

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
WEDNESDAY - JUNE 18, 2008
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The Council met in Special Session on Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke and Roll Call was answered by Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Absent was Commissioner Blackburn.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE DIXON CENTRAL
BUSINESS DISTRICT TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND
PLAN OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS

City Attorney Matt Keegan gave a brief description of the amendment. He advised the three objectives of this amendment are: (1) to expand the budget from 1987; (2) to transport fund from the Central Business District TIF to the Riverfront TIF whereby creating a cohesive environment; and (3) to highlight several improvement projects such as sidewalks, lighting, etc., for enhancement to public infrastructure in the redevelopment area.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS RECEIVED
BY THE CITY CLERK

The City Clerk advised she did not receive any comments or objections.

REVIEW OF THE JOINT REVIEW BOARD RECOMMENDATION FOR THE
PROPOSED AMENDMENT

John Thompson, Co-Chairman of the Joint Review Board, advised the representatives of all the taxing districts within the TIF area were invited to attend the Joint Review Board meeting on May 21st at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall to consider the recommendation of said amendment. John advised it was a unanimous vote by all present at this meeting to go forward with this amendment. John also advised there were concerns raised as to whether the funding into the TIF was being handled correctly. He stated there was an error in one of the reports but all funds were there and this has since been corrected. John advised this meeting held a discussion on the three reasons for the amendment and there was a unanimous vote to proceed, which was reported back to the City Council. At this time, Commissioner Bridgeman advised that the auditors reported the funds one way, which, in turn, was misunderstood by certain people.

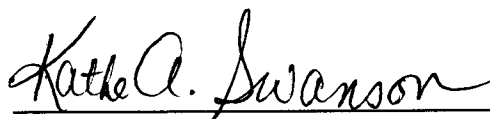
RECEIPT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS, PROTESTS OR OBJECTIONS

Gerry Stevens, 609 East 3rd Street, addressed the Council and asked if the monies can only be spent on what is generated? Attorney Keegan advised yes. She then questioned if the City can only spend the funds within the budget and would there be a public hearing for the citizens when the City spends for the purchase of any property. Attorney Keegan advised that if property were to be acquired, an ordinance would go before the City Council. Mayor Burke then advised that no property is targeted for acquisition at this time. Mrs. Stevens then questioned if the utility tax would be eliminated. Commissioner Bridgeman advised this was never meant to be eliminated, and if it were, the City would lose their police and fire departments.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Special Council Meeting of Wednesday, June 18, 2008 be adjourned to meet in Special Session on Monday, June 23, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.


Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk