

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2011
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke answered the Roll Call. Absent was Commissioner Considine. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Pastor Frank Langholf gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Brechon moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, August 1, 2011 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the City of Dixon's Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$639,353.30 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Treasurer's Report of July, 2011 and the Library Board Minutes of July 11, 2011 were on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

VISITORS

Joan Sage and Jack Segal, Comcast representatives, addressed the Council to advise of a program Comcast has started for school children on the free lunch program. Joan advised Comcast would offer internet service for only \$9.95/month, free internet training and the option to purchase a notebook computer for approximately \$150.00 plus tax. Jack advised the open enrollment is for three years and Comcast does have an application process. He also advised that emails have gone out to the local school districts advising them of this program. Joan asked the Mayor to place the informational brochures in the Water Department.

John Nicholson, Lee County Board member, addressed the Council on the issue of the gas pumps. He stated the County uses 52% of the unleaded gas and only a very small amount of the diesel; therefore the County's cost drops to approximately \$15,000 and 52% of this amount is \$7,800. John stated that LCCOA uses 46%, which would figure to \$3,588, and Lee County uses 4%, which would be \$4,212. He advised the 10% administration fee charged on their bills was of the understanding of the County to cover maintenance fees. John also requested the fee be \$.10 per gallon instead of 10%. Commissioner Blackburn stated the City had previously asked for a proposal in writing so the Council could review it. John advised an agreed proposal has to be brought up to his board for a vote. Shawn Ortgiesen stated the City will look at all costs involved and review the County's proposal, once in hand.

ORD. #2838 – APPROVING AMENDMENT TO CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT & PLAN

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance approving the amendment to the Central Business District Tax Increment Redevelopment Project and Plan be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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ORD. #2839 – ACCEPTING FINAL PLAT – DND BUSINESS PARK – PHASE I

Commissioner Kuhn moved that an Ordinance accepting the Final Plat of DND Business Park-Phase I be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2840 – ACCEPTING FINAL PLAT – BISHOPS HILL

Commissioner Brechon moved that an Ordinance accepting the Final Plat of Bishops Hill be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2362-11 – CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Commissioner Brechon moved that a Resolution confirming the appointment of Jim Higby to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term commencing August 15, 2011 and ending July 31, 2012, or until his successor is duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2363-11 – CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS
RIVERFRONT COMMISSION

Commissioner Kuhn moved that a Resolution confirming the appointments of Wendell Snell and John Varga and the re-appointments of Larry Reed, Paul Miller and Priscilla Brickley to the Riverfront Commission for terms commencing August 15, 2011 and ending July 31, 2013, or until all their successors are duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2364-11 – CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS
TOURISM DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Commissioner Blackburn moved that a Resolution confirming the appointments of Laura Santos and Jeannie Kuhn to the Tourism Development Board for terms commencing August 15, 2011 and ending July 31, 2013, or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Abstaining: Commissioner Kuhn. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2841 – AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO SELL
SURPLUS REAL ESTATE – 1524 WEST THIRD STREET

Commissioner Brechon moved that an Ordinance authorizing the Clerk to advertise for bids to sell surplus real estate (1524 West Third Street) be passed. Discussion followed. City Attorney Branson advised this real estate was acquired through liens and foreclosure. He added that the Building Department advised it was in the best interest for the City of Dixon to sell the property. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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PET. – ENCROACHMENT – 604 SOUTH PEORIA AVENUE

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the Petition for Encroachment pursuant to the request of Matthew and Jennifer Coley, for property located at 604 South Peoria Avenue, be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Discussion followed. Mayor Burke advised a tree house has been started on this property and is one-third of the way constructed. He added this is on the City's right-of-way and the owner needs the permission of the Council to proceed. Matt Coley, property owner, advised the Council it would remain a playhouse until his 7-year old daughter gets older and then the structure will go away. He further stated this was a project started by his retired father as a gift for the daughter. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kuhn, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: Commissioner Brechon. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, August 15, 2011 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk