flores announced that he has taken another position within the Sheriff's Department and will be leaving Dexter on June 1. Sgt. Gieske will fill in at Dexter through the end of summer until a new command officer is appointed.

2. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

Mr. Schlaff provided the following verbal updates:

- Met with AZ Schmina on the secondary lid and it is working well. Also discussed was finalizing those items of the punch list from AZ Schmina that need to be completed.

- Had an opportunity to be in the Memorial Day Parade and was surprised at the participation and community support for the event.

3. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

Ms. Aniol submits her report as per packet. Ms. Aniol gave the following updates:

- The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) postponed a decision on 3441 Broad Street on their rear yard setback request. Planning Commission will meet on June 1 to discuss a special use on this property and the ZBA request may change after the Planning Commission meeting.
- Have a proposal from Carlisle Wortman Associates to update the ordinances. This will go to Planning Commission on June 1 and City Council should see it on June 8.
- It has been proposed in a State legislative committee that a significant amount of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) funding to go to road improvements. This could have a definite impact on economic development such as the 3045 Broad Street project.
- Question – Is there a summary from the recent ZBA meeting? (Mr. Tell commented that a lot of those people attending thought that the meeting was about allowing the building and not the actual action of allowing the rear yard setback. He encouraged those attending the ZBA meeting to come to the June 1 Planning Commission meeting where the special use of the property will be discussed.)

4. Boards, Commissions. & Other Reports-“Bi-annual or as needed”

None

5. Subcommittee Reports

Facilities

- No update at this time. The next meeting will be the second week in June.

Road Plan – Joe Semifero

- Information will be discussed under item L-2 of New Business.

6. City Manager Report

Ms. Nicholls submits her report as per packet. Ms. Nicholls gave the following verbal updates:

- City Finance Director/Treasurer, Ms. Sherry spoke about attending the Michigan Tax Commission meeting. They will certify the City’s tax roll at the June 9 meeting and the City will need to hold a Board of Review (possibly June 17). The Board of Review will uphold those decisions made by Scio and Webster but property owners do have a chance to come before the board. Notices will be sent to property owners. Ms. Sherry did have an opportunity to speak to the commission during public comments to clarify to them what had happened.
- Deer issue – Discussion followed on the problem.
- MLive delivery - Did not see the deliveries over the weekend. Discussion followed.

- Insurance Renewal and Refund – Discussion followed.

7. Mayor's Report

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

- The budget review will be on June 10 not June 3 as mentioned in report.
- The Fire Department is still searching for a Fire Chief. The second candidate withdrew on May 18. Question asked as to why he withdrew. (Disagreement within the department on choice).
- Chief Yates will officially retire on June 30. There will be a retirement party for him in July. Assistant Chief's Wagner and Zahn will assume leadership until a Chief is selected.
- Thank you to Mr. Schlaff and his crew for the great job on the set-up and take down for the Memorial Day Parade.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$147,477.60
2. Consideration of: Request of Road Closure on May 31, 2015 from 8:15 am to 9:10 am for the Dexter-Ann Arbor Run.

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve items 1 and 2 of the Consent Agenda.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

None

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: Dexter Community Orchestra Resolution

Motion Semifero; support Knight to approve a resolution to recognize the Dexter Community Orchestra as a 503(c) (3) Charitable Organization.

Ayes: Carson, Fisher, Knight, Semifero, Smith, Tell and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: 2015 Road Project Contract Awards
 - Cadillac Asphalt in an amount not to exceed TBD
 - Orchard. Hiltz & McCliment in an amount not to exceed TBD
 - Increase in the Highway Maintenance cape seal contract in the amount of TBD

Motion Fisher; support Smith to postpone consideration of the 2015 Road Project Contract awards until the next meeting.

Ayes: Fisher, Knight, Semifero, Smith, Tell, Carson and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

3. Consideration of: Setting Public Hearing Date for Proposed Ordinance Relating to Administration Fee, Interest on Delinquent Taxes, and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes

Motion Carson; support Smith to set a Public Hearing date for a proposed ordinance relating to Administration Fee, Interest on Delinquent Taxes, and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes.

Ayes: Knight, Semifero, Smith, Tell, Carson, Fisher and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

4. Consideration of: Approval to Submit Escrow Payment to Amtrak for Border to Border Trail Project

Motion Tell; support Smith to approve the submission of escrow payment to Amtrak for the Border to Border Trail Project in the amount of \$20,243.

Ayes: Semifero, Smith, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Knight and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tell None

Fisher None

Semifero None

Jones Regarding the deer issue, back in the 1880's there were no white-tailed deer left in the county. In the 1950's deer hunting was always "up north". Things have changed with the deer population in spite of the growing human population.

Smith None

Knight Thanked Council, Staff and those in the audience for their understanding on the passing of my mother.

Carson None

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager, requested that at the next meeting (June 8) a group photo of City Council be taken to include in the budget documents.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Smith; support Fisher to adjourn at 8:40 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Interim Clerk, City of Dexter

Approved for Filing: _____