

**THE CITY OF DEXTER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

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	Z. Michels
	J. Smith	R. Tell

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; residents and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular City Council Meeting – August 22, 2016

Motion Smith; support Tell to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2016, Regular City Council Meeting with one correction on Page 6, 4th bullet point, it should read 8/22/2005 not 8/22/205.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

D. PRE-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Unanimous voice vote approval.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Chris Jones owner of Dexter Creamery, a new business at 8106 Main Street introduced himself to Council.

Pablo Demerath of Thornton Farms introduced himself and reported that he was attending the meeting to earn two merit badges for Scouts. He likes scouting and cooking. Pablo inquired of Council as to how he can get a bike path installed on Parker Road for riders going to the high school. (It was explained that the referenced area is not in the City.

Michael Levine of 7100 Marshall Road, Dexter inquired about the hearing on the sale of the Sloan property and proposed building of 350 homes on this property. He stated he was concerned about this development as he is a resident of a neighboring property. (Mayor Keough explained that the meeting held previous to the Council Meeting was a work session on this project and gave information about the City's website for dates of future meetings.)

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 gave the following updates and answered questions:

- Comment – It was reported that over 2000 people were on the Border-to-Border Trail on Labor Day.
- Highway Maintenance will be back tomorrow to do some washing of excess asphalt in affected areas and then back later to make repairs.
- Question – What happened with the power outage on the blower? (This was from a previous outage and we think we have the problem with the outages worked out.)
- Question – What are the coming plans for Public Services staff? (Mr. Schlaff listed the following: leads, hydrants, water main on Shield Road, ferric tank, sidewalk project, and SAW Grant to name a few.)
- Will be asking for a price to repair grass areas that died over the summer such as in front of Dexter Mill.
- The signage for parking by the Cider Mill worked well this past weekend.
- Question - Where are the signs to be located that the school wants installed? (On school property at Wylie.)

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

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

- Comment – There is a rental house on Dover Street between Second and Third. Please keep an eye on this property as it is beginning to look a little seedy.
- Question – What is the address for Mill Creek Sports –Is it Main Street or Island Lake Road? (It is 8180 Main Street.)
- Question – Regarding the ZBA variance hearing coming up in September, is the variance 2% over 30% or 32%? (The variance is for a 32% lot coverage.)
- NUBCo is getting closer to having the Cambrian EcoVolt system to be installed. Looking at installation on October 4.
- At the Planning Commission meeting in September, building heights in the downtown area were discussed. Only five commissioners were in attendance so the discussion will continue at the next meeting.
- The First Street Park planning interns were introduced at the Planning Commission meeting and gave an update on their project on First Street Park. Discussion was held by the Commission on the use of the park.
- The Planning Commission also discussed the installation of sidewalks on new builds in the City.
- AR Brouwer is preparing for the final site plan on Grandview Commons at the October Planning Commission meeting.
- Brouwer has also submitted Brownfield Plans for Grand Street that will be discussed at the DDA meeting on October 15.
- Question – Do we have a meeting date for the 3045 Broad Street project? (Not as of yet.)
- Question – Is there any update on the Schulz property? (Not as of yet.)

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

Washtenaw County Sheriff – August 2016 Written Report included in packet

4. Subcommittee Reports

None

5. City Manager Report

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

- The two First Street Park planning interns will be at the next Council meeting to report on their First Street Park project.
- I was in the Gas Station ordering subs for tonight’s meeting and an employee commented on the people using the park also using their bathrooms. That employee asked if the City would reimburse them for their expenses. I replied that the City does not do this.
- In regards to signage needs at Dexter Crossing, does the Council want to take action or should we just move ahead. Discussion followed.
- Hotel Hickman’s lease will be up in November of 2016. Do we want to talk about rates? We also need to look at needed maintenance on the exterior.
- Is there any feedback on the placement of the Lion’s Park sculpture and the moving of the bench? Discussion followed.
- Comment – Thank you for the update on the recent police situation.

- Mr. Breyer reported on upcoming voter registration in the City – September 28 at Walkabout Creek and September 29 at Dexter High School.
- Question – When will be able to submit an application for Phase 2 of Mill Creek Park? (Applications are due on April 1st of each year.)

6. Mayor's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. There were no reported updates

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$576,852.48
2. Consideration of: Setting Trick or Treat hours – Monday, October 31, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Motion Fisher; support Michels 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: New Hire for DPW

Motion Fisher; support Michels to authorize the appointment of Jason Trinkle effective September 12, 2016 consistent with a proposed wage of \$31,824.

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

Nays: None

Present (Abstain): Michels

Motion carries

2. Discussion of: Draft of the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Master Plan as Recommended by the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee

Mr. Breyer introduced the City of Dexter Art, Culture & Heritage 2016-2021 Master Plan. He noted that the previous plan had focused heavily on art and that the update will also look at the Culture and Heritage aspect. Discussion followed.

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tell None
 Fisher None
 Carson None

- Jones Another history note – On January 10, 1928 Council proposed names for the re-naming of streets, but no action was taken. It wasn't until April of 1957 that new names for Dexter streets were officially adopted for streets A through K. Also I would like to have the Art, Culture & Heritage Committee consider working with the Dexter Area Historical Society on Heritage projects and goals in their Master Plan.
- Smith None
- Knight The Facility Committee needs to meet again. We should contact Tracey Lambert to give Council a report on Dexter Daze.
- Michels I would like to explain my "Present" vote for the new hire. It was not against the new hire, but I feel that the City Charter gives the City Manager the ability to hire.

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Jessica Ceccolini of 3517 Noble Drive, Dexter reported that Guenther Building Company did recently sign a land contract for the Schulz property and will come with a new plan for the property.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Carson; support Smith to adjourn at 9:01 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Interim Clerk, City of Dexter

Approved for Filing: _____