

**DIXON CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Dixon Senior Center**  
**301 Old Y Rd**  
**July 11, 2016**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

**2. ROLL CALL:**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

PLEASE REMAIN STANDING FOR THE INVOCATION, Joe Timmons was asked by Mayor Wethington to give the invocation in the absents of Pastor Scott Ballard.

• **Adopt the Agenda**

**The agenda was approved by a vote of 6 to 0**

**A. APPROVE AND RATIFY BILLS RECEIVED:**

Wayne Brandt moved to approve the Bills. The motion was seconded by Jimmy Doyle and approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

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

**B. APPROVE MINUTES:**

Betty Thilges moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the City Council. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Timmons and approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

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

**C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Report from Standing Committee(s):**

Big Trucks; Councilwoman Betty Thilges reported that she had been contacted by Bleeding Edge requested that 18-wheeler trucks will no longer be permitted to park in the Bleeding Edge parking lot due to insurance concerns. When asked about alternative parking, Betty Thilges said that these trucks will have to park at the Truck Port at the junction of Highway 28 and I-44.

SWS Committee Paul Watson was informed that there have been several calls to Councilwoman Thilges concerning ditches on Elm Street, and 5<sup>th</sup> Street and alleys within the city. Paul Watson will work with John Doyle City Engineer to see what can be done to eliminate these problems.

Dangerous Animal; Wayne Brandt stated that there is nothing to report. Mayor Wethington stated that although Dixon's Animal Shelter is a kill shelter, only one animal has been euthanized in the past two years. All animals that can be placed for adoption have been adopted.

**A. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Donna Irvin addressed the Council concerning parking in front of her home at 110 E. Country Club Road. Across the street from her home, the ditch is very deep and parking very limited for those neighbors. As a result, everyone parks in front of Irvin's home. Several persons in the house across the street have vehicles and when the Irvin's have company, there is no place for their company to park. The Mayor asked John Doyle what could be done. Doyle stated that the ditch must carry water and asked that Councilman Watson and his committee review the area and see if they can come up with a solution.**

**Don Nagele request to address the Council reference 18 Wheeler parking, but was absent.**

**Maintenance Report**—Rob Forthman stated that city workers have been working at Dixon High School to get the water tower there back on line. Other work includes weed eating and lift stations cleaning. Due to the recent rains, mowing in parks has fallen behind, but will be accomplished as soon as possible. Regarding the Treatment Plant upgrade required a concrete pad which the Maintenance Department poured recently. A new Air-conditioning unit was purchased for the Maintenance building. New tires had been put on the Ford Ranger pickup. The washed-out Hawthorn Alley has been repaired. At the Soccer Fields, the raid did a lot of damage and washed out one pipe that carries water. He suggested that they pour concrete to preclude future washouts of the pipe. Previously, after another rain storm, the pipe was found half a mile downstream. Patrick Moore has obtained his CDL license which will be a great asset to the Maintenance Department. Willard Asphalt was scheduled to begin paving streets again on Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. There are some trees in ditches that need to be removed. Forthman has been in contact with Gascosage and they will remove the trees as soon as possible. On 3<sup>rd</sup> and Pine Streets, branches are overhanging the electric lines. Gascosage will remove those as well. Mayor Wethington stated that the "City of Dixon" needs to be remarked on each city vehicle. This will be accomplished as soon as possible. Councilwoman Timmons expressed her appreciation to Forthman for the recent road repair in her ward. Councilwoman Thilges asked for the Maintenance Logs and was told that they will be provided to the Mayor this week. Councilwoman Thilges also asked if "In God We Trust" could be placed on all DPD

vehicles. The Mayor stated that yes, this could be done; however, funds must be raised or donated, city funds cannot be used. Therefore, this issue was tabled and will be on the agenda for the next Council Meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup>. A motion can be made at that time to place “In God We Trust” on DPD vehicles.

**Police Report:** LT Gary Brankel was asked to come forward prior to beginning his report. The Dixon Police Department was then awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler. The citation reads as follows:

“In recognition of your dedicated selfless service ensuring the safety of our communities and neighbors “Congratulations to the Dixon Police Department! Before LT Brankel behand his report, Mayor Wethington stated that he understood that the 5<sup>th</sup> Most Wanted Individual in the State of Missouri has been captured and that the DPD played a role in this capture. LT Brankel stated that yes, this was true. In conjunction with several other area agencies, this individual was captured. He is allegedly charged with distribution of methamphetamine in amounts of 30-40 pounds at a time into this area. He was apprehended and is currently in the Maries County Jail. Twenty-nine vehicles were seized and more titles are being checked to seize additional vehicles. Additional arrests will be forthcoming. DPD Upcoming Events—The Back to School Fair will be held at the DES Cafeteria on August 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The DPD will be fingerprinting DES and DMS students as a free service to the community. Type 2 Drug and Alcohol Training will be conducted September 5<sup>th</sup> for DPD officers. Brankel reported that the DPD has been approved to apply for a Community Law Enforcement Block Grant (CLEBG) for equipment and safety equipment. The grant application period opens August 1<sup>st</sup> and closes September 2<sup>nd</sup>. During the month of June, the DPD issued 55 warnings and 43 citations. There were 219 calls for service. DPD made 31 arrests of which 10 were felony drug charges and one minor in possession charge. An 18-wheeler stolen in California over a year ago was recovered. There were two overdoses and one felony dog abuse charge.

**CITY ENGINEER REPORT:** John Doyle stated that at the meeting on June 21 with the Corps of Engineers (COE), he and several council members along with Ronnie Christensen, reviewed the ditches/creeks flooding issues within the city which need attention. (There were articles in last week’s Dixon Pilot regarding this meeting and an explanation of Jurisdictional Waters.) The ditch at Elm and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets was determined to be jurisdictional; the ditch at C Highway and Pine Street was determined not jurisdictional. The city will have to request permits to work on these areas and reminds everyone that a permit does not allow trespass; easements must be granted by property owners. There is normally a 21-30 day turn around for permits as there has to be a period for property owner comments. Mo DOT contacted Doyle regarding the detention basin at DHS. There have been complaints that the water flow is too slow. There are several things that must be considered before enlarging the hole that allows water to flow out of the detention basin. Before enlarging that hole, they must ensure that it will not cause flooding someplace eels. This will be reviewed and a decision made on whether or not to change the current discharge method. Davis Drive easements have been drafted and taken to City Hall for signature. It was reported that they have indeed been signed and that the next step is to submit them to DNR. There was a request for poles to be replace around the home on the 90 degree curve on Highway 28 on the southwest corner across from Colyer Medical Center. There is a law that barriers of this type must be of the “break-away” type and the telephone pole type that is currently there cannot be used. MO DOT is looking for alternative barriers to protect that home. More information on this will follow at a later

date. There are two sidewalk projects at Dixon Middle School. One is on the North side of the building, running east to west. This has gone out for bids and they should be coming in next week. The other sidewalk project will involve the city-it runs parallel to Highway 28 in front of DMS. This will be complete after the first project. Doyle then talked about the phases of the Treatment Plant Upgrade and how it is progressing. The street project on 5<sup>th</sup> Street began Monday. Additional streets have been added to the street project due to the project progressing well and under budget. He then asked councilpersons to drive their wards and see which streets they believe should be added to the list for next year's work. Mayor Wethington asked that the residents also drive the streets and report to their council member what streets need to be added in their opinion. The lists should be funneled through their councilperson to Paul Watson who will then ensure that they get information to John Doyle to be added to the official list.

**B. ADJOURNMENT:**

The council voted to go into closed session at 7:17 p.m.

Betty Thilges            aye  
Effie Higginbotham   aye  
Paul Watson            aye  
Wayne Brandt         aye  
Jimmy Doyle           aye  
Marilyn Timmons     aye

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

RSMO 610.021. PERSONAL MATTER.

Betty Thilges            aye  
Effie Higginbotham   aye  
Paul Watson            aye  
Wayne Brandt         aye  
Jimmy Doyle           aye  
Marilyn Timmons     aye

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.

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**Shawn Wethington, Mayor**

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**Jessie Fleming, City Clerk**

