

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL  
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2011  
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Contreras, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke answered the Roll Call. Absent was Commissioner Coffey. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Reverend Andy Minch from the Sauk Valley Community Church gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Contreras moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, April 4, 2011 and the minutes from the Special Council Meeting of Monday, April 18, 2011 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, 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 \$463,088.44 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Burke advised this would be the last regular meeting for two Commissioners. He expressed his appreciation to both Commissioner Bridgeman and Contreras for all their years of service.

Commissioner Contreras stated his service to the City of Dixon has been enjoyable and a learning experience. He then thanked Commissioner Bridgeman for towing the line and working with a balanced budget every year. Commissioner Contreras advised there is \$800,000 in motor fuel tax monies to fix streets this year.

Commissioner Bridgeman thanked the people of Dixon for electing him to office for the past 24 years. He also thanked the radio stations for their honesty in reporting the news. He stated what upset him about this election were half-truths and lies were told in some campaigns, which, he felt, put Dixon in a bad picture. He stated that he hoped future campaigns would be run truthfully in order to get good candidates to run. Commissioner Bridgeman then cited the accomplishments he encountered while in office, such as the newly constructed Town Square building, saving the historic Dixon Theatre and Nachusa House, the new police and fire facility, separated storm sewers and sanitary sewers, keeping Ken Nelson in Dixon, keeping the Landfill operating, updated equipment, computerization of many City departments, and brought in new business on the south side. Commissioner Bridgeman stated these were mostly accomplished with no increase in taxes to the public. He did however advised that taxes were increased for the Town Square building construction and the **mandated** new Wastewater Treatment Plant and the wells projects are the reason for the \$31 million debt. Commissioner Bridgeman stated he is proud of the balanced budget for 24 years, which reflects good sound fiscal responsibility. Commissioner Bridgeman thanked former Mayor Jim Dixon and Mayor Jim Burke for their forward-looking ideas, thanked the Commissioners for looking out for the City of Dixon, and thanked Commissioner Blackburn for being a very strong leader and requested that Dave become the Finance Commissioner. Commissioner Bridgeman then stated that the department heads and the employees are the ones who run the City. He advised that Dan Mahan, Rusty Cox and Mike Stichter have done their jobs through employee cuts.

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COUNCIL REPORTS (CONT'D.)

Commissioner Bridgeman commended the Building Department on following codes for the safety of the citizens, stated that the police and fire department Chiefs are two of the finest leaders with the best-trained departments in the area, advised that hiring Shawn Ortgiesen was the best thing the City had done as he has saved the City thousands of dollars with his engineering expertise and stated that office workers Kathe Swanson and Stephanie Terranova are hard-working and organized and both put out a lot of work in one day. Lastly, Commissioner Bridgeman stated that City Comptroller Rita Crundwell is a big asset to the City as she looks after every tax dollar as if it were her own. He also stated that she is the local historian and instructed the incoming Council to work with her and listen to her, as she knows what she's talking about. Commissioner Bridgeman then said "goodbye to all"!

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Budget & Treasurer's Report of March, 2011 and the Library Board Minutes of March 14, 2011 were on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

NOTICES & COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Burke stated he received a letter today from Chet Olsen from the City of Rochelle thanking John Thompson for his efforts in changing the Enterprise Zone to allow the Nippon Sharyo project to move forward in a timely fashion.

VISITORS

John Thompson, Dixon, addressed the Council to express his appreciation, both personally and professionally, to the Mayor and Commissioners, for their part in helping him do his job effectively.

ORD. #2819 – SPECIAL USE – 1104 NORTH BRINTON AVENUE

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance authorizing Special Use for the installation of a radio transmission tower and receive antenna for the purpose of installing a translator station promoting and broadcasting Catholic radio programming pursuant to the petition of St. Anne's Church of Dixon be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2820 – REZONE – 413 & 417 CARROLL AVENUE

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

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RES. #2351-11 – APPROVING & AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY  
OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY/LEE COUNTY

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Dixon, Illinois, and the County of Lee, Illinois be adopted. Discussion followed. Attorney Branson stated this was Lot #8. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ACCEPT & PLACE ON FILE – DIXON POLICE DEPT. ANNUAL REPORT

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

DISCUSSION – ST. ANNE’S WINE & BEER TASTING EVENT

Mayor Burke explained St. Anne’s request is for a change in the Ordinance to allow a wine and beer tasting at the church on May 6<sup>th</sup>. He stated he spoke to the City Attorney who advised a “sunset” clause could be added, making this not a permanent change. Mayor Burke stated this ordinance would have to be approved at the next meeting on May 2. Mayor Burke asked the Council for their input. Commissioner Bridgeman stated we would be setting a precedent. Commissioner Blackburn advised he just bought two tickets yesterday to the event so if it is not approved, he will be asking for his money back. Commissioner Contreras stated he is for the event. At this time, Josie Whaley, 605 Marclare Street, asked the Council if approving it on May 2<sup>nd</sup> will give the church enough time. Mayor Burke advised yes. It was the consensus of the Council to have this item on the May 2<sup>nd</sup> agenda.

At this time, Mayor Burke explained the Council received a memo from Shawn Ortgiesen pertaining to Items #11-B through #11-E, which would be made part of the record.\*

PLACE ON FILE – INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT  
CITY OF DIXON/IDOT

**\*This agreement with IDOT involves the reimbursement for work and energy charges to traffic signals along State routes. The State will reimburse 100% for signals located where two State routes come together and 50% where a State route intersects with a City street.**

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Dixon and the Illinois Department of Transportation for traffic control device maintenance be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, May 2, 2011. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE–LOCAL AGENCY/STATE AGREEMENT-TOLLWAY DRIVE

**\*This agreement with IDOT involves funds for the extension of Tollway Drive. We are receiving \$300,000 from the State’s Emergency Repair Program (ERP) and are also designating \$15,000 in Motor Fuel Tax funds that will be used as necessary.**

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that a Local Agency/State Agreement regarding Tollway Drive be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, May 2, 2011. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – TOLLWAY DRIVE

**\*We are requesting for approval to advertise for bids once the Tollway Drive plans are approved by IDOT. After bidding, we will then place the bids on file and will then ask for Council's approval to award the project if the proposed cost is acceptable.**

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for the Tollway Drive Project. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS  
2011 GENERAL MAINTENANCE OF STREETS

**\*Commissioner Contreras would like to repave all of the streets in the City of Dixon, but unfortunately funds will not allow us to do so. For one-block of pavement, we estimate that it takes approximately \$20,000. We are requesting to go out for bids to repave approximately 40 blocks of City streets (20 on the north side and 20 on the south side). This work is estimated to cost approximately \$800,000 and will be paid using Motor Fuel Tax funds.**

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for the 2011 general maintenance of streets. Discussion followed. Commissioner Contreras commented that a lot of 20-year old streets in town need to be repaved again. He added that all the City streets are now blacktopped and no more are tarred and chipped. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

At this time, Commissioner Blackburn stated that in May of 1991, Ralph Contreras and he joined Roy Bridgeman on the Council and they have sat in these same seats for 5 terms. He advised it has been his pleasure serving with them on the Council. Both Commissioners Bridgeman and Contreras were then presented with shadowboxes from Police Chief Dan Langloss and Fire Chief Tim Shipman. Lastly, Shawn Ortgiesen gave both Commissioners t-shirts from the Public Works Department in appreciation for all that they have done for the City of Dixon.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, April 18, 2011 be adjourned to meet in Special Session on Friday, April 29, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk