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Dexter Board of Aldermen Pass Four Ordinances and Fill Job Openings

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Dexter Board of Aldermen Pass Four Ordinances and Fill Job Openings

Dexter, MO - The Dexter Board of Alderman met on Monday, February 7, 2022 in a regular meeting at city hall. The Alderman passed four new city ordinances.

At 7 p.m. Mayor Jason banken called the meeting to order.

Aldermen present: Mike Shepard, Terry Battles, Tim Aslin, Frank Killian, Larry Rogers, and Glen Robinson. Also present were city administrator Trevor Pulley, City Clerk Crystal Bishop and City Attorney Yewell Lawrence, Jr.

City Auditor's Report: C.P.A. Eddie Cato presented the financial report for December 2021. The report showed the city had nearly \$7.9 million in cash and investments. In December receipts of \$1,285,550.80 exceeded disbursements of \$1,201,326.24 by \$84,224.56.

The December Sales Tax was \$167,472.58, Capital Improvement Tax was \$92,973.55 and Park and Recreation Tax was \$92,973.58. the receipts for the month included property, sales and use taxes and franchise tax. The disbursements for the month included 3 pay periods and capital improvements.

Ordinance #5021: This ordinance was presented by city attorney, Yewell Lawrence, Jr. and was an amendment regarding the responsibility for repairs to water lines. The ordinance states that the city is responsible for repairs to lines from the main to the property and the property owner is responsible for repairs on the property. It also states the property owner is responsible for repairs to the meter in the event of freezing or other damages. The owner is also liable for all expenses for failure to furnish a safe place for the meter.

Ordinance #5022: This ordinance allows for horse-drawn carriages or wagons on the streets of Dexter. A permit must be acquired from city hall for \$25 per week or \$100 per year. The carriage or wagon must be equipped with proper equipment to contain all feces and urine from the horses. In the event the waste is not completely contained, the permit holder must promptly clean up all waste.

Ordinance #5023: This ordinance corrected the permit price for the operation of a UTV in Dexter. There was an error with the price when writing up the original ordinance. The price of \$50 in the ordinance was higher than allowed by the state of Missouri. The new price is \$15 with a \$35 processing fee, which is allowed by the state equalling \$50.

Ordinance #5024: This ordinance requires resident to have functional running water in their dwelling in the city of Dexter. The ordinance states that at least one sink, lavatory, bathtub or shower, drinking fountain, water closet or other plumbing fixture is required to be connected to the public water system. In the event that the water service is disconnected the owner and/or resident must have the water restored within five business days.

New Water/Wastewater Supervisor: The board of Aldermen named Jimmy Overall, water dept employee, as the new water/wastewater supervisor. Tom Espey, former supervisor, retired. Overall stated in his first report that a water pump is currently out at the East Water Plant. A new pump was ordered 8 weeks ago and was expected to arrive in 16 weeks, therefore 8 more weeks to go.

Economic Development: Dexter Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Alish Trammell reported on her recent trip to the Chamber Institute of Organizational Management in Arizona.

Trammell also stated that the Dexter Chamber had 313 members as of the end of 2021.

Mayor Jason Banken reappointed Mike Howard to a four-year term on the Planning and Zoning Board. Bank also appointed Dexter R-XI School District Asst. Superintendent Gavin Miller and Dexter Chamber Executive Director Alisha Trammell to the Southeast

Missouri University - Sikeston Campus Advisory Board. Banken stated someone from the school district and the chamber economic development were required to be on the board. The appointments were then approved by the board.

Dexter Police Chief Hank Trout said the department has applied for multiple grants. The first is a MoDOT grant for \$56,000 that would help replace the computers in all of the police vehicles. The second is a public safety grant for \$8,800 to upgrade the officer body cameras. The third is a MoDOT online driving grant, which would pay for all online training for all officers. Trout said the department received a \$6,592 grant for the fingerprint system.

Jimmy Kirkman was hired by the board as a Dexter PD communications officer and also appointed Justin Robey to the fire department.

Fire Chief Don Seymore reported also at the public safety committee meeting they recommend to appoint Mr. Justin Robey as a paid-on call fireman. Mayor Banken appointed Mr. Robey as a paid-on call fireman.

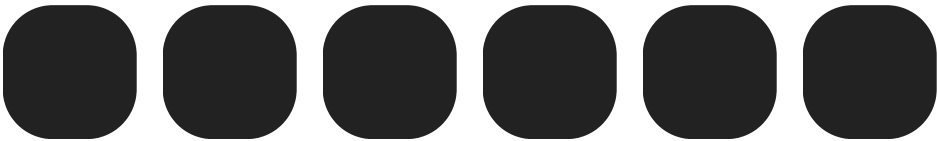
Seymore reported there were no incidents during the recent winter weather, but prior to the storm they had six structure fires.

City Clerk Bishop reported thirteen (13) UTV permits have been issued since February 1, 2022.

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Dexter, MO - The City of Dexter will begin accepting applications for UTV registration for 2022 on February 1st.

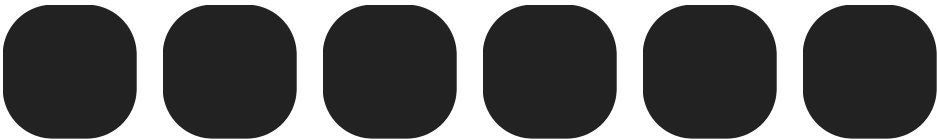
You will need to fill out a form and return it to the City Clerk or City Administrator's office at City Hall.

You will need to provide a valid driver's license, insurance card and paid receipt for 2021 City & County taxes.

Forms can be obtained at City Hall, 301 E Stoddard Street, Dexter MO.

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Stoddard County Republican Central Committee to Host Reagan Day

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Dexter, MO - The Stoddard County Republican Central Committee and the Stoddard County Republican Club will host a Reagan Day event at The Gathering in Dexter on March 12, 2022.

Doors open at 11:00 a.m. for a Meet and Greet the Candidate followed by lunch at noon.

Republican candidates ranging from local to statewide elections will be in attendance. Candidates will have introductions and short speeches.

You may purchase a ticket from a member of the Stoddard County Republican Central Committee or a member of the Stoddard County Republican Club. Tickets are \$25 each. You may also pay at the door the day of the event.

For more information to get a ticket contact Wayne Jean at (573) 820-0036 or Etheleen Montgomery at (573) 625-1420.

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City of Dexter Passes Use of UTVs on Streets, Read Ordinance for Rules

JANUARY 08TH 2022 BY DEE LOFLIN

City of Dexter Passes Use of UTVs on Streets, Read Ordinance for Rules

The Dexter Board of Aldermen approved the use of UTVs on the streets of Dexter Monday, January 3, 2022 by a vote of 4-1. Alderman Tim Aslin cast the lone no vote and alderman Frank Killian was unable to attend the meeting.

“I want to clarify my no vote on the UTV ordinance. It was solely on the issue of safety based on a written statement from a group of the largest manufactures, including Polaris and Can-Am that have urged cities and counties to not allow UTVs on city streets and paved county roads,” said Aslin after the meeting. “Essentially they have stated a disproportionately high number of serious accidents and fatalities occur on paved roads versus off-road for which the vehicles were designed.”

The ordinance takes effect on February 1, 2022 and defines a UTV as any motorized vehicle manufactured and used exclusively for off-highway use, which is more than 50, but not more than 67 inches wide. The definition also says the vehicle has an unladen dry weight of 2,000 pounds or less, travels on four or six wheels and is used primarily for landscaping, lawn care or maintenance purposes.

UTVs will be allowed on city streets with the exception of One Mile Road, Brown Pilot Lane, Central Drive, Grant Street between Park Lane and Two Mile Road, nor are they allowed on state or federal highways. UTVs may cross said highways where the speed limit is 45 miles per hour or less. It should be noted that Business 60 is classified as a state highway, meaning the UTVs cannot be used on Business 60.

Below is the exact language of the Ordinance.

BILL NO ORDINANCE NO. 50i9

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 300.010 OF THE DEXTER CITY CODE DEFINITIONS BY ADDING GOLF CARTS AND UTILITY VEHICLES; AMENDING

CHAPTER 340 BY ADDING SECTION 340.105 REGARDING UTILITY VEHICLES OPERATING ON THE STREETS OF DEXTER, EXCEPTIONS AND PROHIBITED USES; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF DEXTER, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The Board of Aldermen hereby amends 5300.010 of the Dexter City Code, adding golf carts and utility vehicles to Definitions:

"300.010. DEFINITIONS GOLF CART

A motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty (20) miles per hour.

UTILITY VEHICLE - UTV

Shall mean any motorized vehicle manufactured and used exclusively for off-highway use which is more than fifty (50) inches but not more than sixty-seven (67) inches in width, with an unladen dry weight of two thousand (2,000) pounds or less, traveling on four or six wheels, to be used primarily for landscaping, lawn care, or maintenance purposes.

Section 2: hereafter read as follows:

5340.105 of the Code of the City of Dexter is hereby enacted and shall

A. Utility vehicles (UTVsJ) may be operated upon the public streets of the City of Dexter, excluding One Mile Road, Grant Street [between Park Lane and Two Mile Rd.), Central Drive, Brown Pilot Lane and excluding State or Federal highways, other than for purposes of crossing the same, provided utility vehicles (UTVs) may only cross highways where the speed limit is 45 mph or less. Every person operating a utility vehicle shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of any other motor vehicle except as to the special regulations in this Chapter.

B. No person shall operate a utility vehicle (UTV), as defined in Section 300.010, upon the streets and highways of the City of Dexter, except as follows:

1. Utility vehicles (UTVs) owned and operated by a governmental entity for official use;
or

2. Utility Vehicles (UTVs) operated for agricultural purposes or industrial on-premises purposes between the official sunrise and sunset on the day of operation, unless equipped with two (2) working brake lights visible at a distance of five hundred (500) feet, and two (2) working headlights visible at a distance of one hundred (100) feet; or

3. Utility vehicles (UTVs) operated by the owner of the vehicle who possesses a permit obtained from the City Clerk for which a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) is hereby established. The permit shall be renewed every year from July 1 through June 30 of the following year. Permits are individual and may not be transferred. Stickers evidencing the issuance of a permit must be affixed to the right rear fender of the utility vehicle [UTV]. A fee of five dollars [\$5.00] is hereby established for issuance of a duplicate permit.

C. Persons applying for the permit must be at least eighteen [18] years of age, hold a valid driver's license and present a copy of their current paid City and County personal property tax receipts (or waiver from the County Collector) containing the utility vehicle (UTV). A Waiver of Liability shall be provided to the City of Dexter by every utility vehicle (UTV) permit applicant in a form which is approved by the City Attorney.

D. No person shall operate a utility vehicle (UTV) within any stream or river in the City of Dexter, except within waterways which flow entirely within the boundaries of real property owned or leased by the operator, or upon which the operator has written permission to operate such vehicle. No utility vehicle [UTV] shall be operated off-road on any City of Dexter owned property.

E. No person shall operate a utility vehicle (UTV):

L. [in any careless way as to endanger the person or property of another;

2. While under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance;

3. In a manner which disturbs the public peace

F. Licenses, insurance, speed limit, and equipment required for issuance of a utility vehicle (UTV) permit:

1. While operating a utility vehicle (UTV) on a city street or alley, the operator shall be required to have a valid permit and full Class F Missouri Drivers License or its equivalent issued by another State in his/her possession, unless excepted under the laws of the State of Missouri.

2. Operators of all utility vehicles (UTVs) shall exhibit upon the demand of any Police Officer, while that officer is engaged in the performance of his or her duties, a valid

insurance identification card displaying current liability insurance coverage for said vehicle, as required by §303.024, RSMo.

3. No person shall operate a utility vehicle [UTV] in excess of the posted speed limit, or thirty (30) miles per hour, whichever is less.

4. Every person operating a utility vehicle (UTV) on the public streets in the City of Dexter shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to a driver of a motor vehicle imposed by law, specifically including those laws pertaining to the possession and use of drugs and alcoholic beverages and operating a motor vehicle under the influence thereof.

5. All utility vehicles (UTVs) shall have a safety triangle in a shape not less than thirty (30) square inches attached to the rear of the vehicle, and an equilateral triangular emblem constructed of substantial material with fluorescent yellow-orange finish and a reflective red border at least one (1) inch in width mounted on the rear.

6. All utility vehicles (UTVs) shall be equipped with functioning turn indicators and a seat belt for each passenger.

7. Utility vehicles (UTVs) operated within city limits must have brakes in good working order, reliable steering, safe tires and a functioning muffler.

8. The operation of utility vehicles (UTVs) is limited to the period between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless the vehicle is equipped with two (2) working brake lights visible at a distance of five hundred (500) feet, and two (2) working headlights visible at a distance of one hundred (100) feet.

9. No operator of a utility vehicle (UTV) shall carry a passenger, except for a utility vehicle [UTV] in which the seat of such vehicle is designed to carry more than one (1) person and is equipped with a seat belt for each passenger.

G. Unless they are equipped to do so, there can be no passengers riding in these vehicles. If so equipped, the following shall apply:

1. Children less than four (4) years old less than forty (40) pounds must be in an appropriate child safety seat in accordance with §307.179, RSMo.

2. Children ages four (4) through seven (7) years who weigh at least forty (40) pounds must be in an appropriate child safety seat or booster seat unless they are eighty (80) pounds or four feet nine inches (4'9") tall in accordance with §307.179, RSMo.

3. Children eight (8) years and older or weighing at least eighty (80) pounds, or at least four feet nine inches (4'9") tall are required to be secured by a seat belt or buckled into an appropriate booster seat in accordance with §307.179, RSMo.

4. The utility vehicle (UTV) shall not be operated with more occupants than the number for which it was designed.

H. The obtaining of the permit described herein is limited to the operation of a vehicle on the streets and alleys maintained by the City of Dexter and does not apply nor give immunity or defense to any such operation upon highways or roads maintained by any other governmental entity.

I. The operation of go-karts, golf carts and All-Terrain vehicles (ATVs) is prohibited on streets and highways in the City of Dexter.

Section 3: Any person who is convicted of violation of this Ordinance shall be subject to the penalties set forth in §100.220.

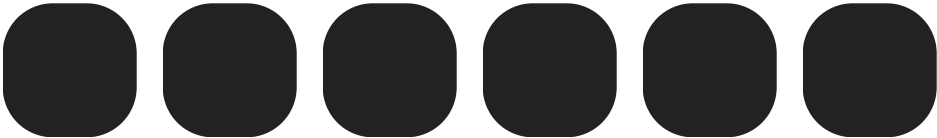
Section 4: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from February 1, 2022 Read twice [2] times, passed and approved this 3rd day of January, 2022.

Photo was from the December Alderman Meeting.

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