

**DIXON CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Jessie E. McCully Memorial Library**  
**200 South Pine Street**  
**July 21, 2017**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**3. ROLL CALL:**

Shawn Wethington, Paul Watson, Jimmy Doyle, Marilyn Timmons Shawn, and Wayne Brandt (Effie Higginbotham & Betty Thilges absent)

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

**5. Invocation (Ann Decker) United Methodist Church**

**3. Adopt the Agenda**

Wayne Brandt moved to adopt the agenda, adding Andrews Street , Marilyn Timmons seconded the motion approved by a vote of 4 to 0

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

\*\* Alderwomen Betty Thilges joined the meeting at 6:04pm

● **APPROVE AND RATIFY BILLS RECEIVED:**

Jimmy Doyle moved to approve the Bills. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Timmons approved by a vote of 4 to 1, Paul Watson voting no.

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

● **APPROVE MINUTES: FOR MAY 8, 2017, MAY 9, 2017 & MAY 10, 2017 & June 5, 2017**

Betty Thilges moved to approve all three minutes at once. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Timmons approved by a vote of 4 to 1, Paul Watson voting no.

Betty Thilges \_\_\_\_\_ aye  
Paul Watson \_\_\_\_\_ nay  
Wayne Brandt \_\_\_\_\_ aye  
Jimmy Doyle \_\_\_\_\_ aye  
Marilyn Timmons \_\_\_\_\_ aye  
Effie Higginbotham \_\_\_\_\_ absent

#### **Old Business**

- **Nuisance Ordinance**

The Nuisance Ordinance was discussed. A copy of the ordinance to repeal Ordinance #557 governing nuisances and to replace and establish it with regulations covering nuisances. This document had been received by the City Clerk at approximately 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 20 and the Council had not had sufficient opportunity to peruse this 17-page document. Some of the Council members are already working on a revision to this document and Paul Watson moved to table this item until the August 7, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

- **Andrews street. (added to the agenda per council)**

Marilyn Timmons then stated that she had received numerous complaints from the residents who live on Andrew and McClaren Streets concerning the deep potholes and extremely rough surface of the street. This has been brought up to the council previously and the resident their feel they are being ignored. Mayor Shawn Wethington asked John Doyle, City Engineer, about a previous bid on these streets from Willard Asphalt. John Doyle stated that he had a bid that was from last year, so it probably is no longer valid. The Mayor then requested that Doyle contact Willard and obtain an updated bid. Mark Parker, who also lives on Andrews reported that when the Maintenance Department puts gravel on the potholes and covers them with cold patch, each rain washes out the gravel and the patch and washes it all down the street.

The City Engineer will contact Willard to request an updated bid on these streets and this will be added to the August 7, 2017 meeting.

**Mayor Wethington stated that he would get with John Doyle and meet on Andrews Monday morning at 9:00am.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mary Wagner has requested to address the Council. Mary Wagner stated that she had requested copies of 15 City Ordinances (#540 thru #555) after filling out a Sunshine Law request. She has only received three of the ordinances. Mayor Wethington stated that he could meet with her and get her copies of those ordinances. Dixon resident Robert Baker told Wagner that all the ordinances are available online on the computers in the Library. She can copy them to a thumb drive, or print out copies of the ones she needs.

Diane Shultz request to address the council reference Dog Pound to discuss an upgrade to the dog pound. She reported that people are not being responsible for

their animals and are allowing them to run loose; some may even have been abandoned. There needs to be an upgrade to the pound so that these animals can be captured and contained. If one of them bites a child, there could be serious consequences.

Schultz then gave several suggestions for a new dog pound nest to the Treatment Plant. The Mayor stated that this will be looked into and invited Shultz to meet with him and John Doyle to review her suggestions and look at the site. The Mayor also reminded those register their dogs with the city. The cost is \$5 per year.

- **Heather McKinnon request to address the Council reference water issues. was not present to speak.**
- **Wayne Brandt request to address the Council reference animals.**  
Wayne Brandt addressed the Council concerning feral animals within the city. A resident called his attention to an incident the other evening where on the sidewalk on the square in Dixon, there were three raccoons, two possums and several kittens eating on cans of food. He further reported that two cats had given birth to six kittens each right on main street. He asked about trapping, neutering and releasing of feral cats within the city. On February 6, 2017, Ordinance #558 was passed which authorized the trapping of feral cats. Ms. Barbara Freeman of Waynesville was to take these trapped cats, spay or neuter them, notch their ears to indicate that they had be spayed/neutered and vaccinated against rabies and hen release them. Evidently, this has not been happening.)
- Mayor Wethington requested that Jessie Fleming contact Ms. Freeman and see about getting traps for the purpose of capturing feral cats in Dixon.

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- **Paul Watson has requested to address the council reference Park Bathroom**  
Paul Watson addressed the Council concerning the bathrooms located in the Park. Betty Thilges reported that the bathrooms had been vandalized to the point that they were unusable last year. The city Maintenance Dept., remodeled them and they are now beautiful. The decision was made at the time to lock them and keep the key at City Hall. Anyone planning on event in the Park could sign out the key and return it after their event.  
Paul Watson stated that taxpayer monies paid for these bathrooms and they should be able to use them at any time. There was more discussion about this and the Mayor Wethington suggested that the bathrooms could be opened by the Dixon Police or the Maintenance workers at 7:00 and that Dixon Police could checking the bathrooms when they do their nightly business door checks and secure then bathroom at 9 each night. Paul Watson made the motion to try opening the bathrooms seven days/weeks for a trial period. The motion was seconded by Wayne Brandt and passed 5 to 0. The Mayor will provide written instructions to the Dixon Police and this will be revisited in September to see if they need to go back to locking them.
- **Maintenance Employees attending classes (water) and (Sewer water)**  
Maintenance employee training. There is a Sewer Class in Ashland that Ernie

Mentola needs to attend. At the completing of the class, he will get his sewer license. Two individuals, Nathan Cox and Rob Forthman need to attend a Water Class in Salem. Councilman Brandt moved to approve attendance at these classes by these three individuals. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Thilges and passed 5 to 0.

**Mayor Shawn Wethington Warns of Scam**

The Mayor Wethington stated that some people have received recorded phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and that a lawsuit is going to be filed against you. They provide a number for you're to call back from more information; DO NOT CALL THEM BACK; THIS IS A SCAM. The IRS will not call you on the phone or ask for payment with a credit card or check.

Betty Thilges moved to adjourn into closed session. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Timmons. The council moved to close session at 6:45 p.m.

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

• **ADJOURNMENT:**

Paul Watson moved to adjourn the closed session and go back into open session. The motion was seconded by Wayne Brandt.

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

Wayne Brandt moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jimmy Doyle

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.**

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**Shawn Wethington, Mayor**

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**Jessie Fleming, City Clerk**