

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2010
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke answered the Roll Call. Absent was Commissioner Contreras. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Pastor Steve Joos from the Dixon Assembly of God Church gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kelly moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 6, 2010 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman 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 \$523,018.10 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Burke stated that IDOT would be repaving Route 38 and the bid letting will be in the Spring.

Commissioner Kelly wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Bridgeman advised that Item #10-C on the agenda tonight deals with the tax levy and explained it is the legal maximum that the City can spend. He added that this amount is higher than the budget.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Budget & Treasurer's Report of November, 2010, the Library Board Minutes of November 8, 2010, the Airport Board Minutes of October 16, 2010, the Tourism Board Minutes of December 13, 2010 and the Plan Commission Minutes of December 16, 2010 were all on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

RES. – APPROVING & AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF
AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DIXON
AND LEE COUNTY

Commissioner Blackburn moved that a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Dixon and Lee County be tabled generally. Discussion followed. Mayor Burke advised this item would have to be tabled due to not receiving the appraisal. Attorney Branson stated this must first be removed from the table with a motion and then the motion to adopt can be read when this item goes back on the agenda in the future. After no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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ORD. #2802 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF IMLRMA MINIMUM/MAXIMUM
CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

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

ORD. #2803 – 2010//2011 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, 2010 and ending on April 30, 2011 be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PET. – SPECIAL USE – 503 SOUTH OTTAWA AVENUE

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Petition for Special Use pursuant to the request of New Life, for property located at 503 South Ottawa Avenue, be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PET. – SPECIAL USE – 805 WEST FIRST STREET

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Petition for Special Use and text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance pursuant to the request of Ryan T. Atherton and Dixon PADS Shelter, for property located at 805 West First Street, be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn and Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Abstaining: Mayor Burke. Motion carried 3-1.

PET. – VACATE PROPERTY – 1230 VAN BUREN/1124 WOODLAWN STREET

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Petition to Vacate Property pursuant to the request of Timothy Grove, for property located at 1230 Van Buren and 1124 Woodlawn Street, be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – ORD. – AMENDING TITLE V, CHAPTER 13

Commissioner Kelly moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title V, Chapter 13 be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, January 3, 2011. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION – RESIDENTIAL AGGREGATION OF
ELECTRICAL SUPPLIER – MIKE MUDGE

Mayor Burke advised that Mike Mudge was not present for this discussion due to the weather but Mr. Jim Fox of ComEd would speak on the matter.

Mr. Jim Fox, ComEd, 919 West 1st Street, Dixon, gave a brief overview of municipal aggregation. He advised this is a grouping of all residents and businesses together whereby their electricity would be from a retail supplier. He stated this would need to go before the citizens under a referendum. Mr. Fox advised that ComEd supports competition of the supply of electricity. He stated the distribution remains with ComEd but the contractual supply of electricity is the commodity.

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CONTINUED

Mayor Burke explained that he and Shawn Ortgiesen met with Mike Mudge and this would be a savings of 5% to 6% for the customer. Mr. Fox also added that the customers could opt out of the program from the aggregate rate of the supplier and go to ComEd's fixed rate.

It was the consensus of the Council to read a copy of the City of Fulton's ordinance for review and then have Mr. Mudge back at the January 3, 2011 Council Meeting and have the City Attorney prepare the referendum question for the agenda.

PLACE ON FILE – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DIXON, LEE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR AN INSTALLMENT
PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN
OUTSTANDING DEBT CERTIFICATES OF THE CITY, AND AUTHORIZING AND
PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF \$679,000 DEBT CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2010,
EVIDENCING THE RIGHTS TO PAYMENT UNDER SUCH AGREEMENT,
PRESCRIBING THE DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATES, AND
PROVIDING FOR THE SECURITY FOR AND MEANS OF PAYMENT UNDER THE
AGREEMENT OF THE CERTIFICATES

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that an Ordinance of the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois, authorizing and providing for an installment purchase agreement for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding debt certificates of the City, and authorizing and providing for the issue of \$679,000 debt certificates, Series 2010, evidencing the rights to payment under such agreement, prescribing the details of the agreement and certificates, and providing for the security for and means of payment under the agreement of the certificates be placed on file until the next scheduled Council Meeting of Tuesday, December 28, 2010. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 20, 2010 be adjourned to meet in a Reconvened Session on Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk