

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke answered the Roll Call. Absent was Commissioner Contreras. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kelly moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 3, 2008 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners 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 \$850,446.96 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Blackburn stated that the Dixon Fire Department Charitable Association held their first pancake breakfast on November 16th whereby 545 people were served. He advised the monies will go to Toys For Tots, and Commissioner Blackburn thanked everyone involved and commended the Fire Department personnel and the Men's Garden Club for their participation at this event.

Commissioner Bridgeman advised there was a letter in the newspaper regarding a street that has not yet been repaired. Commissioner Bridgeman advised this repair is the gas company's responsibility at this time, not the City's.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Budget & Treasurer's Report of October, 2008, the Library Board Minutes and Treasurer's Report of October 14, 2008 and the Airport Board Minutes of September 27, 2008 were all on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

VISITORS

Shawn Ortgiesen, Public Works Director/City Engineer, addressed the Council on the aforementioned street repair. He advised it has to do with a sewer separation project and the City has been working with the utilities for two years now. He advised Northwest Illinois Construction has completed their initial work and NiCor has started on their utility work. He then advised Northwest will continue their work until Thanksgiving and will start up again in the spring. Shawn stated there would be no problem with snow removal this winter on this street as a coating of blacktop will be placed over the area.

Shawn then advised the Idle Oaks drainage matter had one bidder than came in high so re-bidding is a factor in this project.

Shawn then reminded everyone that on November 18th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. there will be a streetscape open house meeting at City Hall in the Council Chambers, and he invited the Council to attend.

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ORD. #2716 – ANNEXATION & ZONING – 612 PANTHER DRIVE

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance annexing certain territory to the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois (612 Panther Drive) be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2717 – SPECIAL USE – 141 NORTH COURT

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that an Ordinance authorizing Special Use for property to be used for business and professional offices pursuant to the petition of Dark Land Trust #1 and Turning Point Community Church be passed. Discussion followed. Attorney Branson advised that the attachment to this ordinance outlines the area for the building and office purposes. After no further comments, the Mayor then called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE INTERNET SERVICE IN DOWNTOWN DIXON

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Council authorize internet service in downtown Dixon provided by T6 Broadband. Discussion followed. Mayor Burke advised this is for providing Wifi service across the river, which would cost approximately \$1400 to \$2000. Mayor Burke then asked Commissioner Blackburn if the high school would be interested. Commissioner Blackburn advised the school currently has broadband service but he would inquire. Mayor Burke then stated he spoke with the hospital and they are interested, as they would place this service in 50 rooms. He also stated the hospital would contribute to the cost. Mayor Burke lastly stated this does not have to be decided tonight and asked Commissioner Blackburn to check with the high school. After no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS
RADIUM REDUCTION PROJECT – WELLS 6 & 8

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for the Radium Reduction Project of Wells 6 & 8. Discussion followed. Shawn Ortgiesen advised this is Phase II of the project and the areas involved are near the Airport and on Jefferson Avenue. He summarized that the advertising for bids will be on December 1, 2008; bids will be taken on January 27, 2009; and the bid will be awarded some time in mid-February, 2009. Shawn advised this project would have the City in compliance with EPA standards. He also advised that the reviewing of all costs in an integral part of this project and the study being prepared by Willett, Hofmann & Associates will be completed within a month's time. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION – “DRUNK & DRUGGED DRIVING (3D)
PREVENTION MONTH”

Mayor Burke proclaimed December, 2008 as “Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month” in the City of Dixon.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 17, 2008 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, December 1, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Kathe A. Swanson
Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk