

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008
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 Bob Mavis gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Contreras moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 17, 2008 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 \$742,499.06 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Burke advised that the City's website is up and running and its name is discoverdixon.org. He commended Shawn Ortgiesen and Jayne Rose from Affinity AV for a great job well done.

Commissioner Bridgeman advised the audit is on file tonight. He stated he just received information that IMRF has lost approximately \$2.5 billion in stocks and \$5.8 billion from dividend income. He advised the City could possibly have to increase their employer cost to 16.31% this year. Commissioner Bridgeman also noted the City does not have any figures yet on the police and fire investment losses. He advised the police and fire personnel contribute approximately 25% and the City's share is 75%. Commissioner Bridgeman stated he prays the market will go up. He then added that another cut in the City's income is three notices received on assessed valuations of \$600,000. He lastly urged all City personnel to have no unnecessary expenses.

Commissioner Blackburn advised Fire Chief Tim Shipman stated the department received a notable recommendation on the Public Safety Building and he congratulated them.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Monthly Building Permit Report of November, 2008 and the Tourism Board Minutes of November 10, 2008 are on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

ADOPTION OF DOWNTOWN STREETScape DESIGN REPORT

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Downtown Streetscape Design Report be adopted. Discussion followed. Commissioner Bridgeman stated there has to be money available through projects such as the TIF District. Commissioner Blackburn advised there is \$51,000 readily available currently. Mayor Burke stated he would meet with Comptroller Rita Crundwell to get a TIF funds estimate. 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.

*-See Dave's correction
on 12/15/08 "Reports"*

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APPROVAL OF FACADE IMPROVEMENTS REQUEST

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Salamandra's facade improvements request be approved. Discussion followed. Mayor Burke advised this money comes from the UDAG loan program and the City adjusts each loan to the merits of the recipient. Commissioner Blackburn stated the amount of this loan request is \$13,500. Mayor Burke lastly stated Salamandra's is going to remove all window air conditioners and replace with central air. 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.

AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – FIRE APPARATUS

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for the Dixon Fire Department Fire Apparatus. Discussion followed. Fire Chief Shipman advised this truck would replace a 1989 Ford Ambulance and be used to carry personnel and pull the hazmat trailer. When asked by Mayor Burke the cost, Fire Chief Shipman advised between \$130,000 and \$140,000. Commissioner Bridgeman added this has already been budgeted for from the Capital Equipment Fund. 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.

ACCEPT & PLACE ON FILE – 2007/2008 ANNUAL AUDIT

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that the City of Dixon 2007/2008 Annual Audit be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


Commissioner Contreras moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 1, 2008 adjourn into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss personnel. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RECONVENE MEETING

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 1, 2008 reconvene into Open Session at 7:04 p.m. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 1, 2008 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, December 15, 2008 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 7:05 p.m.


Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk