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Chelsey Massey may have been the only one in the audience, and the business hum-drum and routine, but she was enthusiastic nonetheless.

Massey attended Monday evening's meeting of the Dexter Board of Aldermen, where she observed local government first-hand.

"She is interested in government processes and I invited her to come tonight," said Ward II Alderman Rick Hux. Massey is a freshman at Dexter High School, was attended the meeting as part of a project for 4H. "Thanks for coming, and any time you want to get involved in the city, we'll help you out all we can. I appreciate your interest; wish more young people would take part."

The young Massey got to see first-hand that sometimes government is not real exciting. The 30-minute aldermanic meeting centered on the routine business of the city, including the hiring of a new employee to work at the Depot downtown and the appointment of individuals to two city boards.

Mayor Joe Weber appointed and the aldermen confirmed the appointment of Melba Walker to a four-year term on the Housing Authority & Fair Housing Board, and Bill

Settles to a five-year term to the Dexter Airport Board.

City Administrator Mark Stidham announced that Angie Williams was hired and started work this week at the newly remodeled Depot in Historic Downtown Dexter. She will be working part-time at the Depot, assisting visitors and managing the new facility.

In other business Monday evening, the board:

- Accepted the bid of C.A. Walker Contruction for the Fairgrounds Road Lift Station and sewer improvements project. The local firm was the “lowest and best bid” for the project. Its bid was \$137,975 for the project.
- Learned from Police Chief Sammy Stone that bids for the constriction of the new addition to the police station will be opened at 3 p.m., Thursday, March 24 at the City Administration Building.
- The board was informed that the citywide Spring Cleanup is scheduled throughout the month of April. In addition, cleanup at the City Cemetery is scheduled April 11-15.

Photo Above:

Chelsey Massey was welcomed to Monday evening's meeting of the Dexter Board of Aldermen by Mayor Joe Weber (right) and Ward II Alderman Rick Hux.]br]

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