

**City of Dexter
Minutes
February 2, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Dexter City Council was held on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dexter city hall. Council members present: Acting mayor Casey Erwin and council members Tim Taylor, Diane O'Connor and Christian Padilla. Mayor Justin Forthun absent. Others present: Gary Schroeder and Natalie Carroll.

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

City clerk updated council on the bid specifications for the tower reconstruction project.

Motion by Taylor and second by O'Connor to approve the Dexter Community Club holding charitable gambling at the fire hall on Saturday, March 14, 2026 for the purpose of holding community bingo. All yeas. Motion carried.

Motion by O'Connor and second by Padilla to accept the December minutes and financial statements and to authorize the clerk to pay the January bills as presented. All yeas. Motion carried.

On a motion by Taylor and second by Padilla the following resolution was unanimously passed:

**Resolution # 05-26
CITY OF DEXTER, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2025 MOWER COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Dexter recognizes the threat of natural hazards to people and property within the City of Dexter; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dexter has participated in the development of the 2025 Mower County Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with Federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Mower County Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property within the City of Dexter from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, by adoption by the City of Dexter demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2025 Mower County Hazard Mitigation Plan,

WHEREAS, approval of the 2025 Mower County Hazard Mitigation Plan by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will make Mower County and participating jurisdictions eligible to apply for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grants; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Dexter supports the hazard mitigation planning effort and wishes to adopt the 2025 Mower County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

This Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed by the mayor and attested to by the city clerk this 2nd day of February, 2026.

Padilla informed council that he had a resident ask about using the community building and opening up one of the fire bays for a retirement party. Erwin stated the fire department does not typically allow for that this time of year primarily due to lack of storage for the fire trucks during an event. Erwin suggested that Padilla ask the fire department about using the bay.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Natalie Carroll

Clerk