

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke answered Roll Call. Absent was Commissioner Bridgeman. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

At this time, Mayor Burke explained that after the posting of the agenda on February 25th, Items #11-D and #11-E were deleted and Items #11-F, #11-G and #11-H were added.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Contreras moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 16, 2010 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$467,692.87 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Monthly Building Permit Report of February, 2010, the Plan Commission Meeting minutes of February 25, 2010 and the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting minutes of February 25, 2010 are all on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

PET. – SIGN VARIANCE – BLOODY GULCH ROAD/ROUTE 26

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Petition for Sign Variance pursuant to the request of SJS Realty Services, Inc., for property located at Bloody Gulch Road and Route 26, be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PET. – REZONE – 423 SOUTH DEMENT AVENUE

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Petition for Rezone pursuant to the request of Nancy J. Lillyman, for property located at 423 South Dement Avenue, be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras and Kelly. Voting Nay: Commissioner Blackburn and Mayor Burke. **Motion lost.** Attorney Branson advised that since this was voted down, a motion to deny this request would be on the March 22nd agenda.

At this time, Andrew Bollman, Attorney for the Petitioner, addressed the Council to inquire as to why this was denied. He stated that there were no objections by any of the neighbors and the Plan Commission accepted it. Commissioner Blackburn stated this property is currently a non-conforming use. Attorney Bollman advised the request is just to rezone 50 feet easterly. Commissioner Blackburn advised this would create many issues for the Council at a later date. Attorney Bollman stated his client wants to change the zoning of the property for marketability as it is currently up for sale. Commissioner Blackburn stated he is opposed to it becoming a B-1. Mayor Burke advised he is also opposed to rezoning the property to a B-1, as people will complain later on.

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DISCUSSION – RECONSIDER RV PARKING ORDINANCE/POSSIBLE
VARIANCE PROVISION

Mayor Burke asked the Council if they drove by the Whaley property on Marclare and asked that the Council give their views on this matter. Commissioner Blackburn stated he feels the trailer is too big for the parcel and Commissioner Kelly agreed with him. Mayor Burke stated it is a large vehicle and the house is close to the property line. He stated the back of the apartments on Marclare have a sizeable distance from the property line and a variance could be in order whereby the house is backed up to the lot line. At this time, Mrs. Whaley advised she has pictures on her camera and these were shown to the Council at this time. Mrs. Whaley stated the trailer normally sits even with the house but it could be moved back. She then asked Commissioner Blackburn if they were being punished for buying a 40-foot vehicle? Commissioner Blackburn responded by stating a variance request could not be heard for just one citizen and not considered for all requests that would come to the Building Department. Mayor Burke stated he does agree with the ordinance but, in this case, there should be a variance allowed. Mrs. Whaley asked if they were to build a concrete slab, is this current ordinance stating they could not park their vehicle there? Commissioner Blackburn strongly advised he is not willing to re-visit the ordinance. Mayor Burke then stated there is not enough Council consensus at this time. He added this would be revisited again in April when Commissioner Bridgeman is back in town. He lastly stated he thinks a variance should be considered but only under a legitimate reason.

ACCEPT & PLACE ON FILE
DIXON POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Police Chief Dan Langloss gave a PowerPoint presentation, highlighting six major accomplishments by the Dixon Police Department last year. His presentation included surveys and the overall percentage favored the Dixon Police Department doing an excellent job. Mayor Burke told Chief Langloss that he and his department is doing a commendable job.

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Dixon Police Department Annual Report be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2774 – AMENDING CODE TITLE X, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 10-3-2

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title X, Chapter 3, Section 10-3-2 be passed. Discussion followed. Commissioner Blackburn asked Chief Langloss to explain this ordinance. Chief Langloss advised there is a parking problem in the area of Washington School and this would allow Sterling Road to become one-way southbound. He also advised there would be no parking from the north side to the south side of the road. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ACCEPT & PLACE ON FILE
CITY OF DIXON 04/30/09 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Commissioner Contreras moved that the City of Dixon's April 30, 2009 Basic Financial Statements be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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PET. - VARIANCE – 1011 IDLEWILD DRIVE

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Petition for Variance pursuant to the request of John Hagedorn, for property located at 1011 Idlewild Drive, be referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PET. – PRELIMINARY PLAT – LOTS 4 & 5 – DIXON TOLLWAY SUBDIVISION

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Petition for Preliminary Plat pursuant to the request of Chicago Land Trust Company, for property known as Lots 4 & 5 in the Dixon Tollway Subdivision, be referred to the Dixon Plan Commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PET. – FINAL PLAT – LOTS 4 & 5 – DIXON TOLLWAY SUBDIVISION

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Petition for Final Plat pursuant to the request of Chicago Land Trust Company, for property known as Lots 4 & 5 in the Dixon Tollway Subdivision, be referred to the Dixon Plan Commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, March 1, 2010 be adjourned to meet in Executive Session to discuss personnel. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RECONVENE MEETING

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, March 1, 2010 reconvene into Open Session. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, March 1, 2010 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on **Monday, March 22, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk