

**City of Dexter  
Minutes  
December 1, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Dexter City Council was held on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dexter city hall. Council members present: Mayor Justin Forthun and council members Casey Erwin, Tim Taylor, Diane O'Connor and Christian Padilla. Others present: Matt Rahlf, Travis Schneider, Miranda & Scott Riles, Bryan Petzel, Gary Schroeder and Natalie Carroll.

Mayor Forthun brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Miranda and Scott Riles, along with 2 other members of their household were present at the meeting to ask for a building permit to install a pre-fab accessory building in the rear of their yard located at 239 Pleasant Street. Motion by O'Connor and second by Erwin to approve the permit. All yeas. Motion carried. Permit fee of \$25.00 was paid. There was a question asking council if an accessory building could be built on the vacant lot to the south of their property. Council explained that that both the Dexter Zoning Ordinance and a covenant for that subdivision does not allow for an accessory building to be built on a property without there first being a primary dwelling on the property.

Travis Schneider presented council with a legal description which added 0.26 acres onto his west property line. Schneider explained that the he and Molly Garrison, the owner to the west of him agreed to split their abutting property line at the drainage ditch which adds an additional 0.26 acres onto Schneider's property. Motion by Padilla and second by O'Connor to approve the legal description as presented and to allow for the splitting of the original parcel owned by Molly Garrison. All yeas. Motion carried. Parcels in Schneider's name to remain separate at this time.

Matt Rahlf was at the meeting to ask council for approval to split a portion of his property located at 249 Pleasant Street. Rahlf stated he wanted to split a parcel off to the east side of his existing property to allow for a pre-fabricated home to be built on the site. Motion by Erwin and second by Taylor to approve the parcel split once a legal description and plat drawing is prepared and presented to council for final approval. All yeas. Motion carried.

Bryan Petzel, with ISG was at the meeting to inform council that the city of Dexter has been placed on the Fundable Range list with the Drinking Water Revolving Funds, Intended Use Plan for the Feasibility Study that was done earlier this year which would both add new and replace existing watermains and add other improvements to the water system. This indicates that the city may be eligible for some low interest funding (around 2%). Petzel explained that it did not look like the city would be eligible for any grant money. To be eligible for the funding, the city would have to hire ISG to design specs and plans for the Feasibility Study. Petzel estimated the cost to provide the specs and plans for the 2.6-million-dollar project to be approximately \$113,000.00. Council discussed the options of either moving forward with the upgrading of the existing water system or refurbishing the old water tower. The object of both options is to be able to continue to provide the city with quality drinking water, to increase watermain pressure throughout the entire city and to allow for growth on both ends of the community. There is an

upcoming dead line to submit plans and specs to the State in order to receive the funding. Council asked Petzel if they could hold off until the January council meeting to allow for additional time to consider the best option for the city. Petzel agreed to wait until the January meeting before asking for a commitment by the city to move forward with specs and plans.

Motion by O'Connor and second by Taylor to approve the November financial statements and minutes and to pay the December bills as presented. All yeas. Motion carried.

Council discussed the new Paid Leave Program. Clerk explained the rate and what it would cost the city if the city paid the suggested 50% of the rate or the entire 100%. Motion by O'Connor and second by Erwin that the city pay 100% of the cost of the Paid Leave Program. All yeas. Motion carried.

Erwin, on behalf of the the Dexter Volunteer Fire Department informed council that the fire department has 20 volunteer members and requested that the city make a contribution into the firemen's retirement program as has been the practice in previous years. Motion by Taylor and second by O'Connor to approve the request and to authorize the amount of \$6,000.00 (\$300.00 per active firemen) be paid to the Dexter Fire Relief Association. All yeas. Motion carried.

Motion by O'Connor and second by Taylor to adjourn the meeting. All yeas. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Natalie Carroll  
Clerk