

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke answered the Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Pastor Galen Darby of the Second Baptist Church gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Contreras moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, September 8, 2009 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras 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 \$663,354.28 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Blackburn commended the Dixon Police Department and the surrounding agencies on their efforts in solving the recent murder in Dixon.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Budget & Treasurer's Report of August, 2009 and the Library Board Minutes and Treasurer's Report of August 10, 2009 were on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

VISITORS

Diane Rossiter, Northern Illinois Tourism, handed out an ILHC FY09 Annual Report, 2009 Visitor's Guide and the 2008 Travel Statistics for Lincoln Highway. She highlighted the many projects such as the Interpretive Center, 16 gazebos, mural projects, exhibit at visitor centers and the visitor guide magazine, of which 55,000 copies have been printed. She thanked Dixon for being such an active member in all of these projects. Mayor Burke stated our mural would depict the army convoy, which came through Dixon in 1919 and had a picnic on the Courthouse lawn. Mayor Burke then thanked Shawn Ortgiesen for all his efforts in these projects.

Geoff Vanderlin, President, Dixon Sister Cities Association, presented Mayor Burke with a Thika proclamation from Sister Cities International. Mayor Burke thanked Geoff and the other four members present tonight.

ORD. #2755 – RESCINDING MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION ON LOTS WITHIN TIMBER EDGE SUBDIVISION AND THE WOODS

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance rescinding the moratorium on the issuance of building permits for new construction on lots within Timber Edge Subdivision and The Woods be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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PLACE ON FILE – ORD. – RIVERSHORE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE
REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that an Ordinance approving a first amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Dixon and Rivershore Development, LLC be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, October 5, 2009. Discussion followed. Commissioner Bridgeman stated he had concerns regarding the timeline of the development and the progress of the project. He stated he would like to see wording on the sharing of TIF monies to start upon commencement and appointment of the developer and incorporate a date, such as 2015, whereby the agreement would be null and void if reasonable and significant progress is not made on the development. Kevin Pozzi addressed the Council and agreed with these items. He advised the Council that it is not in their best interests to do nothing. He stated the quicker this project gets done, the quicker they can recuperate their investment. Attorney Branson advised in five years, the Council could be looking at this agreement again. Mr. Pozzi advised they are assuming all responsibility with the developer. Attorney Branson advised the new language would be in the final document and before the Council in two weeks. Commissioner Blackburn asked if there are any problems with the property owner to the east and Mayor Burke explained there would be an easement from this owner. After no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC ART AGREEMENT
CITY/PATTIE HUMMEL

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute the Public Art Agreement between the City of Dixon and Pattie Hummel. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – ORD. – AMENDING CODE TITLE X, CHAPTER 11

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title X, Chapter 11 be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, October 5, 2009. Attorney Branson added this is in reference to handicapped parking whereby the fine is being raised to \$250. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE AND RATIFY THE MAYOR'S EXECUTION OF FEDERAL
ASSISTANCE AIRPORT PROJECT CFDA20-106

Commissioner Bridgeman moved to approve and ratify the Mayor's execution of Federal Assistance Airport Project CFDA20-106. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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ACCEPT BIDS & PLACE ON FILE
BRADSHAW/MCKENNEY STREET MFT STORM SEWER PROJECT

Commissioner Kelly moved that the bids for the Bradshaw Street to McKenney Street MFT Storm Sewer Project be accepted and placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, October 5, 2009. Commissioner Kelly stated there was three bids received ranging from \$78,000 to \$98,000. Shawn Ortgiesen advised the low bidder was a little higher than the Engineer's estimate. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

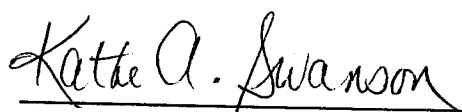
Commissioner Kelly moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, September 21, 2009 be adjourned to meet in Executive Session to discuss the sale of municipally owned property and personnel. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RECONVENE MEETING

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, September 21, 2009 reconvene into Open Session. 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, September 21, 2009 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, October 5, 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 7:21 p.m.


Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk