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Dexter Board of Alderman met on Monday, August 1, 2022 to discuss naming an engineer for the city street project as well discuss two ordinances.

Dexter Board of Aldermen name engineer for city street project

The Dexter Board of Aldermen worked through two meetings Monday evening. The first was a special meeting in which they named Waters Engineering the engineers for a street improvement project. The city has applied for a \$500,000 grant for the project. A public hearing was also held; however, no members of the public were in attendance to comment on the project.

During the special meeting, city administrator Trevor Pulley said the city has received a \$109,000 grant to pay for the man hours and machinery used in the cleanup following a tornado that struck the city last summer.

The board passed a resolution and two ordinances in the regular monthly meeting. The resolution approved a move by the Dexter Airport Board. The airport board named Hanson Professional Services Inc. the engineer and consulting firm for upcoming airport projects.

The first ordinance presented by city attorney Yewell "Bud" Lawrence Jr., made it illegal to remove, damage - or cause the removal due to damage - a tree from public property in

the city. The ordinance also makes it unlawful to top a tree on public property. Lawrence said this ordinance is required due to the city's membership on the tree council. This ordinance does not apply to private property.

The second ordinance is the annual abatement of outstanding refund checks, certain taxes, fines or costs from the years 1997 through 2021. Lawrence said this is done each year to get unclaimed refund checks and taxes, fines that are at least 10 years old and/or cannot for a variety of reasons be collected.

Economic Development

Dexter Chamber Executive Director Alisha Trammell informed the board about some upcoming events. She said next week is National Farmers Market week. She said the vendors will donate items that will be given away at the next Farmers Market at East Park as gift baskets.

Other upcoming events are the Homecoming Tailgate on Sept. 16th, the Stoddard County Fair Sept. 20th through Sept. 24th. She also said Fall Fest will be held on Oct. 8th.

Other Business

Dexter Police Chief Hank Trout said the department will participate in the Drive Sober or get Pulled Over Program Aug. 19 through Sept. 5. Trout also said the department will participate in active shooter training at Dexter High School Friday, Aug. 5th.

Pulley informed the board that a special meeting will be held on Aug. 25. One of the topics at this meeting will be an ordinance to put an item on the November ballot. If voters pass this item the city collector position in Dexter will no longer be an elected position and become an appointed position. Pulley said this is due to the job being much more technical than it used to be. He said the job used to entail collecting a tax payment and stamping a receipt. The job now involves multiple computer programs and other responsibilities. Pulley said if this becomes an appointed position, the city can appoint a qualified candidate and continue its high quality of service to residents.

Mayor Jason Banken appointed Marissa Mills to the Parks and Recreation Board. The board of aldermen approved the appointment.

Article submitted by Josh Ayers, editor of the Dexter Statesman.

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The purpose of the hearing will be to discuss the past performance by the City of Dexter in carrying out their community Development Block Grant Project.

The project consisted of storm cleanup from the EF-2 tornado in July 2021.

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Dexter, MO - The city of Dexter is requesting qualifications for preliminary engineering, professional engineering design, construction, and inspection services for a project to be administered through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Specifically the city of Dexter is seeking a firm to perform a street improvements project.

Information provided to the city must include at a minimum:

- 1) The specialized experience and technical competence of the firm with respect to Street Improvements (25 pts)
- 2) The capacity and capability of the firm to perform the work in question, including specialized services, within a period of twelve months (25 pts)
- 3) The past record of performance of the firm with respect to such factors as control of cost, quality of work, and ability to meet schedules (25).
- 4) References from all previous clients involved with the firm within the past five years and the ability to begin work immediately (10 pts)
- 5) References and experience of previous work on federal and state grant projects (10 pts)
- 6) Documentation of compliance with E-Verify requirements (5 pts)

The firm will be selected in accordance with federal and state procurement procedures. Respondents will be scored on the above criteria based on a 100-point scale. the most qualified competitor will be selected, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation. The full contract design executed from the preliminary engineering report, shall be contingent upon the award of the grand and commitment of all project funds.

This information must be submitted no later than Monday, August 1, 2022 to Dexter City Hall, 301 East Stoddard Street, Dexter, MO by 4 p.m. For more information, please contact the city clerk, Crystal Bishop at (573) 624-5959. Selection will be made at the City Council Meeting on Monday, August 1, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dexter Municipal Building at 119 Vine Street, Dexter, MO.

The city of Dexter is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages the submission of proposals from minority and women - owned firms.

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Dexter Board of Alderman will hold a special meeting to present a resolution for a grant and any other business that may appear on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 4 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 119 Vine Street, Dexter, MO 63841.

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Dexter, MO - The Dexter Board of Aldermen passed a resolution joining the Stoddard County Emergency Operations plan along with other cities in the county.

City attorney Yewell "Bud" Lawrence stated that this plan would only be activated should there be a county wide emergency such as a tornado, ice storm, etc.

Trevor Pulley, city administrator said the city of Dexter currently belongs to the plan, but this is an updated version. The board approved the city's inclusion to the plan unanimously.

In citizen news, a person was concerned about the police and patrolling the West Park area because of speeding. Chief Hank Trout spoke to the citizen and gave him his phone number and said to call anytime he needed assistance or had issues. Pulley also asked Trout to give the citizen the number to city hall so he could speak to him as well.

Economic Development: Dexter Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Alisha Trammell stated that Besame Wellness has been sold to a new owner and the name will now be Verts Neighborhood Dispensary. She also said that the Chamber Spring Luncheon will be held on May 5th at the Bearcat Event Center with El Cabrito catering the event. Also the first Farmers Market of 2022 will be held at its new location at West Park on May 5th and will run each Thursday from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

There will be a new business in Dexter. It will be Advanced Dermatology of Southeast Missouri and will located on Business 60 formerly occupied by Saint Francis.

Fire Department Report: Dexter fire Chief Don Seymore has smoke detectors available to install; however because of the Red Cross program the fire department has to install them. Please contact the fire dept. if you would like on to be installed.

Police Department Report: Police Chief Hank Trout said they received a \$3,000 grant from Wal Mart. They will purchase five new body cameras with the grant. Also the east side of K9 Biz building will be blocked off to work on the mural and wall.

Mayor Jason Banken made several re-appointments. He re-appointed Alma Smith and Mark Snider to the Dexter Tree Board; Betty Merkle and Greg Miller to the Housing Authority and Fair Housing Commission and Mark Guethle to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The board approved all reappointments.

Banken also asked the board to approve a liquor license for the Tin Can Tavern located in the former VFW building in downtown Dexter. The board approved the license.

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