

DIXON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Mid-America Bank & Trust
Community Room
December 7, 2015
7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. A quorum being present the council meeting of the Dixon City Council was called to order at 7:00P.M. By Shawn Wethington, Mayor

3. ROLL CALL:

4. Present: Shawn Wethington, Lynn Whitten, Diane Shultz, and Paul Watson (Matthew York (Marilyn Timmons, & Betty Thilges absent))

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. Adopt the Agenda

Diane Shultz requested permission to add A & B Streets, and old houses to the agenda. All Alderman present voting aye, the motion carried_

<u>Matthew York</u>	aye
<u>Betty Thilges</u>	absent
<u>Lynn Whitten</u>	aye
<u>Paul Watson</u>	aye
<u>Marilyn Timmons</u>	absent
<u>Diane Shultz</u>	aye

5. APPROVE AND RATIFY BILLS RECEIVED:

Paul Watson moved to approve all the bills, the motion was second by Lynn Whitten. All Alderman present voting aye on roll call, the motion carried 3 to 1_

<u>Matthew York</u>	aye
<u>Betty Thilges</u>	absent
<u>Lynn Whitten</u>	aye
<u>Paul Watson</u>	aye
<u>Marilyn Timmons</u>	absent
<u>Diane Shultz</u>	nay

6. APPROVE MINUTES:

Paul Watson moved to approve all the bills, the motion was second by Mathew York. All Alderman present voting aye on roll call, the motion carried_

<u>Matthew York</u>	absent
<u>Betty Thilges</u>	aye
<u>Lynn Whitten</u>	aye
<u>Paul Watson</u>	aye
<u>Marilyn Timmons</u>	absent
<u>Diane Shultz</u>	aye

7. OLD BUSINESS:

Proposal of ordinance to allow Mayor to enter Contract(s) on behalf of the City of Dixon was tabled until December 21, 2015

Adoption of Sunshine Policy as presented by the Mayor to the Board of Alderman for incorporation into City policy and procedures was tabled until December 21, 2015

8. NEW BUSINESS:

Katrina Ramsey, MOPERM Insurance, presented updates to the city's insurance for the upcoming year. The new premium will be \$23,417 for 2016, which is \$1,038 higher than the 2015 premium. This is due to additional vehicles and equipment being added. The council reported that there will be another one-ton vehicle purchased for use by the Maintenance Department in the near future. The cost for this vehicle is \$33K. Ramsey will obtain the cost to insure this additional vehicle and call City Clerk, Jesse Fleming to inform him what the cost will be to insure that vehicle when it is purchased. Councilwoman Shultz moved to approve the insurance premium in the amount of \$23,417 and the motion passed.

Diane Shultz moved to approve MOPERM insurance from 22,379.00 to 23,417.00, the motion was second by Lynn Whitten. All Alderman present voting aye on roll call, the motion carried.

<u>Matthew York</u>	aye
<u>Betty Thilges</u>	absent
<u>Lynn Whitten</u>	aye
<u>Paul Watson</u>	aye
<u>Marilyn Timmons</u>	absent
<u>Diane Shultz</u>	aye

Sandra Brown property- Brown is seeking reimbursement from the city in the amount of \$400 for repairs resulting from a water leak on her property at the corner of Rosebud. It is reported that the contractor parked a mini-excavator over a hole on the property to keep anyone from falling into that hole. Brown is charging that the equipment caused the pipes to collapse and is asking that the city reimburse her for the charges to repair the pipes. After some discussion, John Doyle and Rob Forthman, Maintenance Chief, will request an itemized statement from the contractor listing exactly what was repaired and where the repairs were located. The property has been vacant since 2005 and the pipes may not have been properly winterized and may have deteriorated over the past 10 years.

When the statement is received, the matter will again be entertained by the council. The council voted to table this matter pending additional information. John Doyle, Rob Forthman, and Diane Shultz will schedule a time to meet with Jim and Sandy Brown at the property to resolve the issue.

Proposed ordinance on numbers on Residences\Businesses

A proposed ordinance on numbers on residential and business properties was discussed. Dixon Ambulance and DPD personnel sometimes have difficulty locating a residence or business when responding to a call. Some properties do not have numbers, making it difficult to locate the property. Delene Estes, who has been volunteering her time at City Hall, stated that there is an ordinance that requires occupants of properties to post numbers on their homes/businesses and be on sufficient size so that they can be seen from the road (4” numbers for residences and 6” numbers for businesses). The council tabled the matter until the December 21st meeting.

Mr. Baker to address the Council on digitizing old ordinances

Mr. Robert Baker has been volunteering at City Hall. He is making copies of City Ordinances, taking them home, digitizing them, and returning the paper copies to the City. He is also putting the ordinances on CDs and giving them to City Council members. There has been some dispute as to whether or not volunteers should be behind the counter at City Hall. There seemed to be some concern that they could overhear privileged information. After discussion, it was determined that “privileged” information is conducted behind closed doors and this should not be a concern. The digitized ordinances will soon be available at the Jesse E. McCully Library, assessable to any interested citizen. These digitized ordinances are in .PDF format so that a word search can be done to facilitate the quick location of applicable ordinances, making it very easy to locate what is needed.

There was also a concern about liability in case of injury. Both Baker and Estes stated that they would be willing to sign liability waivers in order to help serve the City of Dixon. City Attorney Brian Stumpy said that this should be perfectly acceptable.

.Diane Shultz moved to allow Baker to continue his work to digitize the ordinances. The motion was seconded by Matt York and passed by a vote of 3 to 1, with Councilman Paul Watson voting no. Watson does not believe volunteers should be behind the counter in City Hall.

<u>Matthew York</u>	<u>aye</u>
<u>Betty Thilges</u>	<u>absent</u>
<u>Lynn Whitten</u>	<u>aye</u>
<u>Paul Watson</u>	<u>nay</u>
<u>Marilyn Timmons</u>	<u>absent</u>
<u>Diane Shultz</u>	<u>aye</u>

Review of Tractor Trailer ordinance for possible revision Steven Beal would like no parking in front of his shop.

There was a review of the Tractor Trailer ordinance for possible revision. Mayor Wethington read a draft of a revised tractor trailer ordinance 365.070- 365.080.

Councilwoman Shultz said that a female driver who parks in the Paramount Parking Lot is concerned that this winter, if the lot is icy and someone falls and is unable to get up, the person could be seriously injured and not found for several hours. Mayor Wethington proposed forming a committee to study this issue and have all interested parties meet.

Matthew York moved to send the ordinance with proposed revisions to a committee for further study. The motion was seconded by Diane Shultz. All Alderman present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

The current ordinance provides that commercial vehicles will park in designated areas only and not all commercial vehicle drivers are in compliance. An example is that Steven Beal would like no parking in front of his shop so that vehicles can get into and out of his shop. This will be a part of the committee's review.

Mayor Wethington read a Letter from Sister City Adobokarom, Ghana.

9. POLICE REPORT: Lt. Gary Brankel went over the police report.

10. CITY MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Mr. Robbie Forthman updated the council on the Library closing from December 14, 2015 until January 14, 2016 for renovations, also informed the council on the back hoe, 18 to 20,000. For repair.

11. CITY ENGINEER REPORT:

Mr. John Doyle updated the council on the streets and upcoming projects.

Diane Shultz moved to go from open session to closed session The motion was seconded by Councilman Matt York and passed by a vote of 4 to 0, time 9:09pm

<u>Matthew York</u>	aye
<u>Betty Thilges</u>	absent
<u>Lynn Whitten</u>	aye
<u>Paul Watson</u>	aye
<u>Marilyn Timmons</u>	absent
<u>Diane Shultz</u>	aye

The City of Dixon Board of Aldermen will be in closed session for the following:

RSMO 610.021.1 (1) Privileged communication with legal counsel.

Paul Watson moved to go from closed session to open session The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn Whitten and passed by a vote of 4 to 0,

<u>Matthew York</u>	<u>aye</u>
<u>Betty Thilges</u>	<u>absent</u>
<u>Lynn Whitten</u>	<u>aye</u>
<u>Paul Watson</u>	<u>aye</u>
<u>Marilyn Timmons</u>	<u>absent</u>
<u>Diane Shultz</u>	<u>aye</u>

12. ADJOURNMENT

Paul Watson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lynn Whitten and passed by a vote of 4 to 0, time 9:43pm

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 _____ day of _____, 2015.

Shawn Wethington, Mayor

Jessie Fleming, City Clerk