

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke answered the Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Reverend Vincent Marrandino of KSB Hospital gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Contreras moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, April 7, 2008 and the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of Monday, April 14, 2008 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly 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 \$500,935.77 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Burke explained that new historic pictures were hung today on the east wall of the Council Chambers by Cory Lance of the Building Department and Lucy Burke.

Commissioner Blackburn thanked everyone involved in making Government Day a big success.

Commissioner Bridgeman explained fund accounting versus profit/loss accounting.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Budget & Treasurer's Report of March, 2008, the Library Board Minutes and Treasurer's Report of March 10, 2008 and the Tourism Board Minutes of April 14, 2008 were all on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

VISITORS

Carol Chandler, Dixon Tree Commission member, addressed the Council to give an update on the Arbor Day events. She explained 6 trees would be planted at each of the schools starting this Friday at Washington. She also stated the trees were purchased locally.

Attorney Henry Dixon addressed the Council advising he finds it unacceptable that the Dixon Police Department website is linked to Paul Whitcombe's re-election campaign. He stated this endorsement is unacceptable and is a misdemeanor. He then asked Commissioner Blackburn to conduct an investigation on this criminal violation. Commissioner Blackburn advised he just found out about this this afternoon and it has been taken off the website and an investigation is underway. He lastly advised that this was not endorsed by any member of the City Council. Mayor Burke then added that the Council does not condone this endorsement.

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ORD. #2689 – SPECIAL USE – 321 MONROE AVENUE

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance authorizing Special Use for the construction of a four-family dwelling pursuant to the petition of E.E.B. Properties, LLC be passed. Discussion followed. Commissioner Bridgeman advised he would be voting in favor of this Special Use as the petitioner meets all the requirements. Attorney Matt Keegan added that since this petition was denied by the Plan Commission, it would require four votes to pass. After no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras and Kelly. Voting Nay: None. Abstaining: Mayor Burke. Motion carried.

AWARD BID – WWTP WORK TRUCK PURCHASE

Commissioner Kelly moved that the bid for the purchase of a new truck for the Wastewater Treatment Plant be awarded to Ken Nelson Auto Group, Dixon, Illinois for their low bid in the amount of \$19,819.00. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2690 – AMENDING CODE TITLE X, CHAP. 8, SEC. 10-8-15(B)

Commissioner Contreras moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title X, Chapter 8, Section 10-8-15(B) be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2691 – FIXING TIME/PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that an Ordinance fixing a time and place of a Public Hearing with respect to the amendment to the Dixon Central Business District Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project of the City of Dixon, Illinois be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT
CITY OF DIXON/ALARM DETECTION SYSTEMS

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute the agreement between the City of Dixon and Alarm Detection Systems, Inc. for providing an AES Radio connection to the Lee County 911 Center for the Dixon Water Department. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF WELCOME CENTER LEASE AGREEMENT

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute the Welcome Center Lease Agreement. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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ORD. #2692 – AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR
PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that an Ordinance authorizing the Agreement for Purchase of Real Property be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PROMOTIONAL PRESENTATION – SGT. STEVEN C. HOWELL

Commissioner Blackburn read a prepared statement giving a brief outline of Sgt. Howell's educational, personal and employment background. He then presented Sgt. Howell with a plaque.

OATH OF OFFICE – OFFICER REBECCA L. MASTERS

Mayor Burke administered an Oath of Office to Police Officer Rebecca L. Masters. Commissioner Blackburn presented her with a plaque.

OATH OF OFFICE – OFFICER LINCOLN P. SHARP

Mayor Burke administered an Oath of Office to Police Officer Lincoln P. Sharp. Commissioner Blackburn presented him with a plaque.

AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE
FY 2008/2009 CITY OF DIXON SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for the City of Dixon 2008/2009 Sidewalk Program. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – AGREEMENT – CITY/ANNE'S GARDEN CENTER

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Agreement between the City of Dixon and Anne's Garden Center be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, May 5, 2008. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION – “ARBOR DAY”

Mayor Burke proclaimed Friday, April 25, 2008 as “Arbor Day” in the City of Dixon.

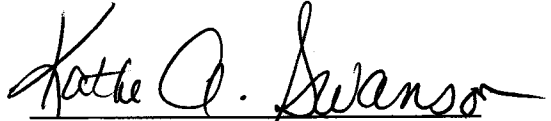
PROCLAMATION – “COMCAST CARES DAY”

Mayor Burke proclaimed Saturday, May 3, 2008 as “Comcast Cares Day” in the City of Dixon. Joan Sage and Scott Schroeder, representatives from Comcast, explained that on May 3rd, volunteers in this area would do cleanup around the Log Cabin in Dixon.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, April 21, 2008 be adjourned to meet in Special Session on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk