

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke answered Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Reverend Michael Cole gave the Invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT TO KELLER/YINGLING
ANNEXATION AGREEMENT

Commissioner Blackburn opened this public hearing at 6:32 p.m. He advised this pertains to an amendment to the first agreement dated December 20, 2004 with Keller and Yingling regarding the \$5500.00 water connection fee, the tap-in fee, and the roadway completed by July 1, 2008. Hearing no comments or objections, Mayor Burke closed this public hearing at 6:33 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – HUMMEL ANNEXATION AGREEMENT

Mayor Burke opened this public hearing at 6:33 p.m. He advised this hearing pertains to the annexation of approximately 25.75 acres at the southeast intersection of Bloody Gulch Road and Route 26. Hearing no comments or objections, Mayor Burke closed this public hearing at 6:34 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Contreras moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 17, 2007 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn 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 \$425,052.91 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Contreras thanked the Street Department for the great job they did in the snow removal.

Commissioner Blackburn advised the Fire Department received a grant to purchase 24 turnout gears and protection equipment. He also advised that the "Keep the Wreath Red" campaign was a success this season as there were no holiday fires reported by the City or Rural Fire Departments. At this time, Tim Shipman and Dave Boucher demonstrated the new gear and answered questions from the audience.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Building Permit Reports of December, 2007, the Dixon Plan Commission Minutes of December 20, 2007; the Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of December 20, 2007 and the Tourism Board Minutes of December 17, 2007 were all on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

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VISITORS

Josh Albrecht, Dixon Main Street Executive Director, gave a brief description of his background and presented a 2007 recap of Main Street events and highlights of ideas for 2008. Josh advised new this year will be a façade loan program, golf outing, downtown marketing analysis, website, historical brochure and a 4th grade architectural program. Mayor Burke thanked Josh for his presentation and his enthusiasm in his new position as Main Street Executive Director.

AMENDMENT #1 – KELLER/YINGLING
ANNEXATION AGREEMENT

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute Amendment #1 to the Annexation Agreement between the City of Dixon and Edwin D. Yingling and Bruce E. Keller. Discussion followed. City Attorney Matt Keegan questioned Rusty Cox on whether the City has already received the tap-on fees for the properties currently there. Rusty advised the Water Department does have records of who has paid. After no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PET. – APPROVAL OF ANNEXATION AGREEMENT
HUMMEL BUSINESS PARK

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Petition for Approval of an Annexation Agreement between the City of Dixon and Hummel Revocable Trusts be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Blackburn. Voting Nay: None. Abstaining: Mayor Burke. Motion carried.

PET. – PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLATS
HUMMEL BUSINESS PARK

Commissioner Kelly moved that the Petition for Preliminary and Final Plats pursuant to the request of the Hummel Revocable Trusts, for property consisting of approximately 25.75 acres, be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Blackburn. Voting Nay: None. Abstaining: Mayor Burke. Motion carried.

PET. – SIGN VARIANCE
HUMMEL BUSINESS PARK

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that the Petition for Sign Variance pursuant to the request of the Hummel Revocable Trusts, for property consisting of approximately 25.75 acres, be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly and Blackburn. Voting Nay: None. Abstaining: Mayor Burke. Motion carried.

PET. – ANNEXATION – 744 TIMBERCREEK ROAD

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Petition for Annexation & Zoning pursuant to the request of James and Janelle Clark, for property located at 744 Timbercreek Road, be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Discussion followed. Attorney Keegan advised that this is the last property on Timbercreek Road to be annexed. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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ORD. #2673 – AMENDING CODE TITLE I, CHAPTER 20

Commissioner Bridgeman moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title I, Chapter 20, be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2674 – RESPONSIBLE BIDDER

Commissioner Blackburn moved that a Responsible Bidder Ordinance be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2675 – AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE
OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY

Commissioner Kelly moved that an Ordinance authorizing an agreement for the purchase of certain real property be passed. Discussion followed. Mayor Burke asked Jim Hackbarth to give a brief overview of this Commission's work. Mr. Hackbarth advised he is before the City Council to ask for a majority vote tonight on this agreement for additional parking at the park. Commissioner Bridgeman thanked the commission members for their time and efforts. Mayor Burke then read a prepared statement on the Veteran Memorial Park's projects and endeavors. After no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras and Kelly. Voting Nay: Commissioner Blackburn. Abstaining: Mayor Burke. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

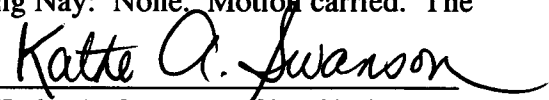
Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, January 7, 2008 be adjourned to meet in Executive Session to discuss personnel. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Blackburn advised there would be Council action on this matter.

RECONVENE MEETING

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, January 7, 2008 reconvene into Open Session. Discussion followed. Commissioner Blackburn advised he was wanting a consensus from the Council regarding his choice for the new Police Chief. He advised he interviewed four excellent candidates, and after much deliberation, he recommended Sgt. Dan Langloss for the position. Commissioner Blackburn then read a prepared statement regarding his interview process and advised a Council vote in the near future to appoint the new Police Chief would occur. After no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Contreras moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, January 7, 2008 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Bridgeman, Contreras, Kelly, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.


Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk