

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2009
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kelly moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 16, 2009 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that the Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$1,520,438.92 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Bridgeman advised that with the snowstorms coming, he would like to warn the citizens of Dixon that Commissioner Contreras' Street Department is low on personnel due to financial cutbacks. He advised the snow removal equipment is ready to go and asked for patience from the community.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Monthly Building Permit Report of November, 2009 and the Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission Minutes of November 2, 2009 are on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

VISITORS

Dianne Frye, 1101 Stoney Point Road, and member of the Blackhawk Snowblazers Snowmobile Club, addressed the Council to request the City form a partnership with this club to write ordinances to connect their two trails which are one on the north side at Washington Avenue and the other on the south side on Route 38 near the Shell Gas Station. Mrs. Frye gave handouts to the Council and explained all the supportive things their club does in the community. Commissioner Bridgeman reminded Mrs. Frye that they would also need the approval of the Dixon Park District. Mayor Burke advised this would be on the next Council meeting agenda as a discussion item.

Richard Schaefer, 1104 Elm Place, addressed the Council requesting a law about motor homes being parked in yards. He showed Commissioner Bridgeman photos of a neighbor who has a motor home parked close to his property line. Mayor Burke asked Paul Shiaras of the Building Department about the code. Paul advised there is no ordinance in place prohibiting parking on grass. Mayor Burke advised the Council would review the proposed ordinances that Attorney Tom Sanders has drafted.

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ORD. #2767 – AMENDING CODE TITLE III, CHAPTER 9, SECTION 3-9-27

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title III, Chapter 9, Section 3-9-27 be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION – REQUEST OF THE NEXT PICTURE SHOW
TIF FUNDS

Mayor Burke advised Dixon is an arts community. He also stated The Next Picture Show is a big part of the City's economic development and he is lending full support of the City assisting this business. Commissioner Contreras stated The Next Picture Show is a great vehicle in bringing people to the downtown. He advised the City should help them. Commissioner Blackburn agreed with Mayor Burke that this business is a great asset but he could not support the funding help as the City has had shortfalls in the budget. He further explained we are tax-capped and the City is looking at a higher pension obligation. Commissioner Kelly advised this Council did not create The Next Picture Show and questioned why it should be our concern. He advised we already assist in funding Dixon Main Street \$15,000 annually and questioned who is next in line? He advised he couldn't support this request. Commissioner Bridgeman advised everyone is in favor of keeping The Next Picture Show but the City of Dixon cannot help. He explained many financial problems facing the City and advised he would have to vote against their request. Mayor Burke suggested that this issue be looked at during the budget process and provide funding forward in 2011.

PROCLAMATION – “DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING (3D)
PREVENTION MONTH”

Mayor Burke proclaimed the month of December, 2009 as “Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month” in the City of Dixon.

RES. #2287-09 – SUPPORT OF PROPOSED SALE OF
THOMSON CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Commissioner Contreras moved that a Resolution supporting the proposed sale of the Thomson Correctional Center be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2288-09 – CONFIRMING RE-APPT. – AIRPORT BOARD

Commissioner Kelly moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointment of Paul Biggerstaff to the Dixon Airport Board for a term to commence December 31, 2009 and to end December 31, 2012, or until his successor is duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2289-09 – CONFIRMING RE-APPT.
DANGEROUS BUILDING INVESTIGATION AND CONDEMNATION BOARD

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointment of Paul Shiaras to the Dangerous Building Investigation and Condemnation Board for a term to commence December 15, 2009 and to end December 31, 2011, or until his successor is duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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RES. #2290-09 – CONFIRMING RE-APPTS.
ELECTRICAL COMMISSION

Commissioner Blackburn moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointments of Tim Shipman and Paul Shiaras to the Electrical Commission for a term commencing December 7, 2009 and ending November 30, 2011, or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2291-09 – CONFIRMING RE-APPTS.
BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Contreras moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointments of Bruce Keller and Bob Shomaker to the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners for a term commencing December 7, 2009 and ending November 30, 2012, or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2292-09 – CONFIRMING RE-APPTS.
HOSPITAL BOARD

Commissioner Kelly moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointments of Sylvia Montavon, Donna Hoyle and Thomas Suits to the Hospital Board for a term commencing December 31, 2009 and ending December 31, 2012, or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2293-09 – CONFIRMING RE-APPT. – LIBRARY BOARD

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointment of Louise Corken to the Library Board for a term commencing December 7, 2009 and ending November 30, 2012, or until her successor is duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2294-09 – CONFIRMING RE-APPT. – PLAN COMMISSION

Commissioner Blackburn moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointment of Brian Seagren to the Plan Commission for a term commencing December 7, 2009 and ending November 30, 2013, or until his successor is duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2295-09 – CONFIRMING RE-APPTS.
RIVERFRONT COMMISSION

Commissioner Contreras moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointments of Jack Coleman and Chuck Stoddard to the Riverfront Commission for terms commencing December 7, 2009 and ending November 30, 2010, or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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RES. #2296-09 – CONFIRMING RE-APPTS.
TOURISM DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointments of Colleen Brechon, Edyie Madden, Carol Wadsworth and Al Duncan to the Tourism Development Board for terms commencing December 7, 2009 and ending November 30, 2011, or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2297-09 – CONFIRMING RE-APPTS.
VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

Commissioner Blackburn moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointments of Jim Hackbarth, Rich Sanders, Randy Hardin, Richard Herbon, Clark Kelly, Al Wikoff, Charlie Thomas and John Carlson to the Veterans Memorial Commission for terms commencing December 7, 2009 and ending November 30, 2011, or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2298-09 – CONFIRMING RE-APPTS.
WINGS OF PEACE COMMISSION

Commissioner Kelly moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointments of Judy Dixon, Greg Langan and Doug Lee to the Wings of Peace Commission for terms commencing December 7, 2009 and ending November 30, 2011, or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – PROPOSED DESIGN AMENDMENT – TAXIWAYS
CITY/CRAWFORD, MURPHY & TILLY, INC.

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Amendment to the Agreement for Engineering Services between the City of Dixon and Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. for the Airport T-Hangar Taxiways Rehabilitation Project be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, December 21, 2009. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – AGREEMENT OF LIMITED AGENCY – AUTOMATED
UNICOM – CITY/IDOT

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that the Agreement of Limited Agency between the City of Dixon and Illinois Department of Transportation for the Airport Automated Unicom Project be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, December 21, 2009. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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PLACE ON FILE – CONSULTANT’S AMENDMENT #1 – TAXIWAYS
CITY/HANSON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Architectural, Engineering and Planning Services for Airports between the City of Dixon and Hanson Professional Services, Inc. for the Taxiways Projects be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, December 21, 2009. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – ORD. – 2009/2010 TAX LEVY

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that an Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the corporate purposes of the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois for the period commencing May 1, 2009 and ending on April 30, 2010 be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, December 21, 2009. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 7, 2009 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, December 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk

