

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008  
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke answered the Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Reverend Bunyan Cocar of the First Baptist Church gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Contreras moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 1, 2008 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, 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 \$610,059.60 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Blackburn advised there is a correction in the minutes to the December 1, 2008 Council Meeting. He advised that regarding the Downtown Streetscape Design project, there is \$51,000, which is not designated for the purpose of this project—it is a balance only.

Commissioner Contreras advised there are merchants who are not clearing their sidewalks and the City will not be issuing warnings but will clear the snow and send them a bill.

Commissioner Kelly wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Bridgeman addressed the Boy Scouts visiting tonight with a brief overview of the commission-form of government and explained what the duties are of each of the Council members.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Budget & Treasurer's Report of November, 2008 and the Library Board Minutes and Treasurer's Report of November 10, 2008 were on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

AWARD BID – FIRE DEPT. APPARATUS TRUCK

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the bid for the purchase of the Fire Department Apparatus Truck be awarded to Alexis Fire Equipment, Alexis, Illinois, for their low bid in the amount of \$139,604.00. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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RES. #2242-08 – CONFIRMING APPT. – AIRPORT BOARD

Commissioner Kelly moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointment of Al Hill to the Airport Board for a term to commence December 31, 2008 and ending December 31, 2011, or until his successor is duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2243-08 – CONFIRMING APPTS. – HOSPITAL BOARD

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that a Resolution confirming the appointment of Craig Carpenter and the re-appointments of Colleen Henkel and David Cain to the Hospital Board for terms commencing December 31, 2008 and ending December 31, 2011, or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2244-08 – CONFIRMING APPTS. – HISTORIC  
PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Commissioner Contreras moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointments of Linda Brantley and Rick Bowers to the Historic Preservation Commission for terms commencing December 15, 2008 and ending November 30, 2010, or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2245-08 – CONFIRMING APPTS. – RIVERFRONT COMMISSION

Commissioner Kelly moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointments of Jack Coleman and Chuck Stoddard to the Riverfront Commission for terms commencing December 15, 2008 and ending November 30, 2009, or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2246-08 – CONFIRMING APPTS. – DIXON PLAN COMMISSION

Commissioner Blackburn moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointments of Mike Lahey and Bob Gibler to the City of Dixon's Plan Commission for terms commencing December 15, 2008 and ending November 30, 2012, or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: Commissioner Blackburn. Motion carried 4-1.

RES. #2247-08 – CONFIRMING APPTS. – TREE COMMISSION

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointments of Carol Chandler and Bob Bell to the Tree Commission for terms commencing December 15, 2008 and ending November 30, 2011, or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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PLACE ON FILE – ORD. AMENDING CODE TITLE X, CHAP. 11, SEC. 10-11-3

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title X, Chapter 11, Section 10-11-3 be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, January 5, 2009. Discussion followed. Commissioner Blackburn advised this refers to the north side of Lincoln Statue Drive where the problem is the proximity to the high school. He advised it has become a parking difficulty for the two businesses in that area. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS  
IDLE OAK DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for the Idle Oak Drainage Improvements Project. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: Commissioner Blackburn. Motion carried 4-1.

ORD. #2718 - FY 2008/2009 TAX LEVY

Commissioner Contreras moved that an Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the corporate purposes of the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois for the period commencing May 1, 2008 and ending April 30, 2009 be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – RES. AUTHORIZING UDAG LOAN – SALAMANDRA'S

Commissioner Contreras moved that a Resolution approving a loan for façade improvements to property owned by Juana Ayala be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, January 5, 2009. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION – REAGAN CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Ann Lewis and Mark Bressler each gave a presentation to the Council on the activities that will occur in 2011 for this event. Ann spoke of many events in Dixon, as well as Tampico and Fulton. Mark addressed the Council regarding a work of music being composed for the municipal band to play to honor Reagan. He advised the composer is David Holsinger from Cleveland, TN. Mark then stated the estimated cost for this project would be \$38,000 but it would be a revenue-producer for Dixon in terms of sales of DVD's and audios. He also advised the budget and timetable for this musical project is still being formulated. Mayor Burke asked how long it would take for the composition and Mark advised the research has been started but the composition would be here within 8-10 weeks prior to the actual symphony for rehearsal purposes. After no further discussion, the Mayor advised the Council would take this issue up again in January.

OATH OF OFFICE – POLICE OFFICER AARON SIMONTON

Mayor Burke issued the Oath of Office to Police Officer Aaron Simonton.

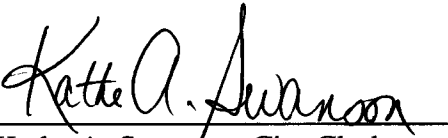
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OATH OF OFFICE – POLICE OFFICER RYAN MCWETHY

Mayor Burke issued the Oath of Office to Police Officer Ryan McWethy.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 15, 2008 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, January 5, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

  
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Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk