The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke answered Roll Call. Absent was Commissioner Contreras. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Pastor Dan Bentz of the Northside Baptist Church gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 15, 2008 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

At 6:33 p.m. Commissioner Contreras joined the Council meeting in progress.

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that the Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of $1,357,895.31 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Bridgeman advised the Council to watch spending. He advised that money is very tight. He added that the staff has been shortened in the Water Department office and currently there will be no replacement. He urged the Commissioners to think of ways to cut back in expenses. Commissioner Bridgeman reminded the Council to watch their budgets closely and stated next year he will try and hold off on any department layoffs.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Monthly Building Permit Report of December, 2008 and the Airport Board Minutes of November 15, 2008, which were prepared by Commissioner Blackburn, not Secretary Joey Frey, are on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

ORD. #2719 – AMENDING CODE TITLE X, CHAP. 11, SEC. 10-11-3

Commissioner Contreras moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title X, Chapter 11, Section 10-11-3 be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Contreras and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: Commissioner Bridgeman. Motion carried 4-1.

RES. #2248-09 – APPROVING LOAN FOR FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS
JUANA AYALA – SALAMANDRA’S

Commissioner Kelly moved that a Resolution approving a loan for façade improvements to property owned by Juana Ayala be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.
PETITION – SETBACK VARIANCE – 409 MADISON AVENUE

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Petition for Setback Variance pursuant to the request of Duane E. Long, for property located at 409 Madison Avenue, be referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF COLLECTION AGREEMENT
CITY OF DIXON FIRE DEPT./RRCA ACCOUNTS MANAGEMENT INC.

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the collection agreement between the City of Dixon Fire Department and RRCA Accounts Management Inc. be executed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2249-09 – AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUE/RECOVERY BOAT

Commissioner Blackburn moved that a Resolution authorizing the purchase of a rescue/recovery boat for the Dixon Fire Department be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, January 5, 2009 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk