

DIXON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Mid America Bank Community Center
216 West 2nd Street
JULY 21, 2014
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being present the council meeting of the Dixon City Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Jeff Clark.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Allan Kuehl, Betty McPherson, Paul Watson Travis Rollins
Jeff Clark, Diane Shultz, and Steven Parker

3. APPROVE AND RATIFY BILLS RECEIVED IN MAY

A motion was made by Betty McPherson and seconded by Allan Kuehl to approve the bills. All Alderman present voting aye, the motion carried.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

No old Business.

5. OPEN PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SECTION:

Charles Eads addressed the Council and asked why the Library is closed. Jeff Clark answered that the Library is closed for a deep cleaning. Eads stated that he had hoped the closure was for repair of the floor. The floor is built very close to the ground and the floor joists underneath are rotted. The floor is sagging in places and definitely in need of repair. Jeff Clark stated that repair of the Library floor is not in this year's budget, but that budget meetings will begin in the near future for the upcoming year and perhaps it can be addressed at that time.

Melissa Egan addressed the Council and stated that closing the Library for 1 and ½ or 2 days hurt a lot of people. (People use the computers to look for employment.) Jeff Clark stated that he took full responsibility for making the decision to close the Library for two days. There was at an earlier time, a Library Board, but that has since been allowed to lapse. In the absence of such a board, he and he alone made the decision to close the Library for two days. Melissa Egan later returned to the podium to ask why streets and sidewalks had not been repaired. It was explained to Melissa Egan that the city is in the

middle of a 3-phase project – sewer, treatment plant and streets. Some of the sewer lines run under the city's streets and it would not be cost effective to repair the streets before the end of the project when there is a strong possibility that the streets would have to be torn up and repaired a second time. Jeff Clark reiterated his previous remarks that the streets will get worse before they get better. (Note: In previous articles covering City Council Meetings, this has all been explained numerous times.) Egan stated that her child had been riding her bicycle on a sidewalk that was very unlevel and had fallen and been injured due to a portion of the sidewalk that was raised up. Jeff Clark indicated that he was very sorry that her child had been injured, but again, those repairs are not in the budget at this time and will be addressed at the end of the current on-going project. (Note: Bicycles are not permitted to be ridden on sidewalks within the city. This child was only 5 years old; that is realized, but the ordinance does not specify exceptions due to age.)

Steven Beal next addressed the council. Steven Beal had received a letter from the Committee to Clean up Dixon asking him to clean up his property. He stated that he wanted copies of all the letters that had been sent out notifying people to clean up their properties. He stated his belief that the City Shed [at Maintenance] and the pallets stacked at Baden Moving and Storage should also have received letters to clean up those areas. Steven Beal asked what he needed to do to get copies of those letters that HAD been sent out. Jeff Clark stated that Mr. Beal needs to contact the City Collector and tell her what he needs. She will get them for him. He was reminded that the time it takes her to pull those records and make copies of them will be paid for by Steven Beal and that the copies of the documents are 10¢/copy. Steven Beal asked if the Collector is already paid and was told that yes, she is paid for the job she was hired to do, but finding copies of letters and making copies of them are separate from her regular duties.

Betty McPherson next announced that Goodrich Gas plans to open in the near future and wants to be open so folks can get the benefit of buying their winter gas early at a discount.

Betty McPherson also stated that there is now a committee for Citizen of the Year as brought before the council on July 7th by John Thilges. Anyone interested in joining this committee to help select the Citizen of the Year should come by the City Hall and sign up.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Marlene Blackburn of the Committee for Veterans Memorial addressed the Council. Marlene Blackburn was on hand to represent the Committee for the Veterans' Memorial. She briefed those present stating that at a Memorial Day service at the Dixon Cemetery, Walter Dickens and later another individual had

approached her asking that she take on the possibility of establishing a Veterans' Memorial in Dixon to honor all our veterans, past and present. She explained that she had hosted two meetings and that a committee had been organized and that the committee has come up with a couple possible alternative locations for such a memorial. She presented to the council an aerial photograph of Dixon City Park in which two possible locations are shown. She asked the council to consider and discuss the possibilities and perhaps come up with other ideas. She will be hosting another meeting in the near future and invites everyone who is interested in this endeavor to attend. The date, time and place of the meeting will be published in the Dixon Pilot. Your attention is invited to the article entitled "Veterans' Memorial Committee" in this issue of the Pilot for more information. If you are interested in becoming a part of this committee, or just have some information to provide, you may contact anyone listed there as a committee member.

The 2013 Audit will be starting in September. Evers and Company, the sole bidders for this audit, will be in Dixon September 9th and 10th.

7. POLICE REPORT:

Mike Plummer was not available to attend this meeting, so there was no police report at this meeting. Paul Watson was asked by Mike Plummer to address why there was nothing being done about the dogpound, we are keeping dogs way to long. Its reported that the Dog Pound is full. Jeff Clark stated that the City Collector has been successful in finding homes for many animals. At this point, animals are being held far beyond the 5-days they are to be held according to the City Ordinance. It is expensive to house these animals, costs \$35 to euthanize an animal (put it to sleep) and something needs to be done. An Animal Control Officer is not in the budget, but will be brought up during budget meetings which will begin soon. Diane Shultz has done a tremendous amount of research and has several places in which the animals can be taken. Anyone can contact Diane Shultz for this information.

8. CITY MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Dennis went over the maintenance report and reported that in addition to daily and monthly tasks, several water leaks have been repaired. Much of the Maintenance employees' time has been spent mowing, weed eating, trimming, and clearing brush and grass from ditches. A new electric fuel pump was installed on the sewer auger and emergency lighting – headlight and brake line repairs and installation completed on Truck #5. A new starter installed on sludge truck and there were dog pen repairs and cat cages were reworked and painted. Fifty-eight tons of patch material has been used on streets this year.

9. CITY ENGINEER REPORT:

John Doyle is was out of town, but the Mayor stated that John Doyle reported to him that the project was on schedule and going well.

A motion was made by Diane Shultz and seconded by Betty McPherson to adjourn the meeting and go into closed session All Alderman present voting aye, the motion carried

Council went over the I.T. Technician Application and Kerry Proffitt was who the council decided on as a part time Technician starting at 10.00 per hour.

A motion was made by Travis Rollins and seconded by Paul Watson to hire Kerry Proffitt as the part time I.T. Technician person at 10.00 per hour. All Alderman present voting aye, the motion carried

The Applications for the Library was tabled to the next meeting Aug 4, 2014

A motion was made by Betty McPherson and seconded by Travis Rollins to adjourn the closed session meeting and go into open session All Alderman present voting aye, the motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Travis Rollins and seconded by Paul Watson to adjourn the meeting. All Alderman present voting aye, the motion carried

CLOSED SESSION AS PER RSMO 610.021 FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS

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 _____, 2014.

Jeff Clark, Mayor

Jessie Fleming, City Clerk