

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL  
MONDAY, JULY 21, 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 Seymour Halford gave the Invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING – APPROPRIATIONS

Commissioner Bridgeman opened the Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m. He gave a brief overview of why the City is required by law to hold this hearing. He then asked if there was anyone present to address the Council on this matter; and hearing none, Commissioner Bridgeman closed the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.;

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kelly moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, July 7, 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 \$325,061.79 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Burke explained there would be a Riverfront groundbreaking ceremony on August 1 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. He added there will be exhibits, speakers and displays and the invitations will be going out soon.

Commissioner Bridgeman joked that the Council should take it easy on the Deputy Clerk tonight filling in for the City Clerk.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Treasurer's Report of June, 2008 and the Library Board Minutes and Treasurer's Report of June 9, 2008 were on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

VISITORS

Josh Albrecht, Dixon Main Street, gave a detailed update for the Main Street projects currently underway, and advised on the number of active volunteers. Josh also spoke regarding the banner project and showed designs and stated the goal is 100 for this year.

ORD. #2702 – FY 2008-2009 APPROPRIATIONS

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance making appropriations for the corporate purpose of the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois for the fiscal year 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.

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ORD. #2703 – APPROVING AMENDMENT TO DIXON CENTRAL  
BUSINESS DISTRICT TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT  
PROJECT AND PLAN

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance approving the amendment to the Dixon Central Business District Tax Increment Redevelopment Project and Plan be passed. Discussion followed. Commissioner Blackburn read a prepared statement advising that his vote in favor tonight is due primarily to the ability to fund Riverfront TIF projects until funds generated in same TIF are able to meet obligations which will benefit both TIF districts and the City as well. He further advised his vote should not be construed as a blanket endorsement of any and all public improvements that are proposed for the Central Business District TIF. 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 EXECUTION OF ENGINEERING AGREEMENT  
CITY/WENDLER – RIVERFRONT PROJECT

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute the Engineering Agreement between the City of Dixon and Wendler Engineering for the Riverfront Project. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2704 – ANNEXATION – 1219 PALMYRA STREET

Commissioner Contreras moved that an Ordinance annexing certain territory to the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois (1219 Palmyra Street) be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2705 – REZONE – 2025 WEST FIRST STREET

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that an Ordinance authorizing a Change of Zoning pursuant to the petition of Evergreen Marketing, Inc. be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Abstaining: Mayor Burke. Motion carried.

ORD. #2706 – SPECIAL USE – 706 PALMYRA STREET

Commissioner Kelly moved that an Ordinance authorizing Special Use for the operation of a Day Care Home pursuant to the petition of Nathan and Sara Rodehaver be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF ENGINEERING AGREEMENT  
CITY/WHA – ARTESIAN/RIVER STREET SANITARY SEWER AND ROADWAY  
REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute the engineering agreement between the City of Dixon and Willett, Hoffman & Associates for the sanitary sewer and roadway replacement on Artesian Place and River Street. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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DISCUSSION FERAL CATS IN DIXON

Commissioner Blackburn read the letter to the Council from City Attorney Tom Sanders, which outlines the remedies for this problem. He advised other communities were investigated for this problem and he feels it will be difficult to enforce. Commissioner Blackburn advised he would like an ordinance passed similar to the City of Woodale's. Commissioner Bridgeman added these cats carry disease and kill nesting birds. He advised he does not see any other alternative other than euthinization. Mayor Burke questioned if this was the responsibility of the dogcatcher. Commissioner Bridgeman added that this could be a no-win situation as the decision on how to report these cat problems would also be an issue.

AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – CEMETERY TRACTOR

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for a new tractor for Oakwood Cemetery. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – OAKWOOD CEMETERY  
ROAD MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for Oakwood Cemetery road maintenance. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – IDLE OAK DRAINAGE IMPS.

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for Idle Oaks drainage improvements. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: Commissioner Blackburn. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE AND REFER TO CITY ATTORNEY FOR REVIEW  
EEB PROPERTIES PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION

Commissioner Kelly moved that the EEB Properties Petition for Adoption of Inducement Resolution be placed on file and referred to the City Attorney for review and reporting back to the City Council. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Abstaining: Mayor Burke. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE  
108 ARTESIAN PLACE

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that the Water Department Acquisition of Real Estate for 108 Artesian Place be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, August 4, 2008. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE  
112 ARTESIAN PLACE

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Water Department Acquisition of Real Estate for 112 Artesian Place be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, August 4, 2008. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

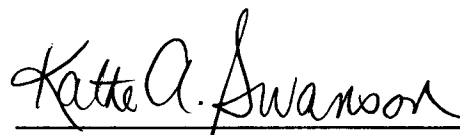
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PLACE ON FILE – PROPERTY ACQUISITION/LCIDA

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that the Property Acquisition between the City of Dixon and LCIDA be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, August 4, 2008. Discussion followed. John Thompson advised action on this would provide for the sale of 11 acres with an incentive package put together for Raflatac. He further stated the procedure would be to sell the property to the City then LCIDA would pass the monies to Raflatac to help lower expenses. John lastly advised that the Mayor's real estate firm would not be receiving a commission. Attorney Branson advised the Council to be aware this would be subject to a lease. After no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, July 21, 2008 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, August 4, 2008 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 7:10 p.m.

  
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Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk