

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

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Acting Mayor Bridgeman answered the Roll Call. Absent was Mayor Burke. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Rev. Vinnie Marrantino of KSB Hospital gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Contreras moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, September 2, 2008 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the City of Dixon's Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$572,079.95 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Kelly advised that the Knights of Columbus would be selling tootsie rolls this weekend in the downtown area.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Acting Mayor Bridgeman reported the Budget & Treasurer's Report of August, 2008, the Library Board Minutes and Treasurer's Report of August 11, 2008, the Tourism Board Minutes of September 8, 2008 and the Plan Commission Minutes of September 4, 2008 were all on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

VISITORS

Lynn Roe, Dixon Public Library Director, highlighted the "Big Read" grant, explaining that Dixon, Sterling, Rock Falls and area schools are participating and the featured book is *The Maltese Falcon*, which Lynn gave the Council a complimentary copy. She advised this reading project would kick off this Saturday at Sauk Valley Community College with a murder mystery dinner.

Sandra Alcalá, 1228 South College Avenue, addressed the Council and presented each member with a copy of a signed petition against the proposed TIF district in their neighborhood. Acting Mayor Bridgeman explained to Mrs. Alcalá that only improvements to the area would be reimbursed to the developer and only tax monies incurred goes into the TIF. He further explained that the item on the agenda tonight was only a feasibility study, a study to see if the government would allow this area under TIF guidelines and whether or not the Council would approve it. Acting Mayor Bridgeman stressed that TIF is for improving areas only and this area must be developed and show an increase in the tax rolls. He stated it is a one-time entitlement of what monies are generated after the improvements are made. Lastly, he clarified that property taxes would not increase on any neighbor's property unless they did improvements. Acting Mayor Bridgeman asked Mrs. Alcalá to clarify the concerns of the neighbors by listing their reasons why they are not in favor of this.

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ORD. #2711 – ORD. AMENDING ORD. #2709 AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT
TO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY

Commissioner Kelly moved that an Ordinance amending Ord. #2709 authorizing an amendment to an agreement for the purchase of certain real property be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2712 – AMENDING ORD. #2710
VACATING PORTION OF PUBLIC ALLEY

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance amending Ord. #2710 vacating a portion of the public alley be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION PHASE
ENGINEERING AGREEMENT - CITY/CRAWFORD, MURPHY, TILLY, INC.

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Acting Mayor be authorized to execute the Proposed Construction Phase Engineering Agreement between the City of Dixon and Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., for construction, repair and overlay portions of Runway 12-30. Discussion followed. Attorney Branson advised that a letter dated August 28, 2008 was sent to Mayor Burke and Shawn Ortgiesen requesting changes to this agreement. He stated he did not know if said changes had been made. Acting Mayor Bridgeman stated he would prefer if this item were tabled. Commissioner Blackburn suggested the motion be changed to include the provision of these changes. After no further discussion, the Acting Mayor called for a re-reading of the motion. Commissioner Kelly moved that the Acting Mayor be authorized to execute the Proposed Construction Phase Engineering Agreement between the City of Dixon and Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., for construction, repair and overlay portions of Runway 12-30, provided the said changes included in the letter dated August 28, 2008 are made. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION – “KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE WEEKEND”

Acting Mayor Bridgeman proclaimed Friday, September 19, 2008 through Saturday, September 20, 2008 as “Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive Weekend” in the City of Dixon.

PLACE ON FILE – ADDENDUM/AMENDMENT TO LOCAL
AGENCY AGREEMENT – RIVERFRONT PROJECT

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Addendum and Amendment to the Local Agency Agreement between the City of Dixon and Illinois Department of Transportation for the Riverfront Project be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, October 6, 2008. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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RES. #2239-08 – PROVIDING FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND REPORT
WITH RESPECT TO THE DESIGNATION OF AN AREA AS A TAX INCREMENT
FINANCING REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

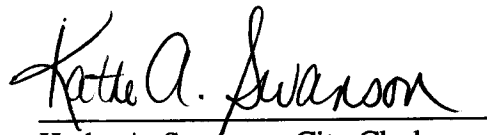
Commissioner Kelly moved that a Resolution providing for a feasibility study and report with respect to the designation of an area as a tax increment financing redevelopment project area be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: Commissioner Blackburn. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – ORD. – AMENDING CODE TITLE V, CHAPTER 13

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title V, Chapter 13 be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, October 6, 2008. Discussion followed. Attorney Branson explained this would be a new class "N" license for restaurants to allow patrons to bring beer or wine on their premises, be uncorked there and consumed during the meal only, and any remains would be disposed of upon the patrons leaving the establishment. He further advised he drafted this ordinance to read 3 bottles of beer or 1 wine bottle per patron. Acting Mayor Bridgeman stated the Council should discuss this licensing and fees before the vote at the next Council meeting. After no further discussion, the Acting Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, September 15, 2008 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, October 6, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk