

**Dexter City Hall
Meeting Minutes
March 10th, 2025**

The Dexter City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 10th, 2025. Mayor Clemetson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Answering roll call was Morehouse, Warrior, England, Cope, Easter. Also present were City Clerk Heckman, Attorney Menslik, Consultant Douglas.

Mayor asked to amend the agenda adding item g under New Business, Budget Concerns, and remove under New Business item e IPAIT. Motion was made by Morehouse, seconded by Warrior. Morehouse, Warrior, England, Cope, Easter all aye, so motioned

Motion was made by Warrior, seconded by Morehouse to approve Dexter City Council Meeting Minutes February 10th, 2025. Morehouse, Warrior, England, Cope, Easter all aye, so motioned

Motion to approve the Bill list dated 3-10-2025, made by Morehouse, seconded by Warrior. Morehouse, Warrior, England, Cope, Easter all aye, so motioned

AGRILAND F.S.	P FUEL	\$ 1,913.12
AGSOURCE COOP SERVICES	TESTING WATER	\$ 28.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$ 5,934.88
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	FILE CABINETS	\$ 483.44
ANKENY SANITATION	MONTHLY GARBAGE CONTRACT	\$ 6,828.37
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER	\$ 76.58
CITY OF DEXTER	MID PROJECT INVOICE	\$ 40,329.70
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE	\$ 1,000.00
DIAM PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	\$ 50.00
EARLHAM BUILDING CENTER	CABLE & TORCH	\$ 98.55

ED LEEDOM	INSPECIONS	\$ 500.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 2,337.81
EMC INSURANCE	INSURANCE PROPERTY	\$ 72,691.00
FIRST STATE BANK	BANK FEE	\$ 5.35
FOLLETT SOFTWARE CO.	TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	\$ 1,245.72
GIS WORKSHOP LLC DBA GWORKS	GWORKS USER MEETING	\$ 50.00
IMFOA	DUES	\$ 50.00
IOWA ASSOC OF MUNICIPAL UTIL.	2025-26 DUES	\$ 741.00
IOWA DNR	IOWA DNR NPDES	\$ 85.00
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 1,641.14
JANON DOUGLAS	CONSULTATION	\$ 5,212.50
JENSEN BUILDERS, LTD.	NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 91,771.50
KINZIE SERVICE LLC	TIRE MOUNT DISPOSAL	\$ 178.00
MEDIACOM	UTILITIES	\$ 176.90
MERCHANT SERVICES	BANK SERVICE FEE	\$ 87.35
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO.	UTILITY	\$ 1,235.85
MIDWEST OFFICE TECHNOLOGY	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 138.13
CORNERSTONE COMM.CONTR, INC.	BOND GRIA47763A	\$ 27,837.99
OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE	PERIODIC EXAM FEE	\$ 1,500.00
PAYROLL	PAYROLL CHECKS SUPPLIES	\$ 8,010.34
QUILL CORPORATION	INK CARTRIDGES	\$ 509.99

RAYS PAGER SALES	PAGER BELT CLIPS	\$ 77.30
RDG	MARCH PASS THROUGH	\$ 2,200.00
IOWA DEPT. OF REVENUE	IOWA SALES TAX	\$ 1,213.88
THE SHREDDER	SHREDDING SERVICE	\$ 54.00
THE STUART HERALD	PUBLISHING	\$ 357.48
U.S.CELLULAR	PUBLIC WORKS PHONE TABLET	\$ 175.17
WINDSTREAM	UTILITIES	\$ 487.46
WIX	TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	\$ 343.44
REPORT TOTAL		\$ 277,656.94

	EXPENSE	REVENUE
DEBT SERVICES		\$689.62
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		\$84.87
FACADE PROJECT	\$69,957.49	\$87,291.00
FIRE STATION	\$91,771.50	
GENERAL	\$95,036.20	\$35,991.88
LOST		\$16,373.71
ROAD USE TAX	\$4,008.35	\$6,457.41
SEWER	\$5,790.53	\$13,582.22
SEWER SINKING FUND		\$4,497.41
STORM WATER		\$296.70
WATER	\$11,092.87	\$19,006.60
TOTAL FUNDS	\$277,656.94	\$184,271.42

Mayor spoke with the Dallas County Sheriff regarding the contract, it will remain as it was in the last budget. It will be the last time at that price, of \$33,500.04 for the FY 2025-2026 budget yr.

As of Friday, March 7th, 2025 for 40 hrs of protection a mid level deputy is roughly \$48,000.00 with change, for an upper level deputy will be roughly \$50,000.00 with change.

Clerk spoke on Fifty-Six(56) delinquencies were mailed out, Thirteen (13) 24 Hr notices hung, One (1) was shut off. One (1) was on a payment plan, and was notified by the landlord, the tenant is moving as of 3-15-2025 with a balance of \$640.24 paid by the landlord. Meeting with EMC this month to go over budgeted insurance of \$78,000.00, with new Fire Station, and EMC is aware of removal of existing City Hall.

Under Boards & Committees; Dallas County Sheriff's Office provided handouts and, Morehouse asked regarding the recent break ins through the county, Sheriff mentioned it has slowed down. Library President Lerynne Haynes mentioned possibly making a decision on the new Library Director, hopefully having a job offer to approve later this week. Inquired about the big window and speaking with the Facade committee exploring different repair options, including potential contractors, materials, regarding the repairing. Also spoke to/with Marilyn Boyle regarding using the Community House-Roundhouse for summer reading program if raining.

Reports from Code Enforcement, a Certified Letter was Sent to the owner of 814 State St per code enforcement, with a 20 day response if not heard anything back by next Monday, will reach out to owners. Code Enforcement sent to owners of 922 Dallas St & 914 Dallas St. Attorney Letter(s) to go to 908 Polk, as well as other properties in the city, will need to have someone come and clean and assess property tax.

Under new business

Discussion with motion to approve CDBG claim #16 for the DTR project, was made by Morehouse, seconded by Cope. Morehouse, Warrior, England, Cope, Easter all aye, so motoned Field observation report mentioned that 711-713-715 was not sure if/when lights will be replaced.

Motion was made by Easter, seconded by Cope to set the April 14 at 6:30 p.m. for public hearing proposed tax rate FY 2025 - 26 budget. Morehouse, Warrior, England, Cope, Easter all aye, so motoned

Motion was made by Easter, seconded by England to set April 14 at 7:00 for public hearing to approve FY 2025-26 budget. Morehouse, Warrior, England, Cope, Easter all aye, so motoned

Spoke on the possible increase of utility rates after going through the handout of numbers using 3%, 5%, and 7%. With by-pass valves, needing attention. With payments for the Sinking Sewer Fund, bond payments, and Water tower maintenance, to name a few. Making sure the city is charging for Sewer only houses, and/or capping them off to insure they are not using - if not being charged. Insurance, property tax, budget and budget amendment decisions must be made by March 24th, 2025, to go to the paper. Next meeting for the budget will be March 20th, at 5:30pm.

Review of Employee Handbook handouts was provided by Council Person Linda Cope. Council will review and provide thoughts before April's council meeting.

The Mayor discussed budget concerns. One is the New Fire Station and second by eliminating Janon Douglas as Consultant and/or not using her as much only if the Mayor and/or council approve. Morehouse, would like to find additional ways to raise revenue

Motion to adjourn was made by Warrior, seconded by England. Morehouse, Warrior, England, Cope, Easter all aye, so motoned at 8:25 p.m.

Dennis Clemetson, Mayor

Attest: _____
Carla Heckman, City Clerk