

DIXON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Jessie E. McCully Memorial Library
200 South Pine Street
December 18, 2017
6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being present the council meeting of the Dixon City Council was called to order at 6:00P.M. By Shawn Wethington, Mayor

2. ROLL CALL:

Shawn Wethington, Paul Watson, Jimmy Doyle, Wayne Brandt, Betty Thilges.
(Marilyn Timmons absent)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Invocation was given by Lance Harsh

5. Adopt the Agenda

Mayor Wethington stated that he wanted to make a change in the agenda: Mr. Ed Kirk ad requested the address the council, by had been left off been left of the agenda. Mayor Wethington also stated that there would not be a closed meeting for this agenda.

Betty Thilges moved to adopt the agenda with the changes, Jimmy Doyle seconded the motion approved by a vote of 4 to 0

<u>Betty Thilges</u>	<u>aye</u>
<u>Paul Watson</u>	<u>aye</u>
<u>Wayne Brandt</u>	<u>aye</u>
<u>Jimmy Doyle</u>	<u>aye</u>
<u>Marilyn Timmons</u>	<u>absent</u>

● **APPROVE AND RATIFY BILLS RECEIVED:**

Wayne Brandt moved to approve the bills, Betty Thilges seconded the motion approved by a vote of 4 to 0

<u>Betty Thilges</u>	<u>aye</u>
<u>Paul Watson</u>	<u>aye</u>
<u>Wayne Brandt</u>	<u>aye</u>
<u>Jimmy Doyle</u>	<u>aye</u>
<u>Marilyn Timmons</u>	<u>absent</u>

● **APPROVE MINUTES:**

Betty Thilges made the motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Jimmy Doyle seconded the motion approved by a vote of 4 to 0

<u>Betty Thilges</u>	aye
<u>Paul Watson</u>	aye
<u>Wayne Brandt</u>	aye
<u>Jimmy Doyle</u>	aye
<u>Marilyn Timmons</u>	absent

Old Business

- **Ed Kirk to address the council, but have Diane Shultz speak for him reference barking dogs.** Diane Shultz stated that in the past two years, Mr. Ed Kirk has had to contend with the constant barking of dogs that Lance Hurst owns. Mr. Kirk has filed numerous police reports citing nuisance **Ordinance number 408 and 215**; however, Marshal Brankel has failed to enforce these ordinances. Mayor Wethington interjected by saying **these ordinance do not comply with State Law**, therefore, must be rewritten and that the Council is currently working on doing that. Mr. Hurst reported that he had purchased an expensive shock collar for his dogs a couple of months ago and that his dogs no longer bark when wearing the collar. Mr. Kirk stated that he has video and audio of Mr. Hurst's dogs barking just recently and his phone has the date and time. Mr. Hurst said that Mr. Kirk could not prove that it was his dog barking, to which Mr. Kirk replied that he has video of the dog. Diane Shultz stated in 2015 not long after Mr. Hurst moved in, his dog had attacked Mr. Kirks dog resulting in a 185.00 veterinary bill. Mayor Wethington stated that the **Marshal did not enforce the ordinance, because the ordinance does not comply with the State Law.** City Attorney Brian Stumpe stated that many ordinance in many municipalities **do not** comply with **MO Senate Bill 572** and must be rewritten.

- **Betty Thilges request to address the Council about GRANTS.**

Betty Thilges went over much of the information she provided at the last Council meeting on rundown properties in Dixon. The City of Richland obtained a grant that assisted them in taking care of rundown properties. Betty Thilges said that the grants come out in May and we need a grant writer to help us with that effort. There is a grant writer at Merrimac Region, but they are only authorized to provide 18 hours of writing time. Other municipalities, Freeburg, Vienna, and Crocker have obtained grants and those towns are quickly improving their "looks" Getting such a grant is a Win-Win for the City of Dixon and the property owner as cleaning up these eyesores would raise property values in the City.

Marlene Blackburn commented that a co-worker of hers had passed through Dixon on his way from Jefferson City to Rolla. She asked him what his first impression

- **Mayor to address Achievements of staff at the sewer plant.** Wethington reported that there have been many achievements at the Waste Treatment Plant in the past year. Two new employees were brought on board: Nathan Cox and Ernie Mentola. The Mayor stated that he had given them a list on things he wanted to see accomplished in 60 days; they had accomplished everything on the list in 50 days. In addition, he stated that he wanted them each to have their Waste Water licenses by the end of the year. Nathan Cox scored 95% on his test and both will be licensed by the end of the year. Wethington continued, stating that they have risen to every challenge and exceeded all expectation. They have decreased overtime and increased efficiency at the Plant. He commended them for their efforts

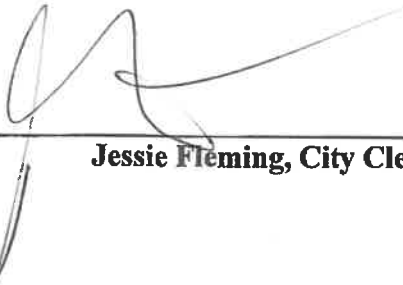
Public comments on 535 Ordinance, by John Thilges. . John Thilges stated that Ordinance #535 is a very good product and to repeal it would be a huge step backward for the City. It works and should not be repealed.
At this point in the meeting, Betty Thilges left the meeting. Since her departure, this left the Council without a quorum; the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

FOR ACCOMMODATION DUE TO DISABILITY, PLEASE CALL 759-6115 TWO WEEK DAYS IN ADVANCE, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 4:30 P.M.

Minutes approved this 18th day of Dec, 2017.



Shawn Wethington, Mayor



Jessie Fleming, City Clerk