

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, JULY 7, 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 from the Bethel Evangelical Church gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kelly moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, June 16, 2008 and the minutes of the Special Council Meetings of Wednesday, June 18, 2008, Monday, June 23, 2008 and Monday, June 30, 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 \$1,111,156.07 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Blackburn reminded the Council of the memo he previously distributed regarding feral cats and suggested this be a discussion item at the next meeting.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Monthly Building Permit Report of June, 2008 and the Dixon Plan Commission Minutes of June 26, 2008 are on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

ORD. #2700 – FY 2008/2009 BUDGET

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that an Ordinance creating and adopting a budget for the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois commencing May 1, 2008 and ending April 30, 2009 be passed. Commissioner Bridgeman commented that the surplus amount is \$45,461.00. 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.

AWARD BID – WWTP NEW WORK JEEP

Commissioner Kelly moved that the bid for the Wastewater Treatment Plant new work Jeep be awarded to Ken Nelson Auto Plaza, Dixon, Illinois for their low bid in the amount of \$21,153.00. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2701 – AMENDING CODE TITLE II, CHAPTER 18, SEC. 2-18-2

Commissioner Contreras moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title II, Chapter 18, Section 2-18-2 be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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PET. – ANNEXATION – 1219 PALMYRA STREET

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Petition for Annexation & Zoning pursuant to the request of A&J Properties, LLC, for property located at 1219 Palmyra Street, be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PET. – REZONE – 2025 WEST FIRST STREET

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that the Petition for Rezone pursuant to the request of Evergreen Marketing, Inc., for property located at 2025 West First Street, be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Blackburn. Voting Nay: None. Abstaining: Mayor Burke. Motion carried.

PET. – SPECIAL USE – 706 PALMYRA STREET

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Petition for Special Use pursuant to the request of Nathan and Sara Rodehaver, for property located at 706 Palmyra Street, be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR VARIANCE SETBACK – LOTS 12-15 & 16-22
MEADOWVIEW DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Kelly moved that the request from Dave Gaumer of Meadowview Development for extension of the Variance reducing the backyard setback of Lots 12-15 and 16-22 from 30 feet to 20 feet be approved. Discussion followed. Paul Shiaras stated the petitioner will lose the variance after one year if he does not request an extension. Commissioner Bridgeman advised he would be voting no if there is a stipulation to an “over 55” area of the subdivision. Commissioner Blackburn suggested this be tabled. Attorney Gary Gehlbach spoke on behalf of the petitioner and advised the lots on Brinton Avenue are not subject to the “55 and over” covenants. 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.

PLACE ON FILE – ORD. – APPROVING AMENDMENT TO
DIXON CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TAX INCREMENT
REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND PLAN

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance approving an Amendment to the Dixon Central Business District Tax Increment Redevelopment Project and Plan of the City of Dixon, Illinois be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, July 21, 2008. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – ORD. – FY 2008/2009 APPROPRIATIONS

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that an Ordinance for the FY 2008/2009 Appropriations for the City of Dixon be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, July 21, 2008. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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PLACE ON FILE – ENGINEERING AGREEMENT – CITY/WENDLER ENG.
RIVERFRONT PROJECT

Commissioner Kelly moved that the agreement between the City of Dixon and Wendler Engineering for engineering services regarding the Riverfront Project be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, July 21, 2008. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2229-08 – PURCHASE OF 2 HEART MONITORS

Commissioner Blackburn moved that a Resolution authorizing the purchase of two heart monitors for the Dixon Fire Department be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PET. – VACATION – 1811 WEST 4TH STREET

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Petition for Vacation pursuant to the request of David and Derri Bowers, for property located at 1811 West 4th Street, be referred to the Dixon Plan Commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Discussion followed. Commissioner Blackburn and Paul Shiaras suggested there be an appraisal done as this is a large piece of land. 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.

PLACE ON FILE – ENGINEERING AGREEMENT – CITY/WHA
ARTESIAN PLACE/RIVER STREET SANITARY SEWER

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Engineering Agreement between the City of Dixon and Willett, Hofmann & Associates for the sanitary sewer and roadway replacement on Artesian Place and River Street be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, July 21, 2008. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT PRESENTATION – DEAN RHODES

Commissioner Blackburn thanked Dean for his years of dedicated service to the City of Dixon and presented him with a watch. Ryan Buskohl of the Firefighters Union also thanked him for his 32 years of service and presented Dean with a shadowbox. Dean then gave a brief speech and thanked everyone.

OATH OF OFFICE – TIMOTHY SHIPMAN

Mayor Burke issued the Oath of Office to Dixon Fire Chief Timothy Shipman.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, July 7, 2008 be adjourned to meet in Executive Session to discuss acquisition of real property. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting went into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.

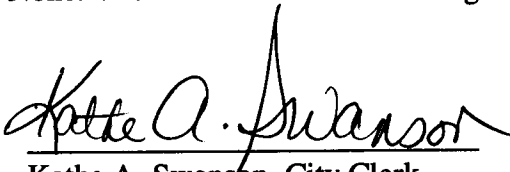
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RECONVENE MEETING

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

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, July 7, 2008 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, July 21, 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 7:30 p.m.


Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk