

THE CITY OF DEXTER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 13, 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-absent
	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; and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular City Council Meeting – June 22 2015

Motion Knight; support Fisher to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 22, 2015 with the following corrections:

- Page 3 – Ms. Aniol’s report, remove the sentence...*Also had a noise complaint of the air conditioning unit at the Dexter Wellness facility.* And replace it with the following...*Went to the Dexter Wellness Center to check the decibel level of the air conditioning units.*
- Page 3 – Facilities Committee report – second bullet point – *locations* should be *location*.

Unanimous voice vote approval with Council Member Semifero absent.

D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Unanimous voice vote approval with Council Member Semifero absent.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar
3. Thank You Letter from the Dexter Area Historical Society & Museum
4. Notification Regarding the Rover Pipeline
5. Letter from DTE Regarding Tree Trimming.

I. REPORTS

1. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

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

- Questions – Where will asphalt patching be done? (Ann Arbor Street from Kensington to Dan Hoey Road and then into Huron Farms at Ryan.)
- Question – What is the July 14 meeting with OHM about? (Looking at test wells for a sixth well.)

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

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

- Question – What were Carlisle Wortman’s comments at the recent Planning Commission meeting regarding the Strawberry Alarm Clock and Carlisle Wortman’s recommendation not to allow the business in Village Residential? (Ms. Aniol explained the rationale for allowing this project in the Village Residential site on Broad Street.)
- NUBCo is looking at expansion and feasibility study on the possibilities of expansion. There will be a meeting on July 14 on possible alternatives involving Michigan Economic Development Council (MEDC), SPARK, Dexter Department of Public Works, staff and hoping for the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDARD).
- The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Board of Directors will be coming to Dexter to tour Mill Creek Park on August 18. All are invited to the tour and to help set the stage for future development.
- Council Members Fisher and Carson will be going with me on July 16 to observe the interviewing process for a development partner.
- Comcast plans to install high speed internet throughout the Industrial Park and would like to sponsor the next business summit.

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

None

4. Subcommittee Reports

None

5. City Manager Report

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

- There is a fence at the 8087 Forest Street property and it has fallen into disrepair. It was suggested that the City remove the fence.
- Debating on locations to place the Bike Sculpture. The piece has been reduced to three bikes, but it is still large and probably won't fit in the space along the Border to Border Trail as first hoped. Thinking about placing it in the Community Lot at the Dexter Mill.
- Old signage in the City – looking for quotes and ideas for making the changes from Village to City on signs; possibly focus on the most prominent signs but not a priority to replace all at this time.
- Did have a rating call with Standard & Poor's and should have the City's rating back from them soon.
- Two road work meetings were will be held this week, one at Huron Farms and the other at Westridge to explain the projects this summer.
- Disappointed that the MERS rating has dropped even with the additional contribution. Discussion followed.
- The County Road Commission is supposed to be getting back to the City regarding the contract with Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment for the intersection study on Baker and Shield Roads

6. Mayor's Report

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

- Have spent more time with the Tax Tribunal. Scott Munzel deposed someone from Power Wellness in Lansing and is putting together a preliminary statement. Discussion followed.
- The meeting regarding Huron River access was attended by 15 people to start work on the issue. Discussion followed.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$427,136.92
2. Consideration of: Appointment of Ray Tell to the Art Selection Committee

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

Unanimous voice vote approval with Council Member Semifero absent.

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

None

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: Setting a Public Hearing on August 10, 2015 to Consider an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Request from Variety Die & Stamping

Motion Fisher; support Carson to set a Public Hearing on August 10, 2015 to consider an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Request from Variety Die & Stamping.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Semifero

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Meeting Stipend for Board of Review

Motion Fisher; support Carson to approve the following stipends for the City Board of Review - \$62.50 per day for the Chairperson and \$50 for the other members of the Board per day with an additional \$12 per hour if their attendance is required for over four hours during that day to be paid in half hour increments.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Semifero

Motion carries

3. Consideration of: Recommendation from the Art Selection Committee for the 2015 Temporary Art Display

Motion Fisher; support Knight to approve the four recommendations from the Art Selection Committee for the 2015 Temporary Art Display.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Semifero

Motion carries

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tell None

Fisher At this year's Civil War Days, made a little under \$5000 even with the cancellation of Sunday's activities. Looking to continue the encampment portion in the future as the re-enactors like to come to Dexter.

Jones 1974 was an interesting year in the Village of Dexter...the Village Clerk was charged with embezzlement, there was a recall petition circulated for the Village President, and the Village's police force was disbanded leading the way to coverage for the Village by the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department.

Smith None
Knight None
Carson None
Semifero Absent

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Smith; support Carson to adjourn at 8:32 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval with Council Member Semifero absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Interim Clerk, City of Dexter

Approved for Filing: _____