

Dexter City Council Meeting Minutes
 August 15, 2022
 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Dave Venema called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Councilmembers, Cope, Wolfe, McAndrews and Morehouse present. Councilmember Easter was absent. Attorney Adam Doll, Public Works Director Canfield and Janon Douglas were also present.

Moved by Morehouse, seconded by McAndrews to approve the July 11th council meeting minutes. All voted aye. Morehouse said there needed to be a correction to the July 18th minutes in that he abstained from voting on the street proposal. It was so noted. Moved by McAndrews, seconded by Wolfe, to approve the July 18th minutes with that correction. All voted aye. Moved by Morehouse, seconded by Wolfe, to approve the bills.

July 13 to August 15, 2022

ACCU JET	EMERGENCY CALL OUT	\$ 1,050.72
AGRILAND F.S.	FUEL FIRE EMS PUBLICWORKS	\$ 2,255.63
AGSOURCE LABORATORIES	TESTING	\$ 26.75
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C.	LEGAL FEES TIF URP	\$ 92.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITY	\$ 4,868.98
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SPECIAL PROGRAMS	\$ 366.89
ANKENY SANITATION	AUGUST CONTRACT SERVICES	\$ 6,294.57
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER	\$ 76.58
CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	BRISTLE SWEEPER	\$ 495.88
CARLA HECKMAN	ISU CLASSES REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 843.00
CHRISTIAN SCHROCK	DAMAGED TREE REMOVAL	\$ 300.00
COUNTRYSIDE LAWN SOLUTIONS LLC	MOWING CONTRACT	\$ 2,450.00
EARLHAM BUILDING CENTER	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 203.39
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 2,107.39
FELD FIRE	CLOTHING ALTERATION	\$ 300.00
FIRST STATE BANK	DEPOSIT BOOKS	\$ 32.10
GREATER DALLAS CO DEV ALLIANCE	ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP	\$ 1,600.00
GUS AUTOMOTIVE INC.	FIRE AUTO REPAIR	\$ 354.88
HAWKINS, INC	WATER PLANT SUPPLIES	\$ 856.48
HOLLY RUSSELL	DEXTER FEST SUPPLIES	\$ 1,122.58
HOPKINS & HUEBNER, P.C.	LEGAL FEES	\$ 220.00
IOMADA SOLUTIONS LLC	BACKUP HOSTING ANTI VIRUS	\$ 105.00
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	NPDES DUES	\$ 250.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$ 39.90
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 1,595.46
JANON DOUGLAS	CONSULTATION	\$ 6,934.30
KINZIE SERVICE LLC	CITY & FIRE VEHICALS	\$ 596.00

STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT	REC BOOKS	\$ 215.13
MEDIACOM	TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	\$ 136.90
MELLEN & ASSOCIATES	WATER TREATMENT PLANT MOTOR	\$ 2,780.00
MERCHANT SERVICES	BANK FEES	\$ 339.03
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITY	\$ 109.01
MIPI SUPPORT, LLC	TECHNOLOGY	\$ 453.40
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	HYDRANT INSTALL	\$ 4,688.06
OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE	2018-2020 FY AUDIT	\$ 22,624.26
QUILL CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 75.98
IOWA DEPT. OF REVENUE	SALES TAX	\$ 917.89
STILES & SONS	SPRAY, ROCK CITY HALL PARK	\$ 300.00
TAPCO	POST & STOP SIGNS	\$ 4,202.75
THE SHREDDER	SHREDDING SERVICE	\$ 102.00
THE STUART HERALD	PUBLISHING	\$ 141.44
STUART TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 8.99
U.S.CELLULAR	PUBLICWORKS CELL PHONE	\$ 103.81
WALLACE AUTO SUPPLY	VEHICLE & MOWER BELT	\$ 88.00
WINDSTREAM	UTILITY	\$ 846.62
PAYROLL		\$ 7,753.01
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		\$ 81,325.26

GENERAL	\$46,427.46	\$14,837.15
ROAD USE TAX	\$ 8,496.89	\$ 6,772.26
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		\$ 237.21
EMERGENCY		\$ 86.01
LOST		\$15,011.66
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	\$ 92.50	\$950.00
DEXTER FEST	\$ 1,122.58	
2019 CDBG HOUSING		\$37,099.00
WATER	\$ 17,825.32	\$14,697.46
SEWER	\$ 7,360.51	\$11,488.34
STORM WATER		\$277.34
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 81,325.26	
		\$101,456.43

Mayor Venema thanked Sara McAndrews and Barb Nation for their work with the flowers in the park. The council agreed that they looked very nice.

There were no reports from the cemetery, museum, Dexter Fest (at this time). The Sheriff's Department did send a report but there were no comments or questions. Dennis Clemetson reported that things were going well at the library.

Janon Douglas reported that Tom Stiles no longer had the time available to do the Web Page or Face Book. Carla will add it to her duties. Nick Lindberg from Casey will help if needed. The City is considering applying for a DNR grant for trees for the cemetery. It is a matching grant for up to \$5,000.00. It is to replace trees that have died from the Ash Boer disease. It must be submitted by September 1st.

Matthew Casey asked the Council if anything could be done about the trains blocking all the intersections in town. Morehouse said several years ago the Fire Department had talked to the railroad and it had been better for awhile. He would see if the city could contact someone again. Casey also wanted to know if something could be done about the feral cats in town. He said there are getting to be so many in his neighborhood, and they are becoming quite a nuisance. Canfield will contact AHeinz 57 rescue unit in DeSoto to see if they take cats or can offer some help.

Attorney Doll reported that he, Mayor Venema, Public Works Canfield surveyed the town last week reviewing the remaining properties for junk vehicle violations. There were 4 remaining out of 40. There are 3 that he will be filing violations with the court.

The council discussed Ordinance 2022-06:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DEXTER, IOWA, CHAPTER 63: SPEED REGULATIONS, BY AMENDING 63.04, SPECIAL SPEED ZONES.

Moved by Morehouse, seconded by McAndrews, to approve the ordinance. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Morehouse, McAndrews, Wolfe, Cope.

Moved by Morehouse, seconded by McAndrews to waive the second and third reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: Morehouse, McAndrews, Wolfe, Cope.

The Council discussed Ordinance 2022-07.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DEXTER, IOWA, CHAPTER 65: STOP OR YIELD REQUIRED, BY AMENDING 65.02 STOP REQUIRED

Moved by Morehouse, seconded by Cope, to approve the ordinance. Roll call vote: Ayes, Morehouse, McAndrews, Wolfe, Cope. Moved by Morehouse, seconded by Cope, to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings. Roll call vote: Morehouse, McAndrews, Wolfe, Cope.

Canfield submitted a proposal from Veenstra & Kimm for a drainage problem around the Roundhouse. No one felt this was a good solution. Canfield is going to get in touch with the engineers and let them know that the City is unhappy with the solutions and the response time. The City would like some one from their firm at the next meeting to address the issues.

Nate Summers from D A Davidson was present to answer questions about timing, financing, and other issues regarding the possibility of a new fire station/city hall and TIF questions.

Canfield presented bids from 3 firms for cutting down trees and removing the stumps. Moved by Morehouse, seconded by McAndrews, to accept the low bid of Schwinger Lawn Service, Inc and SLS Tree Management of \$3,745.00.

The Council discussed adding section 62.08, Engine and Compression Brakes (jake brakes) and 62.09 Vehicular Nice to Chapter 69 Ordinance titled GENERAL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS. Moved by McAndrews, seconded by Wolfe, to adopt these. Roll call vote: Ayes: McAndrews, Wolfe, Cope, Morehouse. Moved by McAndrews, seconded by Wolfe, to waive 2nd and 3rd readings. Roll call vote: Ayes, McAndrews, Wolfe, Cope, Morehouse.

The Council also discussed Ordinance 151.03, Duty to Trim Trees. Changing to: If the abutting property owner fails to trim the trees, the City may service notice on the abutting property requiring that such action be taken within Thirty (30) days. Motion by Morehouse, seconded by Cope, to approve. Roll call vote: Ayes, Morehouse, Cope, Wolfe, McAndrews.

Attorney Doll explained to the Council that he had received a correspondence from Attorney Beverly Wild a request that the museum be separated from the City. The council asked why and what purpose it would serve. Attorney Doll will get more information from Attorney Wild and will ask for a conference with the Museum Board. The City would like to visit with the Board and ask for further clarification.

A computer call was held with TT & L about the possibility of bringing a new business to town. They will want to use Brown Street to bring windmill parts to the interstate. There is the possibility of creating new employment opportunities and improving the street. The city will investigate the financial impact the business might have on the town and possibly have a town forum to get citizen input.

The Mayor gave an update on the properties that have been served with notices for grass and weeds. Most have complied but for those that haven't, Attorney Doll said that the City should begin to clean up those properties and assess the property taxes. That will begin this week.

Motion by Morehouse, seconded by Wolfe, to close a portion of Marshall Street, on August 27, for the street dance and sale of alcohol. All voted aye.

Motion by Morehouse, seconded by Wolfe, at 9:20 to move to close session per Iowa Code 21.5 (1)(i). All voted aye.

At 9:30 Mayor Venema opened the regular session. Moved by Wolfe, seconded by Cope, to give Canfield a \$1.00 raise based on his passing of his water treatment license. All voted aye.

Moved by Morehouse, seconded by Cope, to Adjourn. All voted aye.

Janon Douglas

David Venema, Mayor

These minutes are subject to approval by the City Council at its next regular meeting.