

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2010
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke answered Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Father Michael Greene from St. Luke's Episcopal Church gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Contreras moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, September 20, 2010 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 Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$556,929.08 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Burke stated that 5 concrete wooden park benches got thrown into the river on the east side of the bridge. He advised that the Riverfront Commission is putting in security cameras soon.

Commissioner Blackburn reminded everyone that it is Fire Prevention Week and the Fire Department will be teaching safety to the third graders. He also advised that the theme is "smoke alarms – a sound you can live with" and stated that the week of October 4-9, 2010, the firemen will follow pizza delivery trucks and if there are working smoke alarms on every level of the home, the homeowner will receive a \$10 coupon toward their next pizza purchase.

Commissioner Bridgeman stated that all part-time help has been eliminated effective September 30th. He advised the City is very short on money and stated budgets need to be tightened.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Monthly Building Permit Report of September, 2010 are on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

ORD. #2796 – AMENDING CODE TITLE V, CHAPTER 13

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title V, Chapter 13 be passed. Discussion followed. Commissioner Kelly stated he would like to see a time inserted under Page 1, Item C. Attorney Branson advised this ordinance was patterned after the one-day license but could insert the proper phrasing. Attorney Branson also advised that the Police Chief would like to see a phrasing inserted on the fencing as well as his and/or the Mayor's authority to close down the event if laws are not followed. It was the consensus of the Council to also insert a fee in the amount of \$100. After no further discussion, the Mayor called for Commissioner Blackburn to re-read the motion to pass this ordinance as amended. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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RES. #2321-10 – TO BRING EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY
TO THE ROCKFORD REGION

Commissioner Blackburn moved that a Resolution to bring the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to the Rockford region be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ACCEPT & PLACE ON FILE – IL DOT MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS AUDIT

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that the Illinois Department of Transportation Motor Fuel Tax Funds Audit be accepted and placed on file. Discussion followed. Shawn Ortgiesen explained past projects will be closed out soon and a big maintenance project will be done in the spring of 2011. He then read the Auditor's comments and thanked Rita Crundwell and Kathe Swanson for their recordkeeping. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2322-10 – CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS
VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

Commissioner Kelly moved that a Resolution confirming the appointments of Jim Reubin and Keane Hudson to the Veterans Memorial Commission for terms commencing October 4, 2010 and ending February 28, 2012 and September 30, 2012, respectively, or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PET. – SPECIAL USE – 909 NORTH OTTAWA AVENUE

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Petition for Special Use pursuant to the request of Community State Bank of Rock Falls-Dixon and Rebecca Bradley, for property located at 909 North Ottawa Avenue, be referred to the Dixon Plan Commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT PRESENTATION – OFFICER DAVE GERDES

Commissioner Blackburn read a brief synopsis of Officer Dave Gerdes' work history with the City of Dixon and presented him with a plaque for his 25 years of service.

PRESENTATION – "OFFICER OF THE YEAR"

Commissioner Blackburn presented Officer Jeffery Ragan with a plaque for "2010 Officer of the Year" and read a brief synopsis of Officer Ragan's work background.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, October 4, 2010 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, October 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.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