

THE CITY OF DEXTER  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, August 24, 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>B. ROLL CALL:</b> 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; Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager; residents and media.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Regular City Council Meeting – August 10, 2015

Motion Smith; support Fisher to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 10, 2015 with the following corrections:

- Page 1 – Prearranged Participation, second question change the word *gage* to *gauge*.
- Page 2 – Public Hearings, third paragraph change *Johnathan* to *Jonathan*.
- Page 2 – Non-arranged Participation, first paragraph change *Boarder-to-Boarder* to *Border-to-Border*.
- Page 3 – Communications, first paragraph change *August 8<sup>th</sup>* to *August 12<sup>th</sup>*.
- Page 4 – Community Development Manager Report, fifth bullet point add *between the two buildings* to the end of the question.
- Page 5 – Non-arranged Participation, first paragraph change *Boarder-to-Boarder* to *Border-to-Border*.
- Page 6 – Item L-2, change *\$19,0000* to *\$19,000*.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

**D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

## **E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion Tell; support Smith to approve the agenda with the following changes:

- The addition of a letter from Bob Murphy as item H-3

Unanimous voice vote approval.

## **F. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## **G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

*Ted Tear of 8090 Huron St.* – Mr. Tear commented about the success of Dexter Daze. He stated that he spoke to several people that did not approve of the Strawberry Alarm Clock Café. He stated that he does not want Dexter to be “a little Ann Arbor.” He also commented that Bicyclists in Dexter do not follow the rules of the road. He commented that there should be a set bicycle route. He asked City Council to reconsider their approval of the café.

*Bob Murphy of 3713 Bristol Dr.* – Mr. Murphy commented that he wanted to recognize all City employees for their work. He stated that Brenda immediately took care of an issue that he was having. He also stated that the City Manager gave him a packet after he was unable to find a copy at the Dexter Library. He stated that he thought that it was a nice gesture and that he had never had a City Manager attend to him before.

## **H. COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar
3. Letter from Bob Murphy

No Comment

## **I. REPORTS**

1. Washtenaw County Sheriff Sgt. Beth Gieske

Courtney Nicholls commented that Sgt. Gieske intended to come to the meeting, but was unable due to a medical issue. Mrs. Nicholls stated that she, along with Sgt. Gieske, had participated in interviews to hire a new sergeant. She stated that they interviewed two candidates and that the Sheriff should be making a decision shortly based on their feedback.

2. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

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

- Question – How is the preparation for road replacement going? (The crew is performing work at Hudson and Grand doing storm water work. The preparation is going well and DTE has been responsive.)

- Mayor Keough remarked that the City was very clean after the two weeks of activity and provided commendation to the Department of Public Works employees.

### 3. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

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

- Question – regarding the permits listing, most have \$0, is that accurate? (It is not accurate. We are taking payments for various things, but it may be a few days after the permit is approved, so it is not reflected in the report.)
- Ms. Aniol will be meeting soon with the City Attorney and a representative of Carlisle-Wortman regarding the sign ordinance update. The meeting is necessary because of a resent court ruling. During that meeting, she hopes to speak with the City Attorney regarding vacation of the First Street right-of-way.
- Ms. Aniol commented that she attended the business summit on August 13<sup>th</sup>. The summit was hosted by Comcast. Comcast provided a map that detailed the location of their infrastructure improvements. She wanted to make everyone aware that Comcast will be running lines to businesses at no charge for a short time.
- Ms. Aniol also commented that she went to the Economic Developer’s Conference. MEDC is gearing up for budget cuts resulting from an internet gaming agreement violation by the State. It is expected that 70 people will lose their jobs.

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

None

### 5. Subcommittee Reports

None

### 6. City Manager Report

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

- The Plein Air Festival was successful. 65 paintings were sold at approximately \$16,000 total. The painters were excited to have sold their work.
- Question – Under the A&W Easement report, there is an agreement that stipulates that the A&W does not need to come into the City in order to receive sewer, is water included in that agreement? (No, they are not entitled to water under that agreement.)
- Question – When will the public input session for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan be held? (It will be held sometime between two months from now and the end of the year.)
- There were several successful outcomes from the meeting with DTE. DTE agreed to let the City put 25% down, and City representatives were given the impression that environmental factors will not be an issue. DTE has also

requested one acre instead of two. We will also be paying their estimate or less.

- Question – Under the Border-to-Border Trail, which organization will be issuing the permit? (MDOT put AMTRAK in charge, so the permit will come from AMTRAK.)
- Question – Can you [City Manager Nicholls] ask Dexter Daze to come and give a report on the success of the event? (We can ask Tom Paup to give an update.)

## 7. Mayor's Report

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

- Mayor Keough stated that he would be participating in Fire Chief interviews on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Question – Are you selecting the Fire Chief then [after the interviews]? (We will need to play it by ear.)
- The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Visit was well attended by people from all over. They thought that it was really neat to visit Dexter. Mayor Keough thanked Dairy Queen for providing treats to the MNRTF Board.
- Paul Evanoff nominated the City for an award from Keep Michigan Beautiful for Mill Creek Park.

## **J. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$157,576.03

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve item 1 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: Distribution of Draft Master Plan Amendment regarding Oil and Gas Drilling

Motion Semifero; support Smith to approve the distribution of the draft Master Plan updates regarding oil and gas drilling to neighboring jurisdictions and regional entities.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Award Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Replacement 30% Design Contract to Fleis & Vandenbrink

Motion Fisher; support Smith to award the Wastewater Treatment Plant blower replacement 30% design contract to Fleis & Vandenbrink in an amount not to exceed \$5,400.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

3. Consideration of: Third Street Drainage Improvement Project

Motion Tell; support Knight to add the additional storm water work at Third Street to the Cadillac Asphalt contract in an amount not to exceed \$34,100.

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

Nays: Semifero

Motion carries 6-1

4. Consideration of: Appointment of Acting City Manager During Temporary Absences of the City Manager.

Motion Smith; support Carson to allow the City Manager to appoint Marie Sherry to be the Acting City Manager during any temporary leave of absences of the City Manager.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

5. Consideration of: Setting a Public Hearing on September 14, 2015 for Public Comment on the Purchasing Ordinance.

Motion Carson; support Fisher to set a public hearing for September 14, 2015 for public comment on the proposed purchasing ordinance.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

6. Consideration of: Approval of 2015-2016 Budget Document.

Motion Carson; support Fisher to accept the City of Dexter's Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget document as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

7. Consideration of: Purchase of Bobcat for Department of Public Works.

Motion Smith; support Fisher to approve the purchase of a new Bobcat Skid-Steer Loader for an amount not to exceed \$36,118.74.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

#### **M. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Carson None

Knight None

Smith None

Semifero None

Fisher Council Member Fisher commented that she is curious to see how Dexter Daze did this year since the Historical Society expected to make more money than they did from their event.

Tell Council Member Tell commented that he liked the Plein Air event. His favorite painting was *South of Main*.

Keough None

#### **N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

*Ted Tear of 8090 Huron St.* – Mr. Tear commented that he does not understand why the City pays Carlisle-Wortman when the Council did not follow their opinion regarding the Strawberry Alarm Clock Café. He would like Council to take another vote and reconsider their approval.

*Bob Murphy of 3713 Bristol Dr.* – Mr. Murphy had a question about residential – isn't the Mill commercial already? (It is village residential and there are a variety of different uses in the area.) Mr. Murphy expressed that he has no issue with the Strawberry Alarm Clock Café.

#### **P. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Smith; support Carson to adjourn at 8:39 PM.

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

Nays: Semifero

Motion carries 6-1

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer

Assistant to the City Manager, City of Dexter Approved for Filing: \_\_\_\_\_