

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2010
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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Contreras moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, March 22, 2010 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 \$445,571.30 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Burke stated that Governor Quinn sent a proclamation to fly flags at half-staff from April 4-6, 2010 due to a 28-year old fallen fireman named Brian Carey.

Commissioner Bridgeman advised the first budget session is Monday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m. He also advised that in the amount of the bills being paid is a \$99,400+ bill for the work on the water problems. He stated these large payouts are due two times a year.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Monthly Building Permit Report of March, 2010 and the Plan Commissioner Meeting minutes of March 25, 2010 are on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF MURAL LEASE AGREEMENT
CITY/MIKE CHRISTOFFERSEN

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute the Mural Lease Agreement between the City of Dixon and Mike Christoffersen. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF MURAL LEASE AGREEMENT
CITY/PATTIE HUMMEL

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute the Mural Lease Agreement between the City of Dixon and Pattie Hummel. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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DISCUSSION – RECONSIDER RV PARKING ORDINANCE/POSSIBLE
VARIANCE PROVISION

Mayor Burke stated Mr. and Mrs. Whaley delivered copies of similar ordinances from other communities this morning. He advised the other Council members would receive these copies tomorrow. He also stated that Jim and Carol Morgan sent a letter asking for clarification on the 10 feet from any structure. Paul Shiaras advised it is 10 feet from any primary structure on an adjacent lot.

Robin McNamara, 519 Jackson Avenue, addressed the Council, advising she is an RV owner and the size of their lot prohibits them from parking it in their driveway. She stated that parking on lawns brings down property values. She stated this new ordinance is ludicrous and as a taxpayer, she should be able to have the say so about her own property. She questioned the wording in the brochure on the timeframe of 2 years to pave the driveway. She advised that gravel is better for the environment. She firmly objected to the entire ordinance. Mayor Burke stated that the City is not trying to tell people what to do and that this is not a groundbreaking ordinance. Commissioner Bridgeman stepped in to state that the City has had complaints regarding these trailers. Mrs. McNamara asked about a “case-by-case” basis. She also questioned the allowances for the citizens in cleaning, loading and winterizing these vehicles. Mayor Burke stated that the brochure would need to be corrected on some of the wording.

Beverly Eykamp, 509 Marclare Street, stated she lives 2 houses from the Whaleys and it does not bother her at all to look out at their trailer. She stated there are many other problems in the City that need to be cleaned up. Mayor Burke stated that the Code Enforcement position in the Building Department has become a full-time job. Mayor Burke then stated discussions on this would continue.

ORD. #2776 – AUTHORIZE CABLE/VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER FEE

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that an Ordinance authorizing cable/video service provider fee be passed. Mayor Burke explained this ordinance reflects the 5% of cable fees paid to the City by Comcast. He then called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2777 – AMENDING CODE TITLE III, CHAPTER 14

Commissioner Contreras moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title III, Chapter 14 be passed. Mayor Burke explained this ordinance relates to the ten-year time frame for the fees. He then called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2778 – AMENDING CODE – ADDITION OF TITLE III, CHAPTER 14C

Commissioner Kelly moved that an Ordinance amending the municipal code of the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois by the addition of Title III, Chapter 14C establishing standards for the construction of facilities on the rights-of-way be passed. Mayor Burke stated Page 12 needs the fee amount. It was the consensus of the Council to make the fee \$25.00. Attorney Branson added that the deposit is by policy. After no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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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 City Attorney for proper action. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Contreras 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 City Attorney for proper action. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION – “THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD”

Mayor Burke proclaimed April 11-17, 2010 as “The Week of the Young Child” in the City of Dixon.

RES. #2305-10 – CONFIRMING APPT. – RONALD REAGAN
CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that a Resolution confirming the appointment of Ron Marlowe to the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission for a term commencing April 5, 2010 and ending March 31, 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. #2306-10 – CONFIRMING RE-APPT. – DANGEROUS BUILDING
INVESTIGATION AND CONDEMNATION BOARD

Commissioner Kelly moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointment of Bob Slain to the Dangerous Building Investigation and Condemnation Board for a term commencing April 5, 2010 and ending March 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.

OATH OF OFFICE – POLICE OFFICER RYAN T. BIVINS

Mayor Burke administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Ryan T. Bivins. Commissioner Blackburn read a short bio on Officer Bivins.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, April 5, 2010 be adjourned to meet in Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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RECONVENE MEETING

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, April 5, 2010 reconvene into Open Session. 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, April 5, 2010 be adjourned to meet in Special Session on **Monday, April 12, 2010 at 6:00 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 7:20 p.m.

Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk