

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Contreras, Coffey, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke answered the Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Pastor Robert Mavis from the Bethel E.C. Church gave the Invocation. Pastor Mavis also thanked the Dixon Fire Department for their efforts in the house fire of his parishioners that occurred over the weekend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Contreras moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, February 7, 2011 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Coffey, 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 \$364,980.89 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Coffey, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Coffey advised this is the thirteenth consecutive year that the City of Dixon has received a commendation from the Illinois Department of Public Health regarding fluoridation. She also advised that she has met with all her department heads and it has been her pleasure to speak with them and commended them all for knowing their jobs very well.

Commissioner Blackburn welcomed Commissioner Coffey back to the Council and thanked her for filling the position.

Commissioner Bridgeman advised the budget request forms are being distributed and they should be returned to Rita Crundwell by March 16th so that the budget sessions can then be scheduled. He advised there will be no increase in budget totals and stressed the budget figures could even be less than last year. Commissioner Bridgeman then stated that between February 1st and 3rd, the total cost for the snow removal was \$55,490.81. He then thanked all personnel for their efforts in the removal.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Budget & Treasurer's Report of January, 2011, the Library Board Minutes of January 10, 2011, the Airport Board Minutes of December 11, 2010 and the Tourism Board Minutes of February 14, 2011 were all on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

ORD. #2814 – VACATE EXISTING PLAT & APPROVE RE-PLAT
RIVERSHORE TOWNHOMES

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance vacating existing Plat of Subdivision and Approval of Re-Plat of Subdivision be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Coffey, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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ORD. #2815 – ACCEPTING RE-PLAT OF SUBDIVISION OF PART OF
LOT 16 – 202 NORTH COURT

Commissioner Coffey moved that an Ordinance accepting a Re-Plat of Subdivision of a part of Lot 16, 202 North Court be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Coffey, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2816 – REZONE – 202 NORTH COURT

Commissioner Contreras moved that an Ordinance authorizing a Change of Zoning pursuant to the petition of Richard Kelly be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Coffey, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2342-11 – PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURES TO FUND
FIRE PENSION FUND

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that a Resolution providing for procedures to fund the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois Firefighters Pension Fund from Participants' contributions be adopted. Discussion followed. Commissioner Bridgeman advised the monies would come out of the employee's checks to fund their pensions, both police and fire. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Coffey, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2343-11 – PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURES TO FUND
POLICE PENSION FUND

Commissioner Coffey moved that a Resolution providing for procedures to fund the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois Police Pension Fund from Participants' contributions be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Coffey, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2817 – AMENDING CODE TITLE VII, CHAPTER 5

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title VII, Chapter 5 be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Coffey, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION – T6 BROADBAND ANTENNAS ON WATER
TOWERS REQUEST – DAN KOEHLER

Mr. Dan Koehler, T6 Broadband, Belvidere, Illinois, addressed the Council on proposing permission to place wireless technology on the City's water towers. He stated it would benefit residents and future businesses, as it will be a very high-tech internet. He also stated the space to rent would entail \$500 per month per site. He advised they are completely covered by liability insurance and workman's compensation for their employees. Questions were raised by the Council and Mr. Koehler advised the equipment would not have to be removed for tower painting, the equipment size is 3x3 clamped on to the safety ring and the weight is less than 100 lbs. Mr. Koehler advised the City of Dixon would not be held harmless if any of their equipment was destroyed due to a catastrophic event.

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PRESENTATION – VERIZON – TOM REECE

Mr. Tom Reece, Verizon Wireless, addressed the Council to ask permission to place an antenna on the water tower on Galena Avenue for providing wireless and cell phone services. Water Department Superintendent Rusty Cox spoke on several concerns, such as placement inside the compound, interference with City equipment and painting of the tower. Mr. Reece advised Verizon would use an ice bridge and bury the cable from the shelter. He also stated their equipment would not interfere with any other equipment on the tower. Mr. Reece advised that Verizon would pay the difference for painting their own equipment. Mr. Reece then advised that Verizon needs to move quickly and if the City puts off their painting for a few years, his company will look elsewhere for a site. Attorney Branson advised the lease agreement is for five years and the changes that were discussed tonight by both parties would be inserted. At this time, the Mayor asked for a consensus from the Council whether or not to proceed with the agreement. All Commissioners advised they were okay with proceeding as long as Rusty Cox's concerns were addressed.

RES. #2344-11 – CONFIRMING RE-APPOINTMENT
RIVERFRONT COMMISSION

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointment of Tim Zielinski to the Riverfront Commission for a term commencing March 1, 2011 and ending February 29, 2012, or until his successor is duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Coffey, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2345-11 – CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT
RONALD REAGAN CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Commissioner Coffey moved that a Resolution confirming the appointment of Edyie Madden to the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission for a term commencing February 22, 2011 and ending January 31, 2012, or until her successor is duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Coffey, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION – MERIT AWARD – BOB GASPER

Mr. Bob Gasper, Willett-Hofmann & Associates, on behalf of ACEC-Illinois, announced that the City of Dixon Phase I Radium Removal for Wells 7 & 9 project has won a Merit Award in the 2011 ACEC-Illinois' Engineering Excellence Awards Competition. Bob also presented the Mayor with a plaque for this award recognition.

RES. #2346-11 – APPROPRIATE MFT FUNDS – LINCOLN AVENUE PROJECT

Commissioner Contreras moved that a Resolution appropriating \$115,000.00 in MFT funds for the design and construction supervision for the complete street reconstruction of Lincoln Avenue from 3rd Street to 1st Street be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Coffey, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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RES. #2347-11 – APPROPRIATE MFT FUNDS –JEFFERSON AVENUE PROJECT

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that a Resolution appropriating \$22,500.00 in MFT funds for the design, construction and construction supervision for storm sewer installation of Jefferson Avenue from Bradshaw to McKenney Streets be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Coffey, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 22, 2011 be adjourned to meet in Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Coffey, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RECONVENE MEETING

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 22, 2011 reconvene into Open Session. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Coffey, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 22, 2011 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, March 7, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Coffey, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk