

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009  
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke answered the Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Pastor Tony Hawkins from First United Methodist Church gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kelly moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 2, 2009 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that the City of Dixon's Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$735,151.69 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Budget & Treasurer's Report of October, 2009, the Library Board Minutes and Treasurer's Report of October 13, 2009 and the Tourism Board Minutes of November 9, 2009 were all on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

VISITORS

Ralph Edgar addressed the Council on financial support using the TIF funds for The Next Picture Show. He advised this not-for-profit entity has been operating on a \$50,000 per year deficit since 2004. He stressed The Next Picture Show needs the support of the City, leaders and businesses. Mr. Edgar requested the Council consider reimbursing him for expenses incurred for rehabilitation and restoration of this building, which is in the downtown TIF district and he would return these monies back to The Next Picture Show. Mr. Edgar explained this historic building has been used to entertain industrial prospects and receptions have been held at this fine arts center.

Pat Lathe, a local artist, spoke on behalf of this arts center, stating she displays many of her works here. She added this center helps the children in the community. She also added that the Illinois Watercolor Society held their 2009 exhibit here and has scheduled their May 2010 show at The Next Picture Show.

Karen Lee and Michael Rubera, two pianists and students at Dixon High School, spoke on behalf of this center to say it is vital to this community. Karen described the building as a welcoming environment and Michael added the building has great acoustics. He also advised that The Next Picture Show supports VIVA, which is a performing arts school with 100 students.

John Thompson handed out a packet to the Council, which is an 8-page study on arts and economic prosperity. He encouraged the Council to do all they can to support this center and invited the Council to invest in the arts.

Lastly, Mr. Edgar requested the City invest \$15,000 each year for 2009, 2010 and 2011 with TIF funds and he would endorse the check back to The Next Picture Show.

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VISITORS (CONT'D.)

At this time, Mayor Burke asked for Council comments. Commissioner Kelly advised there is currently \$178,000 in TIF but TIF owes the Corporate Fund \$2 million dollars because the City did not have the monies in the TIF fund to pay off the bonds. Commissioner Bridgeman added this is the worst time for the City financially and with many debts coming in, the City does not have the funds to give to The Next Picture Show. He also added there is another project costing \$1 million and the City has no money in its General Fund. Commissioner Blackburn advised he appreciates all the supporters present tonight but has no solution at this time. He also stated that Attorney Rob LeSage mailed the Council his comments on some questions presented tonight, and asked that the Council review these comments. Mayor Burke lastly advised that a response to this request would be at the next Council meeting.

ORD. #2765 – AMENDING CODE TITLE X, CHAPTER 12, SECTION 10-12-9

Commissioner Contreras moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title X, Chapter 12, Section 10-12-9 be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2766 - AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF IMLRMA  
MINIMUM.MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that an Ordinance authorizing the execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2286-09 - AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN THE  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL PERSONNEL BENEFIT COOPERATIVE

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that a Resolution authorizing membership in the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – ORD. – AMENDING CODE TITLE III, CHAP. 9, SEC. 3-9-27

Commissioner Kelly moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title III, Chapter 9, Section 3-9-27 be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, December 7, 2009. Discussion followed. Troy Stinson, Strand & Associates, explained the City of Dixon Wastewater Treatment Plant is not generating enough revenue to cover their expenses; therefore, this increase is vital. He also added a 3% increase has been built into this ordinance for Council's review but stressed that if this is not acceptable, the City should review their rates 1-2 times each year. Commissioner Bridgeman added there is not profit made on any rate monies collected and all monies go into the Wastewater Treatment Fund. He also stated that monthly rates for billing would occur within one year per Rusty Cox. Rusty added that payment arrangements could be set up in the Water Department. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS/DISPOSAL  
DIXON FIRE DEPARTMENT USED AMBULANCE

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids/disposal of a Dixon Fire Department used ambulance. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE – RYAN S. GOODE

Mayor Burke issued the Oath of Office to Firefighter Ryan S. Goode and presented him with a plaque.

PROMOTIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Blackburn gave promotional presentations to Captain Dave Lohse and Lieutenant Scott Schmidt, both of the Dixon Fire Department and advised their promotions would become effective November 19, 2009.

RETIREMENT PRESENTATION

Commissioner Blackburn gave a Retirement Presentation to Captain Mark Swegle, who is retiring from the City of Dixon Fire Department effective November 19, 2009. Mark introduced his family and thanked the City of Dixon.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 16, 2009 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, December 7, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk

