

CITY OF DIXON

Mike Brown, Mayor

303 South Elm Street

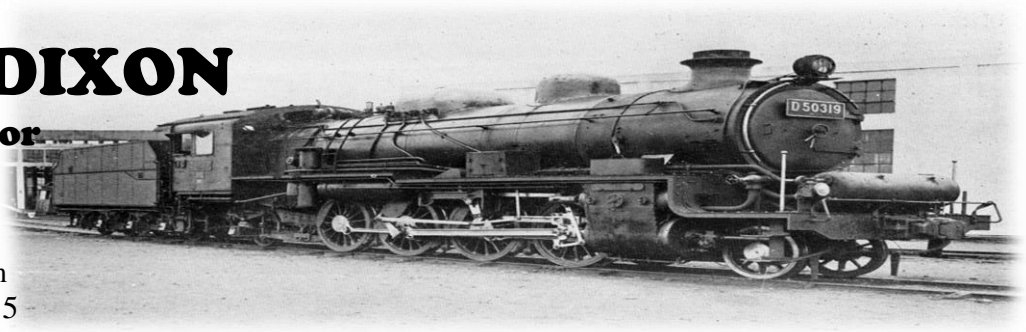
P.O. Box 177

Dixon, MO 65459

Email: dixclerk@gmail.com

Telephone: (573) 759-6115

Fax: (573) 759-7864



DIXON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Jessie E. McCully Memorial Library

200 South Pine Street

July 3, 2018

7:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being present the council meeting of the Dixon City Council was called to order at 7:30P.M. By Mike Brown

2. ROLL CALL:

Mike Brown, Betty Thilges, Paul Watson, Barbara Thomas, Dawna Fleming, Marlene Blackburn, and Marilyn Timmons.

1. Pledge of Allegiance:

2. Invocation: by Joe Timmons

5 Adopt the Agenda:

Marilyn Timmons made the motion to adopt the agenda and was seconded by Marlene Blackburn. The motion carried with a vote of 6 to 0

NEW BUSINESS:

Jet Truck

Mayor Brown said some of the city sewer is running into ditches and filling basements. The mayor asked Paul Watson whether he had obtained a necessary part for the jet truck; Paul Watson said he had not. Mayor asked Josh Lachowicz Maintenance Supervisor why the truck was not at the library.

Mayor Brown stated "I asked you to bring the jet truck up here so people could look at it; why it is not here?"

Josh Lachowicz said the truck needs to have maintenance on the transmission which has contaminants in the transmission fluid.

Josh Lachowicz: "It definitely did not have the maintenance on it that should be done."

Mayor Brown asked, can I see a show of hands of who in the city likes their house flooded with sewage? No one raised their hand.

Mayor Brown said about 40 homes could be affected, and we have sewer problems, on Lion street, S. Pearl, Locust Street.

Marlene Blackburn: "That could also be 40 lawsuits."

CITY OF DIXON

Mike Brown, Mayor

303 South Elm Street

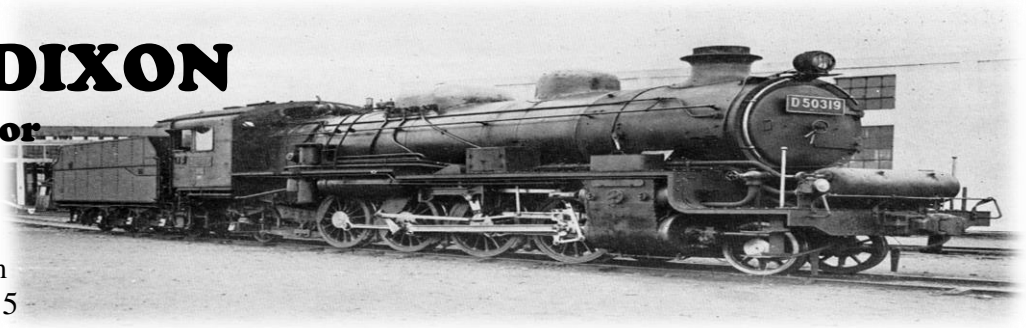
P.O. Box 177

Dixon, MO 65459

Email: dixclerk@gmail.com

Telephone: (573) 759-6115

Fax: (573) 759-7864



Mayor Brown said a new jet truck would cost about \$180,000 and a combo truck cost approximate \$400,000 or more.

Betty Thilges stated she called Waynesville and the Mayor and the city administrator are willing to come to Dixon for free. Betty Thilges stated that Waynesville was very kind to us and want to help Dixon.

Mayor Brown stated the last time we were offered something for free from Waynesville, there was a quote from Waynesville for \$24,000.

Paul Watson stated that Warranties only hold up if maintenance is done.

Josh Lachowicz: said when we've got sewer flowing out into a creek and DNR is already on our butts."

Mayor Brown said when this council came into office, we had over \$200,000 in unpaid bills. The last time I looked we were down to \$168,000. This council has moved forward, it's slow, but getting there.

Mayor Brown stated he would have preferred that years ago when the truck was bought that it had been maintained, but that did happen.

Mayor Brown asked Josh Lachowicz: "How did our wastewater plant get left after Waynesville left?"

Josh Lachowicz stated, "I'm not going to talk about that on the record."

Paul Watson said he wants to make sure city money is used properly.

Paul Watson stated that he was told that he didn't have anything to do with day to day operations.

Paul Watson said previous Mayor objected to city council members trying to ask questions.

Mayor Brown stated that you should have held his feet to the fire.

Paul Watson stated when you bring this up to the Mayor and he tells you that you do not have anything to do with day-to-day operations. Mayor Brown stopped Paul Watson and said you need to come to me... you and I would set up an appointment and we will go down together and we will get answers.

Josh Lachowicz responding to a question about fines, Josh Lachowicz said DNR fines could be tens of thousands of dollars, though there's no clear guide for how the fines should be assessed.

Mayor Brown stated we cannot stop operating the sewer plant... how many water main breaks have we had this year? Josh Lachowicz stated four or five since he has been supervisor. Mayor Brown stated that Aldermen are debating whether it makes more sense for the city to buy its own equipment and "invest in ourselves" or ask other cities to help.

Barbara Thomas stated that a true mutual aid agreement serves only in time of disaster."

Marlene Blackburn said many proposals for help will take time "and these people are out of time."

Marlene Blackburn cautioned that if the city doesn't act soon, a child may "fall headfirst into this poopy water" and the city will be in much worse trouble.

CITY OF DIXON

Mike Brown, Mayor

303 South Elm Street

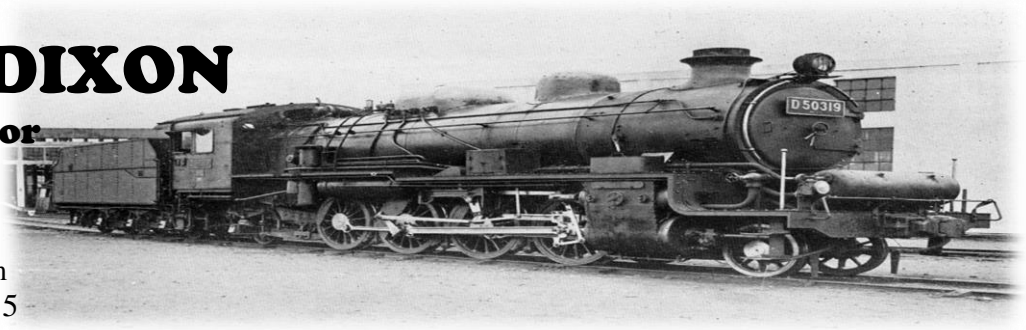
P.O. Box 177

Dixon, MO 65459

Email: dixclerk@gmail.com

Telephone: (573) 759-6115

Fax: (573) 759-7864



Betty Thilges that I would like to get a new truck, I really would, but I would also like to know how we are going to pay for it when we owe almost \$200,000 of bills? Betty Thilges stated I'm very concerned about payment. I'm hearing bankruptcy behind the scenes. If we go into debt on this and go bankrupt, I don't want to go bankrupt. I want to save our community."

Mayor Brown and Barbara Thomas both said that bankruptcy would be a last resort and isn't currently on the agenda.

Josh Lachowicz said he found five dumpsters that are now being put into circulation to make money for the city. The city also has tax revenue for streets and could sell scrap for several thousand dollars that could be used to help pay for a jet truck.

Mayor Brown state that best choices require time, money and planning. We wasted that. Good choices require money and planning. We wasted that."

Betty Thilges made the motion to buy a 2007 Vac-con truck, Barbara Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried with a roll call vote, except Paul Watson voting NO. 5 to-1

<u>Betty Thilges</u>	<u>aye</u>
<u>Paul Watson</u>	<u>nay</u>
<u>Barbara Thomas</u>	<u>aye</u>
<u>Dawna Fleming</u>	<u>aye</u>
<u>Marilyn Timmons</u>	<u>aye</u>
<u>Marlene Blackburn</u>	<u>aye</u>

ADJOURNMENT

Paul Watson made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Betty Thilges motion passed 6 to 0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm

FOR ACCOMMODATION DUE TO DISABILITY, PLEASE CALL 7596115 TWO WEEK DAYS IN ADVANCE, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 4:30 P.M.