

THE CITY OF DEXTER  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 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	Z. Michels
	J. Smith	R. Tell

Also present: Courtney Nicholls, City Manager; Marie Sherry, Finance Director/Treasurer; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Carol Jones, Interim City Clerk; Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager; Chief Robert Smith, Dexter Area Fire Department; residents and media.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Regular City Council Meeting – November 23, 2015

Motion Smith; support Carson to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting with the following correction:

- Page 5-New Business Item 2, the first line of the motion should read based on the Planning Commission’s recommendation, a copy of the revised text amendment provided by staff, which removed the words “an” before and “use” after the word “accessory” in proposed F.1

Unanimous voice vote approval.

**D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

**E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion Smith; support Fisher to approve the agenda with the addition of comments provided by Michelle Aniol on questions from Zach Michels regarding the Master Plan, Use Tables, PUDs and Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

## **F. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE LICENSING OF PUSHCART VENDORS IN THE CITY OF DEXTER**

Consideration of: An Ordinance establishing procedures for the licensing of pushcart Vendors in the City of Dexter

Consideration of: Pushcart Vending Policy

Mayor Keough opened the Public Hearing for Pushcart Vendors at 7:33 PM. Mayor Keough explained the proposed ordinance and policy. The question was raised about allowing only one vendor and the City Attorney's comments about this being a monopoly. Ms. Nicholls explained that the number of carts could be changed without rewriting the ordinance.

Mayor Keough closed the Public Hearing at 7:35 PM

Ms. Nicholls commented that this ordinance does not cover Ice Cream trucks as they are on the move and not parked. Suggestions were given under the definitions to add *City Manager*, moving the last sentence in H and I under definitions to Pushcart Vending Policy, and adding the term *unattached* to outdoor cooking in 14 and 15 of the Requirements for Pushcart Vendors. Discussion followed.

Ted Tear, 8090 Huron Street, Dexter inquired about why a food truck is not permitted in the ordinance. He felt that a food cart is not in the category of becoming an incubator restaurant business as a food truck could be. He also asked, "If I have an ice cream truck, why can't I park it?"

The Pushcart Ordinance and Policy is to be rewritten with the proposed changes and brought back to a future meeting.

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

Donna Lasinski, 4977 St. Annes Ct., Ann Arbor introduced herself to Council as a candidate for Gretchen Driskell's seat in the 52<sup>nd</sup> District in the Michigan House of Representatives. She listed among her credentials that she is the current treasurer for Ann Arbor Public Schools and a business owner.

## **H. COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar
3. Dues renewal letter from the Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce

## **I. REPORTS**

1. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

Mr. Schlaff submits his written report as per packet.

- Ms. Nicholls reported on communication radios for DPW workers and are deciding the number required.

## 2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

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

- Question – How is the Brouwer property on Grand Street zoned? (I-1)
- The RFQ (Request for Qualification) Committee conducted the second of two interviews of the two interested developers for the Broad Street property. The committee will make a recommendation of Foremost Development Company to the DDA for approval and then move to Council for approval.
- Question – What is the location of the 3040 Hudson Street property split? (The corner of Hudson and Forest.)
- Addressed questions provided by Council Member Michels with the Master Plan and Use Table from his emailed memo.

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

### *Dexter Area Fire Department – Mayor Keough, Council Member Carson*

- Mayor Keough reported on the DAFD budget document stating that this budget reflects a meeting of many objectives that have not been met in the past.
- Questions were raised as to the percentage funded in MERS (59%), increase in accounting fees, the role of Assistant Chief being more defined than in the past, mutual aid runs, and reworking the cost allocation formula in the future.

### *Washtenaw County Sheriff – November Written Report*

- Included in the packet.
- Question - Are other communities experiencing an increase in larcenies?
- Question - It looks like traffic stops are down, are we short on personnel?
- Ms. Nicholls will inquire about these items.

## 4. Subcommittee Reports

*Facilities* – Met and are working on a report to bring before Council.

## 5. City Manager Report

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

- The 2017-2020 Transportation Projects will be presented at the next meeting.
- Tree trimming in West Ridge is supposed to be completed today (December 14.)
- Attended a Public Services meeting. The Washtenaw County may be looking at a county wide millage for police services in 2017.

- Question – What is the cities cost for the March election? (This will be covered by the State of Michigan.)

## 6. Mayor's Report

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

- Recommending Christopher Wallaker as the alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- The DTE agreement at 3045 Broad Street isn't finalized yet but looking at doing so in the First Quarter of 2016.
- Dextech is looking to move forward with another phase.
- On December 8, motions for summary dispositions and responses were due to the State Tax Tribunal.
- Council Organizational Meeting will be held on January 23 at 9 AM.
- Merry Christmas.

## **J. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$418,540.61
2. Consideration of: Appointment of Christopher Wallaker as an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals
3. Consideration of: Re-Adoption of Text Amendments to Article XVII, Research and Development Districts of the Zoning Ordinance (previously adopted unanimously on November 23, 2015)

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve items 1, 2 and 3 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: Hiring of Cody Allred to the Position of Public Utility Operator

Motion Smith; support Fisher to hire Cody Allred to the position of Public Utility Operator.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Expenditures related to Visitor's Guide Project

Motion Tell; support Knight to authorize up to \$1,600 as a match to the Ypsilanti Conventions and Visitors Bureau \$6,000 CTAP grant for design and printing of 10,000 Dexter Visitors Guides.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

**M. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Michels I apologize if I have cut anyone off from speaking and will remember to raise my hand. I have started asking questions via email memo prior to the meeting. Maybe a means of raising funds for the fire department is turning an old fire truck into a food truck. Appreciate the references in last meetings comments, so this time I want to include Star Wars.

Knight Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Smith Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Jones Thank you to the City for stepping up to help continue the Luminary Project this year. We had a great response to putting together the kits and distributing them. Thank you also to Erin McKillen for her leadership on the project.

Carson Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Fisher Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Tell None

**N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Smith; support Knight to adjourn at 9:06 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones  
Interim Clerk, City of Dexter

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