

Dexter City Hall
October 9th, 2023
Dexter City Council Meeting Minutes

Interim Mayor Clemetson called the Dexter City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Answering roll call was Morehouse, McAndrews, Wolfe, Easter and Cope (by phone). Also present was Consultant Douglas. Motion was made by Cope, seconded by McAndrews to approve the agenda, all ayes. Motion to approve meeting minutes was made by Wolfe, seconded by Easter for the September 11, 2023, all ayes.

Moved by McAndrews, seconded by Morehouse to approve the following bills, all ayes:

ACCU JET	HYDRO STOP BOX	\$ 688.70
AGRILAND F.S.	FUEL	\$ 1,377.53
AGSOURCE LABORATORIES	TESTING	\$ 205.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$ 494.39
ANKENY SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$ 15.00
BOUNDTREE MEDICAL, LLC	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	\$ 228.99
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER	\$ 76.58
CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	BOBCAT	\$ 40,031.83
CITY OF DEXTER	UTILITY BILLS	\$ 282.46
DANIELLE FENGEL	DEXTER FEST	\$ 445.03
EARLHAM BUILDING CENTER	ASPHALT REPAIR	\$ 84.55
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 2,311.77
ELECTRIC PUMP	BOOSTER STATION	\$ 696.35
GPM	CALIBRATE FLOW METER	\$ 448.00
HACH	CHEMICALS	\$ 188.75

IOMADA SOLUTIONS LLC	TECHNICAL SERVICES	\$ 157.50
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	\$ 911.82
IOWA DNR	WATER PERMIT	\$ 115.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	WORKSHOP REGISTRATION	\$ 100.00
ISU REGISTRATION SERVICES	ISU CLASS REGISTRATION EVENT	\$ 64.00
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 1,686.34
KINZIE SERVICE LLC	TIRE REPAIR	\$ 120.00
MATT PARROTT STOREY KENWORTHY	RECEIPT BOOKS	\$ 369.65
MERCHANT SERVICES	SERVICE FEE	\$ 188.19
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR, LLC	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$ 628.05
MIDWEST OFFICE TECHNOLOGY	INK FOR CANON	\$ 124.76
MIPI SUPPORT, LLC	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE	\$ 125.00
NSF-RETURN CHECK	NSF CHECK	\$ 109.64
PINK STEW ENTERTAINMENT	WORKSHOP	\$ 130.00
QUALITY STRIPPING, INC	PAINT FOR CROSSWALKS	\$ 276.15
IOWA DEPT. OF REVENUE	SALES TAX	\$ 419.90
SHORT'S LAWN CARE, LLC	MOWING CONTRACT	\$ 3,978.60
THE SHREDDER	SHREDDING SERVICE	\$ 48.00
THE STUART HERALD	PUBLISHING	\$ 213.70
STUART TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$ 73.94

US POSTAL SERVICE	STAMP FULFILLMENT SERVICES	\$ 411.85
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC.	ENGINEERING SERVICES	\$ 3,807.50
VIKING INDUSTRIAL PAINTING	WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE	\$ 20,000.00
WALLACE AUTO SUPPLY	BATTERY	\$ 183.97
WATER REFUND	WATER	\$ 36.37
PAYROLL		\$ 8,278.87
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		\$ 90,133.73

	EXPENSES	REVENUE
GENERAL	\$ 11,669.84	\$ 35,658.40
ROAD USE TAX	\$ 19,620.81	\$ 9,999.08
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		\$ 1,739.91
EMERGENCY		\$ 604.94
LOST		\$ 21,731.93
DEXTER FEST	\$ 445.03	\$ 200.00
PERPETUAL CARE		\$ 210.00

WATER	\$ 39,985.08	\$ 18,001.02
SEWER	\$ 18,412.97	\$ 13,538.58
SEWER SINKING		\$ 4,560.00
STORM WATER		\$ 277.90
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 90,133.73	\$ 106,521.76

Mayor Clemetson reported that Jan Hanson from Clive had picked up 10 stray cats and taken them to the ARL in Des Moines. The ARL is willing to work with us to help set up a program to rescue stray cats , spay/neuter them and then help adopt them. The city will be in contact with the necessary agencies to look into this.

Consultant Douglas reported on how HF718 will impact the city during the budget process. This is also the reason why the library request for additional funds could not be on the ballot. Reports from the Dallas County Sheriff’s office and minutes from the Dexter Community House were received and reviewed. Public Works Director Canfield gave his reports on the public works and the fire/rescue calls. There were no citizen comments.

Thomas Nasser asked if he was in compliance with Ordinance No. 2023-25.17 regarding chickens. The council explained that when he paid the fees associated with the ordinance and unless a neighbor made a complaint, he was compliant.

The council discussed the dog complaint at 411 Maple. Asked Canfield to post a notice explaining the ordinance and asking the citizens to comply with containing their dog. It was also noted that the dog had not been licensed. They will be asked to prove the rabies vaccination and get it licensed with the city. If not, citations will be issued.

Sunday, October 29th, was designated as Trick or Treat night from 5 p.m to 7 p.m.

The new sewer ordinance was discussed. It was agreed that all properties will be charged sewer and storm sewer if it is available, whether the property is occupied or not. This will be enforced even if someone is gone for the winter. The service line must be capped if sewer is not to be charged. Attorney Dahl will have the ordinance ready for the first reading at the November 13th meeting.

November 13, 2023 at 6:50 p.m.. was set for the public hearing for a franchise for gas between MidAmerican Energy Company and the City of Dexter.

Discussed problems at the Roundhouse with construction, will be discussed at the November 13th, 2023 CC meeting. Canfield, V&K will meet with the contractor on Wednesday to discuss problems.

Moved by Easter, seconded by Morehouse to approve a citizen to do community service work. All voted aye.

Public Works Director Canfield explained to the Council that the City of Redfield had agreed that their public works department could help our city with water testing or other emergencies when Canfield was on vacation. Canfield would help Redfield when they needed help. Council suggested that a new 28E agreement should be made.

Approved bid from Municipal Supply to tap pipe at 823 State St. Motioned by Morehouse, seconded by Easter, all aye.

Nate Summers of UMB Bank presented information about potential costs for property taxes if the bond for the fire station passes. The council discussed various options of financing, such as possibly putting some LOST money toward the bonds. Consultant Douglas told the council that there was approximately \$62,500 in the Debt Service Fund that could be put toward the fire station debt.

Jordan Kappos with V&K spoke on Feasibility Study on Brown St. He gave the council 4 options for repair work. The total is approximately \$1.5 million. The council wants to review the proposals and consider how to pay for the work. Nate Summers suggested different ways of financing the work, including using Local Option Sales Tax dollars. Since it is too late in the year to accomplish the work, they will discuss it at another meeting and put it in the 2024-25 budget.

Moved by McAndrews, seconded by Wolfe, to approve Resolution 2023-23 to add Janon Douglas as a signatory on the Dexter bank accounts. Roll call vote: McAndrews, yes, Wolfe, yes, Easter, yes, Morehouse, yes, Cope, yes. Motion passed.

Consultant Douglas explained that she and City Clerk Heckman would like to attend the budget workshops held by League of Iowa Cities in November. Moved by Morehouse, seconded by Wolfe, for them to attend. All voted aye.

Consultant Douglas also explained that due to HF718, that the request to have the vote for the library to continue to receive .27 per \$1,000 of valuation on the ballot was not allowed. There

will be several changes as to what levies cities will be allowed to request this year. The city of Dexter may lose approximately \$16,000 which was used to support the library and the round house. There are many other changes to the budget process this year which will be explained in the budget workshops.

Went into closed session at 8:35 pm for employee test raise. Motioned by Morehouse, seconded by McAndrews.

Morehouse made a motion to go out of closed session at 8:37 pm.

Vote on raise of \$1.00 an hour raise for Canfield for certification. Motion made by Cope, seconded by McAndrews, all aye.

Motion to adjourn was made by Morehouse, seconded by Easter at 8:45 pm.

Dennis Clemetson, Interim Mayor

Attest: _____
Janon Douglas, City Consultant