

Hello Residents and Council,

I would like to wish everyone an early Happy Halloween! Mid-October is a great time in the City of Dexter; the leaves are turning and falling and the air is crisp. As we enter the heart of the fall season, please remember to drive slowly through our town. Leaf piles create additional distractions and cover for kids playing after school, especially as the daylight wanes. Enjoy the colors around our town. They are spectacular!

Here is my report of recent activities and my calendar of planned Dexter activities looking ahead:

### **Mayor's Thoughts**

Facilities – our City Council will be having another workshop (October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm) to continue discussing the various options for improving our facilities. This effort has mostly been focused on our City Offices and our Fire Station, but some of the discussion has been focused on adding space at our Department of Public Works site as well. My goal is to continue to work through the development/analysis of all reasonable options so that we can have a thorough discussion with the public and comparison of options before any decisions are made.

Council Vacancy – On October 8<sup>th</sup>, Councilmember Ray Tell informed Council that he will be starting a new employment opportunity and that he would have to step down (resign) due to a conflict between the Council meetings and the shift that he would be working. Ray has been a very dedicated member of many Councils (Village and City). I would like to thank him for all of his years of service and wish him well in his new opportunity. As a result of Ray's resignation following the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, there will be a vacancy on Council. Over the next three weeks (until November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5 pm), I will be interviewing residents who submit letters of intent (interest) to fill the vacant position on Council. The vacant position has approximately two years remaining on the term Ray was elected to serve.

### **Recent Activities & Meetings**

October 15, 2018 – Pre-Application meeting for 3268 Central and 7890 Ann Arbor Street

October 17, 2018 - Council Vacancy Meeting – Resident Phil Mekas submitted a letter of intent, so we met to discuss his interest in filling the Council vacancy that we will have after the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Current Council member Ray Tell is resigning for a new employment opportunity (please see above).

October 17, 2018 – WATS Policy Meeting – we will be voting on the next Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for years 2020 through 2023. The plan includes many federal aid eligible roadway improvements planned throughout the County, including one Dexter project (which may be either Baker Road or Broad Street, pending a future Council decision).

### **Upcoming Activities**

October 18, 2018 – Dexter Downtown Development Authority meeting

October 18, 2018 – Dexter Area Fire Department meeting – we will be discussing the first draft of the 2019 Budget and Spending plan.

October 19, 2018 - Council Vacancy Meeting – Resident Jordan Sorkin submitted a letter of intent, so we plan to meet to discuss his interest in filling the Council vacancy that we will have after the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Current Council member Ray Tell is resigning for a new employment opportunity (please see above).

October 22, 2018 – City Council meeting

October 23, 2018 – Website Committee – Redevelopment kick off meeting

October 29, 2018 – Joint Master Plan meeting with Planning Commission and City Council – this meeting is open to the public for input on our latest Master Plan update. I may not be able to attend this meeting, but will be there if I am in town.

October 31, 2018 – Happy Halloween to all!

November 4, 2018 – Daylight Savings Time ends – please remember to set your clocks back 1 hour.

November 6, 2018 – Election Day – Our City Clerk and staff have been working hard in preparation for Election Day. Please remember to get out and vote!

November 12, 2018 – City Council meeting

Please note that we are hoping to have a 3045 Broad Committee meeting in the near future. That meeting has not yet been scheduled.

I hope everyone is having a great week and I look forward to seeing you around our town. 😊

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