

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Contreras moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 22, 2008 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Contreras 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 \$795,628.04 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Contreras and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Acting Mayor Bridgeman reminded businesses to maintain their sidewalks after the snowstorms and asked residents of Dixon to please clear their sidewalks also. Acting Mayor Bridgeman also advised that Rusty Cox's last year plan to save the City money on their electricity bills through Constellation Energy brought a cost savings of 21.8%.

Commissioner Kelly reminded all citizens to vote tomorrow.

Commissioner Blackburn commended the Street Department again for their excellent work in removing the snow.

Commissioner Contreras advised he saw four businesses downtown that have not shoveled and got confirmation from the City Attorney that these businesses can be fined.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Acting Mayor Bridgeman reported the Monthly Building Permit Report of January, 2008 and the Tourism Board Minutes of January 14, 2008 were on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

VISITORS

Mr. Tom Suits congratulated Commissioner Kelly for his encouragement of voters tomorrow and then gave a brief overview of his achievements and his civic activities. He then asked for everyone's vote and support tomorrow.

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AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF RETAINER AGREEMENT
CITY OF DIXON AIRPORT/CRAWFORD, MURPHY & TILLY

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Acting Mayor be authorized to execute the Retainer Agreement between the City of Dixon Municipal Airport and Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. Discussion followed. Commissioner Blackburn advised he sent a letter to Mayor Burke asking for answers as to what happened to Hanson Engineers on this project. He then stated it would be his recommendation to table this item until the Airport Board can give answers to the Council's questions on this matter. After no further comments, the Acting Mayor called for the re-reading of the motion. Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Retainer Agreement between the City of Dixon Municipal Airport and Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 19, 2008. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Contreras and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF ENGINEERING AGREEMENT
HIGHLAND AVE/8TH ST. WATERMAIN/STREET REPLACEMENT

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Acting Mayor be authorized to execute the engineering agreement between the City of Dixon and Willett, Hofmann & Associates for the Highland Avenue/8th Street watermain/street replacement project. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Contreras and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – CONSULTANT'S AMENDMENT #1
CITY OF DIXON AIRPORT/HANSON ENGINEERS

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Consultant's Amendment #1 between the City of Dixon Municipal Airport and Hanson Engineers be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 19, 2008. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Contreras and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PET. – ANNEXATION – 2115 WEST FIRST STREET

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Petition for Annexation & Zoning pursuant to the request of Caroline Costello, for property located at 2115 West First Street, be referred to the Dixon Plant Commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Contreras and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2215-08 – SUPPORT FOR UNITED KENYANS OF CHICAGO

Commissioner Kelly moved that a Resolution for the Support for United Kenyans of Chicago be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Contreras and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION – SUMMER YOUTH ART PROJECT

Mary Huffman gave a brief overview of this 2009 project for youths at risk and advised she was present to get the City Council's approval and a possible financial donation. Acting Mayor Bridgeman advised her the City would discuss this during their budget sessions, as there is no monies currently budgeted at this time for such a project.

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PET. – PRELIMINARY PLAT – PILOT SUBDIVISION

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Petition for Preliminary Plat pursuant to the request of DND Travel Plaza, for property known as Pilot Subdivision, be referred to the Dixon Plan Commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Contreras and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PET. – FINAL PLAT – PILOT SUBDIVISION

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Petition for Final Plat pursuant to the request of DND Travel Plaza, for property known as Pilot Subdivision, be referred to the Dixon Plan Commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Contreras and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, February 4, 2008 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kelly, Blackburn, Contreras and Acting Mayor Bridgeman. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.


Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk