

**THE CITY OF DEXTER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017**

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, Treasurer/Finance Director, 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 – December 27, 2016

Motion Smith; support Knight to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2016, Regular City Council Meeting with the following corrections:

Page 2, under Mr. Schlaff's report, second question reference to the alley not being cleaned of snow it should state that the *Alley's sidewalk* on Baker Road was not cleaned of snow.

Page 4, the motion coming out of the closed session should read as follows...Motion Tell, support Smith to approve the settlement *recommendation* from the City Assessor as discussed in Closed Session.

Unanimous voice vote approval

D. PRE-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Tell; support Fisher to approve the agenda with the addition of a handout from the Mayor on future meeting dates.

Unanimous voice vote approval

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar

The following changes on the Meeting List were highlighted:

- Change of date and location for the Chamber of Commerce from morning to 5:30 PM and location at Payroll Vault.
- Removal of Healthy Community Steering Committee.

I. REPORTS

1. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

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

- Question – Why was the water turned off at Dextech? (We installed a new meter.)
- Comment – I appreciate the DPW crew picking up the leaves after the snow melted.
- We still have some issues with NUBCo and need to keep them on point with compliance and getting the Cambrian system up and operating.
- Late last week, Well 3 on Ryan Drive went down. It was rebuilt in September 2013 and we replaced a galvanized pipe with a PVC one. However, the pipe cracked and it will be taken back to the manufacturer to recoup the costs of the repairs. We also have the same system on Well 4 and have had no problem but will be checking on this well also.
- Question – Who is responsible for paying for the sewer backup at Victoria Condos? (We are forwarding the bill to the proper person to be paid, but it is not the City.)
- Comment – Excellent recommendation from Mr. Schlaff on NUBCo regarding the BOD issues and plans to move forward with their restaurant build out.

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

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

- Planning Commission had a marathon agenda last Monday evening, but they plowed through it in good time.
- Allen Gorgas of the Dexter Garden Club has inquired on the City's policy regarding commercial sponsorship on the banners that go across Main Street.
- What size site plans would Council Members like to have when reviewing plans for Council meetings, full size or 11x17 size? (Council agreed that the 11x17 would do as they could review the full size ones at the City Office if necessary.)

- Mr. Schlaff and I are on the same page on making sure that NUBCo is in compliance. I have calls into two breweries in California who have installed the Cambrian System to find out how they are working.

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

None

4. Subcommittee Reports

The next Facility Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 11th at 3 PM.

5. City Manager Report

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

- I have changed the format somewhat on my report.
- Scio Township will consider the annexation of the Mill Creek Outdoor Adventure property on January 24th.
- The Governor did sign the DDA-TIF legislation today, January 9th. The DDA will put together a committee at their next meeting to meet with the Library Board.
- Question - How did the Library Board feel about the changes in TIF capture? (They are interested in talking. ~~It~~ wouldn't have made a difference for six years if they were made before the legislation; however, if the boundaries of the district are changed now with the addition of the annexed property, the TIF capture may be immediately affected depending on the actions of the Library.)
- Ms. Aniol left the meeting after her report to attend the Dexter School Board meeting regarding the proposed electronic sign on school property (across from Meadowview). They are also proposing a second sign at Baker and Shield Road but this property is not in the City. Discussion followed.
- We had an issue with the ice rink when Dave Steptoe was prepping the ice and fell through at the edge, damaging the liner. It has been repaired and we will allow it to freeze over this week before opening.
- Plans have been submitted for the Baker Road CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation Air Quality) Grant.
- The next steps with the Broad Street Redevelopment Committee will be a meeting on Wednesday, January 25th.
- In your packet is an annexation request from Peters Building for the Sloan/Kingsley property on Baker Road. I am looking for direction from City Council as to how you would like to proceed. (Response – put it on the agenda for the next meeting.)
- There are copies of two signed tax tribunal settlements with LaFontaine and Dexter Mobil.

6. Mayor's Report

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

- I have provided a handout for proposed workshop dates for Council to review.
- Met with Doug Lewan, along with Ms. Nicholls. Mr. Lewan has asked if there would be any conflict with him representing both Scio Township and the City in the Sloan/Kingsley property annexation.
- I had a conversation with Bob Guenther on his building and asked for information back from him by January 30 regarding the usage of the first floor of the building.
- Question – Why did Guenther Homes ask for an extension rather than come with a new plan? (There is merit to going with an existing plan. There is financial security in having an approved site plan)
- I helped in the review of the Grandview Commons Development Agreement and the DAFD Union contract.
- I have a request for the re-appointment of Michael Raatz to the Election Commission.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$168,059.47
2. Consideration of: Election Commission Re-Appointment

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 and Discussion of:

1. Consideration of: Amendment to the MERS Defined Contribution Plan Adoption Agreement

Motion Tell; support Fisher to adopt the amendment to the MERS Defined Contribution Plan Agreement that increases the employer contribution from 4% to 6% for employees in the defined contribution plan.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: MERS Health Care Savings Program Uniform Resolution and Participation Agreement

Motion Tell; support Carson to adopt the Uniform Resolution and Participation Agreement.

Motion Fisher; support Michels to postpone action on the Uniform Resolution and Participation Agreement until the next meeting on January 23, 2017 in order to obtain more information.

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

Nays: Tell

Motion carries 5 to 1

3. Consideration of: Proposal from Municipal Code to Recodify the City Ordinances for an amount not to exceed \$5,500

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve the proposal from Municipal Code to update the General Code of Ordinances for an amount not to exceed \$5,500.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Michels I have a travel tip – if going to the Nation’s Capitol, bring a foreign national with you as you can get passes to the buildings much faster.

Knight Thank you Ms. Nicholls for including the listing of Committee and Board members.

Smith None

Jones None

Carson None

Fisher None

Tell It looks like we have a very full agenda coming to us this year.

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Marie Sherry of 8140 Main Street, Dexter reported that the annual audit review is scheduled for the next meeting, but she will be out of town. If you have any questions, she will address them at the first meeting in February.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Carson; support Smith to adjourn at 8:36 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Interim Clerk, City of Dexter

Approved for Filing: _____