

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Kelly and Mayor Burke answered the Roll Call. Absent was Commissioner Contreras. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Reverend David Spaulding from the First Presbyterian Church gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 1, 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 City of Dixon's Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$273,859.45 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Burke stated that the Peoples Economic Development Corporation would host a power point presentation on Wednesday night at 5:30 p.m. at the Public Safety Building regarding placing our downtown business district on the National Historic Registry.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Budget & Treasurer's Report of October, 2010 and the Library Board Minutes of October 12, 2010 were on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

Commissioner Contreras entered the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

PET. – SPECIAL USE – 909 NORTH OTTAWA AVENUE

Commissioner Bridgeman 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 City Attorney for proper action. Discussion followed. Commissioner Kelly questioned Page 3, Item #3 as the City has never allowed a special use permit to run with the land. Attorney Branson advised past policy is to let it run with the land. Mayor Burke stated the Petitioner's attorney was not present tonight. Attorney Branson stated he would speak to their attorney before he prepares the ordinance for the next meeting. After no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2799 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LOAN AGREEMENT WITH IEPA

Commissioner Kelly moved that an Ordinance authorizing the execution of a loan agreement between the City of Dixon and the Illinois EPA be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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ORD. #2800 – AMENDING ORD. NO 1350

Commissioner Contreras moved that an Ordinance amending Ord. No. 1350 be passed.
Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke.
Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2329-10 – CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS – HOSPITAL BOARD

Commissioner Blackburn moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointments of Rick Curia, Joan Melzer and William LeFevre to the Hospital Board for terms commencing December 31, 2010 and ending December 31, 2013, 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.

RES. #2330-10 – CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Commissioner Kelly moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointments of Linda Brantley and Dennis Turner to the Historic Preservation Commission for terms commencing November 30, 2010 and ending November 30, 2012 and November 30, 2011, 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.

RES. #2331-10 – CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT
BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointment of Isaac Mercer to the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners for a term commencing November 30, 2010 and ending November 30, 2013, or until his successor is duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2332-10 – CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT
RONALD REAGAN CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Commissioner Blackburn moved that a Resolution confirming the appointment of Patti Balayti to the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission for a term commencing November 15, 2010 and ending December 31, 2011, or until her successor is duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2333-10 – CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT
RIVERFRONT COMMISSION

Commissioner Kelly moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointment of Chuck Stoddard to the Riverfront Commission for a term commencing November 30, 2010 and ending November 30, 2011, or until his successor is duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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PROCLAMATION – “NATIONAL DRUNK & DRUGGED DRIVING (3D)
PREVENTION MONTH”

Mayor Burke proclaimed the month of December, 2010 as “National Drunk & Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month” in the City of Dixon.

RIVERFRONT PRESENTATION – “GOVERNOR’S HOMETOWN AWARD”

Larry Reed, 810 4th Avenue, Chairman of the Riverfront Commission, gave a presentation on the Dixon Heritage Crossing receiving the 2010 Governor’s Home Town Award. He thanked all Riverfront Commission members, both present tonight and the others who could not attend the meeting, for all their hard work and dedication. Larry then read from a prepared statement regarding the background of this award, the number of volunteers involved and the monies received through grants and private donations. Lastly, he presented Mayor Burke with a sign and advised the City also received a plaque for this award. Mayor Burke commended Larry and the Commission on their hard work. Commissioner Bridgeman echoed the Mayor’s thanks and also stressed that it is a misconception that the City used tax monies for this project. Commissioner Blackburn stated that about 12 to 15 years ago when the Peoria Avenue bridgework theme was underway to do a pass under the bridge, this concept took off and the trend has continued through the efforts of this Commission. He told Larry, “The product that you’ve given Dixon is amazing!” He also echoed his congratulations on a job well done.

John Thompson advised he is bringing the Illinois Enterprise Zone Committee to Dixon next October to see our beautiful riverfront.

RES. #2334-10 – CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS
PLAN COMMISSION

Commissioner Blackburn moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointments of Kevin Marx and Louise Corken to the Plan Commission for terms commencing November 30, 2010 and ending November 30, 2012 and November 30, 2014, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 15, 2010 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, December 6, 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 6:52 p.m.

Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk