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Dexter, MO - The Dexter Chamber of Commerce held its annual awards ceremony on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at The Gathering. A reception, tasty finger foods and a delicious cake bar was held along with the 2020 awards ceremony.

Missouri State Representative for the 151st District Mr. Herman Morse and Missouri State Senator for the 25th District, Mr. Jason Bean, presented proclamations to the winners along with Alisha Trammell, Dexter Chamber of Commerce Executive who handed out the awards.

"A little over a year ago I interviewed for the Executive Director position," commented Alisha Trammell. "In that interview the very first question I was asked was, what is Dexter's greatest asset. My response was, it's people."

"As I have reflected on that question, I realize I was speaking primarily of one individual. That one individual, Dexter's greatest asset was the person asking the question...Mark Stidham."

Mark started his work for the City of Dexter in 1997 as Ward 3 alderman. In March of 2001, Mayor John Pruitt appointed Mark as Dexter's first City Administrator.

During Mark's 20 years with the City, he worked tirelessly for Dexter. And it shows. From 1997 to 2020, Dexter has consistently seen a yearly sales tax increase.

Mark was a huge driving force in making sure this city and its departments were supported.

He didn't just think of today, he thought of the future. He planned for Dexter's future.

Mark served on several state and local boards to ensure Dexter's today and tomorrow were bright.

Such boards were the Three Rivers Endowment Trust, The Bootheel Regional Planning Commission, the Transportation Advisory Council,

and most notably last year he was appointed by Governor Mark Parson to the Missouri 911 board.

Mark was Dexter's fiercest advocate and its biggest supporter.

There is one thing I know for certain. Mark is up there giving God pointers of how to protect this city and his family. That is his level of commitment.

Pictured from left accepting for the late Mark Stidham are Senator Jason Bean, Debbie Stidham, Brent Stidham, Lauren Stidham and Representative Herman Morse.

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