

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke answered Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Pastor Marilyn Nolan from the Grace United Methodist Church gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Contreras moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 20, 2009 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that the Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$552,026.10 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Contreras expressed his concerns on the non-enforcement of ordinances relating to merchants clearing snow from sidewalks in front of their businesses and parked cars hindering plowing during snowstorms. Commissioner Blackburn stated the police and street departments are working together and he had not heard of any problems. Mike Stichter stated vehicles are being towed that are in violation. Commissioner Contreras stated he would like to see the new part-time police officer enforce these ordinances. Commissioner Blackburn advised this is a catch-22 situation as the plows place the snow back up on the sidewalks. He also advised that Main Street and the Police Chief have been working with downtown merchants to get their full cooperation and a meeting is scheduled for February 18th at the Public Safety Building to address this issue.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Monthly Building Permit Report of January, 2009, the Zoning Board of Appeals minutes of January 22, 2009 and the Airport Board Minutes of November 15, 2008 are on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

ORD. #2720 – AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF
GRANITE PAVERS – RIVERFRONT PROJECT

Commissioner Kelly moved that an Ordinance authorizing an agreement for the purchase of granite pavers for the Dixon Riverfront Project be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF MFT ENGINEERING AGREEMENT
CITY/WILLETT, HOFMANN & ASSOCIATES

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute the MFT engineering agreement between the City of Dixon and Willett, Hofmann & Associates. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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ORD. #2721 – AMENDING TITLE IX, CHAP. 1 BY ADDING SECTION 9-1-29

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title IX, Chapter 1 by adding Section 9-1-29 be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2722 – AMENDING TITLE VII, CHAP. 7 TO ADOPT 2006
INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title VII, Chapter 7 to adopt the 2006 International Property Maintenance Code be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2723 – AMENDING TITLE VII, CHAP. 4 TO ADOPT
2006 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE FOR ONE AND TWO-FAMILY
DWELLINGS

Commissioner Kelly moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title VII, Chapter 4 to adopt the 2006 International Residential Code for One and Two-Family Dwellings be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – RES. AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF NORTHWEST ILLINOIS
MAJOR CASE SQUAD INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Commissioner Blackburn moved that a Resolution authorizing the execution of the Northwest Illinois Major Case Squad Intergovernmental Agreement be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 17, 2009. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – WIND TURBINES AGREEMENT
CITY/GSY ENERGY, INC.

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Wind Turbines Agreement between the City of Dixon and GSY Energy, Inc. be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 17, 2009. Discussion followed. Andre DeRosa, GSY Energy, Inc. Principal, addressed the Council, advising his firm has received notice from two universities who want to publish the future research of this project. Mayor Burke asked what the timeframe is. Andre advised 12 months but their goal is earlier once the contract is signed. Commissioner Bridgeman added this would be a possible savings as the City's electric usage is approximately \$600,000/year. Commissioner Blackburn asked what the drawback would be if the City were to delay after budget sessions. Andre stated his firm is willing to work with the City but the plan of Congress' HR-1 bill will be unfolding soon and the outline is of major importance. Andre advised that because we are working with a grant, a letter of interest was already sent to start the process for Dixon to receive these monies. Commissioner Blackburn asked what happens when the City commits to the \$30,000 then the government reallocates the grant monies for another grid area. Andre stated this could happen but the Senate would not allow for it due to Senators wanting these monies for their states. Commissioner Kelly asked Andre if he could wait until May 1st for the \$30,000. Andre advised they are willing to work with Dixon and their budgeting but stressed everyone needs to work with the outline of the stimulus package.

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PLACE ON FILE – WIND TURBINES AGREEMENT
CITY/GSY ENERGY, INC. (CONT'D.)

Commissioner Blackburn stated he feels the City of Dixon would be taking a leap of faith and added that he is waiting to hear from sources he has contacted regarding this endeavor. Mayor Burke advised that this renewable energy is proven. John Thompson stated he would like to extend the enterprise zone once this project starts. After no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ACCEPT BIDS & PLACE ON FILE
WELLS 6 & 8 RADIUM REDUCTION PROJECT

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that the bids for the Wells 6 & 8 Radium Reduction Project be accepted and placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 17, 2009. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ACCEPT BIDS & PLACE ON FILE
IDLE OAKS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Commissioner Contreras moved that the bids for the Idle Oaks Drainage Improvements Project be accepted and placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 17, 2009. Discussion followed. Shawn advised the lowest bid is approximately \$1500 above the estimate, whereby the three parties involved in this agreement will have to address their share of this cost. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: Commissioner Blackburn. Motion carried 4-1.

PET. – VARIANCE – 409 MADISON AVENUE

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Petition for Variance pursuant to the request of Duane E. Long, for property located at 409 Madison Avenue, be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PET. – ANNEXATION & ZONING - 1920 EAST LEOPARD DRIVE

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Petition for Annexation & Zoning pursuant to the request of Tim and Diane Shipman, for property located at 1920 East Leopard Drive, be referred to the Dixon Plan Commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION – “BLACK HISTORY MONTH”

Mayor Burke proclaimed February, 2009 as “Black History Month” in the City of Dixon.

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PET. – VACATING CRAWFORD AVENUE FROM FIRST STREET
TO RIVER STREET – KSB HOSPITAL

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Petition Vacating Crawford Avenue from First Street to River Street pursuant to the request of KSB Hospital, be referred to the Dixon Plan Commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – ORD. – AMENDING TITLE III, CHAP. 8, SEC. 3-8-15

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title III, Chapter 8, Section 3-8-15 be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 17, 2009. Discussion followed. Mayor Burke asked Bob Gasper from Willett, Hofmann & Associates to give a brief overview. Bob advised this increase is due to Phase I and the Radium Reduction Project, which is a total of \$15,000,000. in water improvements. He also advised the rates have been held since 2001 and the City must start paying back the loans. Bob advised the City must have the ordinance in place first before any monies are received from the State for the loan. At this time, Mayor Burke stressed to the media that this increase does not go into effect until May, 2010. He advised the current rate is \$13.95/month, the rate increase will be \$19.55/month; therefore, the rate starting in May, 2010 will be \$33.50/month. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – SUBCONTRACT AGREEMENT
CITY/ALLIANCE COUNSELING SERVICES

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Subcontract Agreement between the City of Dixon and Alliance Counseling Services be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 17, 2009. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2254-09 – APPROPRIATE MFT FUNDS – VARIOUS PROJECTS

Commissioner Contreras moved that a Resolution appropriating MFT funds for various projects be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2255-09 – PUBLIC HEARING ON INTENT OF CITY TO
EXCHANGE MUNICIPALLY OWNED REAL PROPERTY

Commissioner Kelly moved that a Resolution calling for a Public Hearing concerning the intent of the City to exchange municipally owned real property be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, February 2, 2009 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk

