

**THE CITY OF DEXTER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016**

**6:00 PM - CLOSED SESSION
7:30 PM - REGULAR MEETING**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 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-arr 7:22	D. Fisher
	J. Knight-arr 6:06	Z. Michels
	J. Smith	R. Tell

Also present: Courtney Nicholls, City Manager; Marie Sherry, Finance Director/Treasurer; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager; Carol Jones, Interim City Clerk; Patrick Becker, Rich Bellas, Tom Covert, Don Darnell, Doug Finn, Carol Jones and Shawn Keough, DDA Members; and Scott Munzel, Attorney for the DDA and City of Dexter.

Motion Fisher; support Smith to move into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268 at 6:05 pm.

Ayes: Fisher, Michels, Smith, Tell and Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Knight and Carson

Motion carries

Motion Fisher; support Smith to leave Closed Session at 7:24 PM

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

There was a brief recess from 7:24 to 7:32 when the Regular Meeting of the Dexter City Council began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council Members Carson, Fisher, Knight, Michels, Smith, Tell and Mayor Keough.

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

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular City Council Meeting – March 28, 2016

Motion Smith; support Knight to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2016, Regular City Council Meeting as presented.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

D. PRE-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Smith; support Fisher to approve the agenda with the following addition:

- Additional information for New Business item L-2 regarding the 2016 Road Project.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar

I. REPORTS

1. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

Mr. Schlaff submits his written report as per packet. Mr. Schlaff answered questions and gave the following updates:

- The blower is coming tomorrow (April 12). We have been working on the electrical work needed for the blower and will be training on it on April 20.
- Very happy on the handling of the grease traps in Dexter Crossing Mall.
- Question – What is the “Goose” sign? (It designates a goose nest in Mill Creek Park.)
- Question – What is the significance of the count on the white fence? (Dexter Daze people would like to borrow this, so they need the information.)

- Question - Why was the traffic signal lens cleaned? (This needed to be done to allow the left turn traffic onto Baker Road to continue to flow.)
- Question – Are we adding fluoride and not arsenic to the water? (Correct)

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

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

- Question – Is the map in the packet the revised map for the Grandview Commons project? (Yes and there will probably be more changes made. Developers will be looking to return in June to Planning Commission with a complete plan.)
- Question – Have you heard what Mr. Savas will do with the lot on Broad Street? (Have not heard anything)
- Did receive a call regarding whether a minor auto service (oil change) shop could be placed in the out lot at Dexter Crossing mall. It would be allowable in the PUD.
- Received correspondence from a resident asking about keeping chickens in the City. Explained to this person the previous discussions held on this issue.

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

Dexter Area Fire Department – Shawn Keough/Jim Carson

- Included in the packet were the updated By-Law changes.
- Question – Is the use of Unfinished Business instead of Old Business proper according to Robert’s Rules of Order? (Will check into this.)

Washtenaw County Sheriff – March 2016 Written Report

- Included in the packet.

4. Subcommittee Reports

Facilities – April 1, 2016 Meeting Notes

- Included in the packet
- The next meeting will be Friday, April 15, 2016

5. City Manager Report

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

- Provided in the report is an update on the Liquor Control Hearing regarding The Alley.
- The Mill Creek Park Tour had about 40 people in attendance despite the weather and went well.
- Need to plan for Budget Sessions. The first will be April 27 at Creekside Cafeteria, the second on May 4 and the third either May 18 or June 1 with locations to be determined.
- State of the City newsletter went out in the mail today.
- Question - Has there previously been a prescribed burn on Mr. Kowalski’s property? (No)

- Question – Do we know where the eco-counters will be going? (In Mill Creek Park and on the Border to Border path near the DPW.)

6. Mayor's Report

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

- The City Manager's Review Workshop will be held at 6 PM Wednesday at the Creekside Cafeteria.
- We have received a ruling from the Tax Tribunal regarding the Chelsea Wellness Foundation and they were found to be taxable.
- Still looking for one person for the DDA Board and one Parks and Recreation Commissioner.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$500,510.14
2. Consideration of: Road Closures for the Dexter Ann Arbor Run on Sunday, June 5, 2016

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: Placement of Delinquent Utility Bills on the Tax Roll

Motion Smith; support Tell to order the publication of the notice informing the public that delinquencies will be placed on the tax roll if they are not paid by April 30, 2016.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Increase in Highway Maintenance Contract in the Amount of \$210,000

Motion Fisher; support Tell to increase the Highway Maintenance Contract in the amount of \$210,000.

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

Nays: None
Motion carries

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tell None
Fisher None
Carson None
Jones Coming up in June will be Gordon Hall Days/Railroad Days to honor the 175th Anniversary of the railroad coming to Dexter.
Smith None
Knight Have concerns regarding the Farmer's Market proposals for painting and sun shading. Asking for clarification to take back to the Farmer's Market/Community Garden Committee. (Ms. Nichols responded that his would be on the April 25 agenda.)
Michels Will not be able to attend the Manager Review Meeting on Wednesday, April 13 as my wife and I will be interviewing for a foreign exchange student.

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Carson; support Fisher to adjourn at 8:26 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Interim Clerk, City of Dexter

Approved for Filing: _____