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[Sparklight](#), a leading broadband communications provider and a member of the Cable One family of brands, has once again been named to [Forbes America's Best Mid-Sized Employers List](#). This is the second consecutive year *Forbes* has recognized Sparklight as one of the top employers in the U.S.

"We continue to focus on creating a workplace in which our associates feel valued and included, and we were honored that our team recognized that commitment through our ranking on the *Forbes* list of America's Best Midsized Employers again this year," said Julie Laulis, Cable One President and CEO. "This recognition was especially meaningful this year, given continued impacts from the pandemic and the additional challenges it places on our associates. Despite facing many uncertainties, they remained unwavering in their commitment to keeping our customers connected to what matters most. Our associates are unquestionably the heart of our company and the reason behind our behind our long-term success."

*Forbes* partnered with market research company Statista to pinpoint companies rated highest by employees in an annual ranking of America's Best Employers. Statista surveyed 60,000 Americans working for businesses with at least 1,000 employees. Respondents were asked to rate on a scale of zero to 10 how likely they would be to recommend their employer. They were also asked to rate their companies on factors such as working conditions, development opportunities and compensation. The award is given to only 500 midsize (1,000 to 5,000 employees) employers in the United States.

Sparklight provides its associates with the opportunity for a thriving and rewarding career, a focus on health and wellness, an excellent work/life balance, and an open and inclusive workplace. Current job openings can be found at [www.sparklight.com/about/careers](http://www.sparklight.com/about/careers).

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South Outer Road in Stoddard County will be reduced to one lane as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform guardrail and cable barrier repairs.

This section of roadway is located from County Road 637 to Route AD in Dexter, Missouri.

Weather permitting, work will take place Thursday, April 7 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The work zones will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, contact MoDOT’s Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636)

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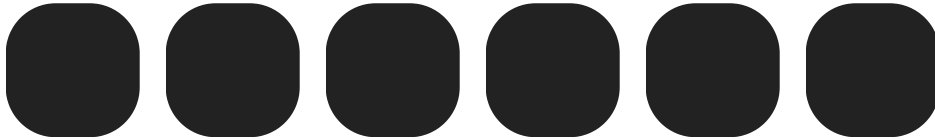
Dexter, MO - In preparation for spring, the Dexter Street Department will begin their annual Spring Flower Removal at the Dexter Cemetery on Friday, April 1, 2022.

If you do not wish your flowers to be discarded, you must remove them before that date

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Dexter, MO - The Dexter Board of Aldermen held a meeting on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. Two ordinances were passed during the special meeting.

Ordinance #5028 was a lease agreement with Ameren MO who are currently replacing gas lines on the east side of Dexter. Ameren MO will put a regulator station in place on a 200'x200' piece of property. This will be a 50 year lease with an option to renew. The station is located just off Highway 114 in front of the Omega Building near the Fairground.

Ordinance #5029 would execute a grant entitled "Missouri Department of Economic Development Grant Agreement". The grant would go toward improvements to the city's wastewater treatment plants. The grant would pay \$1,440,313.00 with the city paying matching funds in the amount of \$300,000. City Administrator, Trevor Pulley, said the amount the city is paying with this grant is half of what was budgeted last year for the new ultraviolet systems for the city's lagoons. Pulley said this grant is for the ultraviolet system to bring up to new Department of Natural Resources standards.

The board passed both ordinances.

## Flood Plain Mapping

Pulley said a meeting was held recently to discuss the new flood plain with engineers and the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA). Pulley said the new plan would cover about another 50% of Dexter. This means anyone who has residential or business property in this area and still have a loan on the respective property would be required to purchase flood insurance. City attorney Yewell "Bud" Lawrence Jr. said if the owner does not have a loan any longer but decides to sell, the buyer would have to purchase flood insurance in addition to a loan. He said this could affect the deal for the respective property.

Pulley said this would cost the city and residents quite a bit of money. He believed all of the city's culverts, drainage and ditches were not accounted for on the map. Pulley further said that areas now in the flood plan have never flooded. He asked permission from the board to speak to an engineering firm out of Rolla to get this additional information on the flood plain map. Pulley stated that the city must turn in its comments regarding the new

flood plan by April 19, 2022. The board granted permission to Pulley speak to the firm out of Rolla.

Other Business

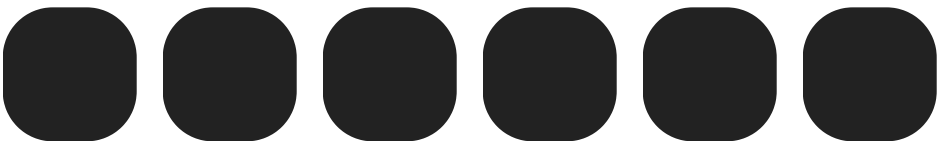
In its final piece of business the board of aldermen voted to move to a new insurance broker. The board selected Connell Insurance out of Branson/Springfield area.

The board's next regularly scheduled meeting will be at the Dexter Municipal Building at its regular time of 7 p.m. on Monday, April 4th.

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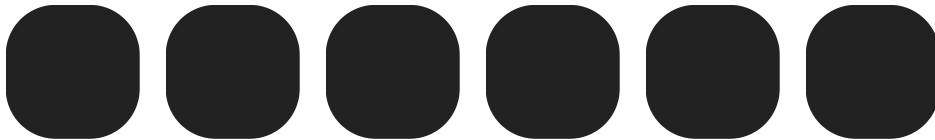
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