

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke answered Roll Call. Absent was Commissioner Bridgeman. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Pastor Hye Jin Hong of the First United Methodist Church gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Contreras moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, October 20, 2008 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$516,358.04 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Kelly advised the Oakwood Cemetery crew has begun the fall cleanup and it will continue for the next two weeks.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Monthly Building Permit Report of October, 2008 and the Plan Commission Minutes of October 23, 2008 are on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

PET. – ANNEXATION & ZONING – 612 PANTHER DRIVE

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Petition for Annexation & Zoning pursuant to the request of Dan and Eva Langloss, for property located at 612 Panther Drive, be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Discussion followed. Attorney Branson advised that the City had an annexation last December and the County did not abate the taxes on this property; therefore, the owner was charged for the full year. Mayor Burke gave his opinion that it should be the annexation date. Commissioner Blackburn advised that the City does not have the ability to correct this. Attorney Branson was given the unanimous answer that taxes should be abated prior to the annexation date. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PET. – SPECIAL USE – 141 NORTH COURT

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Petition for Special Use pursuant to the request of Dark Land Trust #1 and Turning Point Community Church, for property located at 141 North Court, be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Discussion followed. Commissioner Blackburn asked Paul Shiaras to explain this Special Use. Paul stated the Plan Commission agreed this is a good use for this property. Paul also advised that he would like it stated in the records that this Special Use is strictly for business and professional offices. He advised a suite number would be assigned.

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PET. – SPECIAL USE – 141 NORTH COURT (CONT'D.)

Gary Gehlbach, Attorney for the Petitioner, stated that the Plan Commission is consistent with his client's request. Paul advised this petition is for the northerly back part of the building; approximately 1/3 of a portion and the rest of the building is residential. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF EAST RIVER ROAD WATERMAIN
REPLACEMENT PROJECT ENGINEERING AGREEMENT

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute the East River Road Watermain Replacement Project Engineering Agreement between the City of Dixon and Willett, Hofmann & Associates. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF THE DOWNTOWN DIXON STREETSCAPE
DESIGN REPORT

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Downtown Dixon Streetscape Design Report be adopted. Discussion followed. Mayor Burke advised that Shawn Ortgiesen is preparing a cost analysis of a block-by-block basis for the next meeting. Commissioner Contreras commented that there would not be a lot of motor fuel tax monies available for this project. Mayor Burke advised it would be funded mostly by TIF monies. Commissioner Blackburn advised he would like to see the engineer's estimates for this project. He also stated a public hearing would be required as part of the process. Mayor Burke then questioned Josh Albrecht on his opinion of said hearing, and Josh is very much in favor of it. Josh then advised that Shawn had given him an estimate before the meeting of \$200,000 per block and with 49 blocks, the total cost would be approximately \$10 million dollars. Mayor Burke explained that first the adoption of said plan must take place and then the Council would have to decide the course for financing. Commissioner Blackburn stated there needs to also be a plan for the public hearing. Mayor Burke advised it could be held at City Hall and it would be City-sponsored. Larry Reed suggested a more personal type of hearing. Mayor Burke stated this item would be tabled at this time; therefore, the motion was re-read. Commissioner Contreras moved that the Downtown Dixon Streetscape Design Report be tabled. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2241-08 – CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT
RONALD REAGAN CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Commissioner Blackburn moved that a Resolution confirming the appointment of Joan Johnson to the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission for a term commencing November 3, 2008 and ending December 31, 2011, or until her successor is duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2715 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF IMLRMA
MINIMUM/MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance authorizing the execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

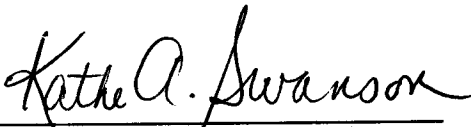
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PRESENTATION – T6 BROADBAND

Mr. Dan Koehler, Davis Junction, Illinois advised the purpose of his presentation is for providing internet access in the downtown area. He stated his company would install the equipment at no cost to the City. He also advised that service can be provided to the park areas but his company would charge for the equipment (\$1400.00). Mr. Koehler advised they would need to broadcast from the Amcore Bank building and would ask the assistance of the Council in speaking with bank representatives to ask their permission. Mayor Burke asked Mr. Koehler if his company would be willing to extend the service east of Ottawa Avenue for one additional block area. Mr. Koehler advised yes they could. Commissioner Blackburn questioned if this company does business in Dixon currently. Mr. Koehler stated yes, they provide DSL, T-1 and phone service in the Dixon area. Mr. Koehler explained that a benefit to having their installation would be to provide surveillance whereby Wifi would provide a proposal for such a service. Mayor Burke asked City Attorney Branson if an agreement would need to be drafted. Attorney Branson asked if they would be on City property. Mayor Burke explained just on lampposts. Attorney Branson advised we would give them access to the posts. Mayor Burke explained this is a win-win situation. He advised the Council will review this matter and it will be on the next meeting agenda for vote. Commissioner Blackburn lastly asked what the time frame would be for installation, and Mr. Koehler replied 4 to 6 weeks.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 3, 2008 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, November 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk