

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2009
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn and Acting Mayor Bridgeman answered Roll Call. Absent were Commissioner Kelly and Mayor Burke. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kelly moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, June 15, 2009 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$1,050,958.24 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Blackburn thanked the Police, Fire, Traffic Maintenance and Public Works departments for their efforts during the Petunia Festival.

Acting Mayor Bridgeman also thanked the Petunia Festival Committee.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Acting Mayor Bridgeman reported the Monthly Building Permit Report of June, 2009 is on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

VISITORS

Bonnie O'Connell, President, Lee County Irish Heritage Society, addressed the Council to request the use of the old Dixon Fire Department apparatus floor for a fundraising event in conjunction with the Scarecrow Festival on September 26th from 5:30 PM to 10:30 PM; whereby the Crystal Cork would supply the beer and wine. Commissioner Blackburn stated there was a similar request in 2007 and our insurance company gave a ruling that we could not be covered for an event with alcohol in a public building. Acting Mayor Bridgeman added research would be done with the insurance and the City Attorney on this issue.

Jim Dixon, Habitat for Humanity, addressed the Council regarding a recapture agreement between the City and Habitat for reimbursement of Habitat's cost to extend the 8-inch sewer line from First to Third Streets. Mr. Dixon advised their base quote from Schmitt Plumbing is \$30,017 and he would like to recapture some of their costs as others are added to this line. He advised there are 7 houses that would be candidates to hook on and he recommended \$3,000 from each party interested in connecting in the next 15 years. He also advised that Schmitt would be starting in approximately two weeks. Mr. Dixon lastly added that the City has granted a recapture agreement in the past and would appreciate the Council's consideration on his request.

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ORD. #2746 – FY 2009-2010 BUDGET

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance creating and adopting a Budget for the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois commencing May 1, 2009 and ending April 30, 2010 be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AWARD BID – LINCOLN HIGHWAY GAZEBO PROJECT

Commissioner Kelly moved that the bid for the Lincoln Highway Gazebo Project be conditionally awarded to Sebastian Contracting Corp., Brookfield, Illinois, for their low bid in the amount of \$210,656.00. Discussion followed. Shawn Ortgiesen advised this project is with 17 other communities and approval is needed by IDOT and paid by the federal government. After no further comments, the Acting Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2747 – AMENDING ORD. #2729
VACATING PORTION OF CRAWFORD AVENUE

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2729 vacating a portion of Crawford Avenue be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION – THE WOODS MORATORIUM

Doug Lee, 215 East First Street, advised that in 2006 the City adopted this ordinance and he is here tonight to ask the Council to lift this moratorium so work can be started and lots can be sold. Acting Mayor Bridgeman advised he would like to check with the Engineer and the Building Department. Shawn advised the agreement states after construction is complete, the moratorium is removed and then building permits are issued.

RES. – SUPPORT OF COMMITMENT & FUNDS – CDAP GRANT

Commissioner Kelly moved that a Resolution for Support of Commitment and Funds for the CDAP Grant be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioner Blackburn and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: Commissioner Kelly. Motion lost 2-1.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT OF RETENTION OF SERVICES
CITY OF DIXON/PEDC

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Acting Mayor be authorized to execute the Agreement of Retention of Services between the City of Dixon and Peoples Economic Development Corporation. Discussion followed. Commissioner Kelly stated he has two problems with this as the City currently pays Dixon Mainstreet \$15,000 annually and the City currently has approximately \$1 million outstanding in TIF funds. Amy Trimble advised both Peoples and the City apply for the funding for this grant and there would be potential tax credits up to 45% for the building owners. Josh Albrecht advised this will benefit the downtown and many business owners are in support of this. After no further discussion, the Acting Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioner Blackburn and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: Commissioner Kelly. Motion lost 2-1.

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ACCEPT BIDS & PLACE ON FILE – LINCOLN AVENUE PROJECT

Commissioner Kelly moved that the bids for the Lincoln Avenue Project be accepted and placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, July 20, 2009. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Blackburn moved that request from Ted Hvarre of Meadowview Development for extension of the Variance reducing the backyard setback of Lots 12-15 and Lots 16-22 from 30 feet to 20 feet be approved. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2748 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LOAN AGREEMENT WITH IEPA

Commissioner Kelly moved that an Ordinance authorizing the execution of a loan agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – ORD. – AUTHORIZING SALE OF WINE UNDER A
BUILDING CONTROLLED BY THE CITY OF DIXON

Commissioner Kelly moved that an Ordinance authorizing the sale of wine under building controlled by the City be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, July 20, 2009. Discussion followed. Acting Mayor Bridgeman advised the Welcome Center is wanting to sell beer and wine. After no further comments, the Acting Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF GASB 45 CONSULTING PROPOSAL
CITY OF DIXON/DONLON & ASSOCIATES

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Acting Mayor be authorized to execute the GASB 45 Consulting Proposal between the City of Dixon and Donlon & Associates. Discussion followed. Acting Mayor Bridgeman was handed a memo with a list of recommendations from Attorney Branson and after reviewing same, he requested this item be re-read to be tabled. Commissioner Blackburn moved that the GASB 45 Consulting Proposal between the City of Dixon and Donlon & Associates **be tabled**. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – ORD. – FY 2009/2010 APPROPRIATIONS

Commissioner Kelly moved that an Ordinance making appropriations for the corporate purpose of the City of Dixon for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2009 and ending April 30, 2010 be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, July 20, 2009. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, July 6, 2009 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, July 20, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk

