

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL  
MONDAY, MAY 3, 2010  
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke answered Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Pastor John Trotter from the Living Well Church gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kelly moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, April 19, 2010, the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of Monday, April 26, 2010 and the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of Friday, April 30, 2010 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 Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$335,954.96 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Kelly wished Commissioner Bridgeman a happy birthday this Wednesday.

Commissioner Blackburn reminded everyone that May 17<sup>th</sup> is the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Government Day with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from Reagan Middle School, St. Mary's and St. Anne's.

Commissioner Bridgeman stated the next budget session is Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Monthly Building Permit Report of April, 2010, the Plan Commission Meeting minutes of April 22, 2010 and the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting minutes of April 22, 2010 are all on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

VISITORS

Mark Reiss, Whatever It Takes Repairs, 2328 South Galena Avenue, introduced his business to the Council, advising they have been in business for 4 years and employ 7 Dixon residents. He advised their prices are competitive and they carry parts on hand along with skilled mechanics in their service department. Lastly, Mr. Reiss stated he would appreciate the opportunity to work with the City of Dixon on parts, repairs and pricing.

Steve Wilson, First United Methodist Church Youth Pastor, approached the Council to advise if there are any odd jobs, service work, cleanup projects, he was offering the services of his youth group kids.

Gene Biggerstaff, 1128 Eastern Avenue, addressed the Council, bringing along 3 bags of weeds, clippers and a broom and dustpan to demonstrate there are a lot of weeds in the City to be cleaned up.

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ORD. #2781 – AMENDING CODE TITLE III, CHAPTER 2

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

ORD. #2782 – RE HABITAT EXTENSION OF SEWER SYSTEM

Commissioner Kelly moved that an Ordinance re the Habitat extension of the municipal sewer system of the City of Dixon, Illinois be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF HENNEPIN AVENUE  
ENGINEERING AGREEMENT

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

RES. #2311-10 – APPROPRIATE MFT FUNDS  
HENNEPIN AVENUE PROJECT

Commissioner Contreras moved that a Resolution appropriating \$100,000 in MFT Funds for the Hennepin Avenue Project be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PET. VARIANCE – 1011 IDLEWILD DRIVE

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Petition for Variance pursuant to the request of John Hagedorn and Wes Love, for property located at 1011 Idlewild Drive, be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Discussion followed. Attorney Branson advised this is a non-conforming use and the Zoning Board denied it because they do not have the authority to approve it. It was the decision of the Council to discuss this item at the next meeting before voting on it. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: Commissioner Blackburn. Motion carried 4-1.

DISCUSSION – RV ORDINANCE

Mayor Burke asked Paul Shiaras to give a brief overview of the requirements so as to explain to the audience what this ordinance entails. Paul started out by answering the most asked question—do we pave a current existing pad—answer is no. Paul also advised that the 10 feet is from any structure on an adjacent lot. Commissioner Bridgeman then read from the ordinance advising citizens they have 2 years to make corrections on their property. At this time, the visitor's section was opened up for people to make comments:

Randy Clinger, 402 Monroe Avenue, advised he did not know anything about this ordinance. His wife, Susan Clinger, questioned if someone from the City would be coming out to measure the lots to see if they fall within the guidelines.

Paul McNamara, 519 Jackson, advised his lot is small and the driveway does not meet up to the garage.

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DISCUSSION – RV ORDINANCE (CONT'D.)

Josie Whaley, 605 Marclare, questioned the fact there are already 2 similar ordinances on the books regarding the parking of campers and stipulations on recreational vehicles. She then asked if the ordinance would be enforced on the problem with old trailers on properties. Mayor Burke advised he receives copies of letters from the Building Department that get mailed to owners of abandoned vehicles. Mrs. Whaley then stated her concerns about all the concrete. At this time, Paul Shiaras once again stated that any new pads must be either concrete or blacktop. Mrs. Whaley lastly stated that had she known about this ordinance prior to its adoption, she would have been at the first meeting to protest it and request a committee be formed to discuss in length.

Bev Eykamp, 509 Marclare, advised she has issues with the concrete all over town. She stated Dixon needs to go green and this should have been considered in this ordinance.

Dave Smith, 16198 North Jefferson, addressed the Council on his opinion of Ord. #2771. He first thanked Paul Shiaras for coming to his property on his lunch hour to advise his pad was legal. Mr. Smith expressed that there is too much government as this ordinance is telling citizens where they can and cannot park on their properties. He asked the Council if they did not like senior citizens as this ordinance was created when most of the “snowbirds” were out of town. At this time, Commissioner Bridgeman answered Mr. Smith by stating he was tired of being called dishonest and conniving, advising the he is, himself, a senior citizen. Commissioner Bridgeman advised Mr. Smith his 5 minutes was up and Mr. Smith lastly added he would like to see this ordinance rescinded.

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF  
\$1,000,000 2009 TAXABLE TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANTS IN ANTICIPATION  
OF THE COLLECTION OF TAXES LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2009, BE PLACED  
ON FILE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION PRIOR TO ADOPTION AT THE NEXT  
REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 17, 2010

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that consideration of an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$1,000,000 2009 Taxable Tax Anticipation Warrants in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for the year 2009, be placed on file for public inspection prior to adoption at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, May 17, 2010. Commissioner Bridgeman advised that because the State is so far behind in allocating to the City its monies, therefore, we are borrowing to operate. 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.

At this time, Mayor Burke asked Shawn Ortgiesen to give a brief overview of the next two ordinances being placed on file tonight. Shawn advised the first one is regarding technical changes and adding fees for construction inspections. He stated the second ordinance is to abolish rural subdivision variances.

PLACE ON FILE - ORD. – AMENDING CODE TITLE III, CHAPTER 11

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title III, Chapter 11 be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, May 17, 2010. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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PLACE ON FILE - ORD. – AMENDING CODE TITLE III, CHAP, 11  
BY DELETING SEC. 3-11-12

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title III, Chapter 11 by deleting Section 3-11-12 be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, May 17, 2010. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn, Bridgeman and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – TOLLWAY DRIVE ENGINEERING AGREEMENT  
CITY/WILLETT, HOFMANN & ASSOCIATES

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Tollway Drive Engineering Agreement between the City of Dixon and Willett, Hofmann & Associates be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, May 17, 2010. Discussion followed. Shawn Ortgiesen advised this \$300,000 project is no cost to the City and is 100% funded by the State. 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.

ACCEPT & PLACE ON FILE – DIXON FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Dixon Fire Department Annual Report be accepted and placed on file. 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, May 3, 2010 be adjourned to meet in Special Session on Monday, May 10, 2010 at 6:00 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 7:30 p.m.

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Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk