

DIXON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Jessie E. McCully Memorial Library
200 South Pine Street

June 5, 2017
6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. ROLL CALL:

Wethington, Paul Watson, Betty Thilges, Jimmy Doyle, Marilyn Timmons
Shawn, Effie Higginbotham, and Wayne Brandt.

3. Adopt the Agenda

Betty Thilges moved to adopt the agenda, Marilyn Timmons seconded the motion approved by a vote of 6 to 0

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

• APPROVE AND RATIFY BILLS RECEIVED:

Betty Thilges moved to approve the Bills. The motion was seconded by Effie Higginbotham approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

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

• APPROVE MINUTES: FOR MAY 8, 2017, MAY 9, 2017 & MAY 10, 2017

Betty Thilges moved to table the minutes until July meeting, the motion was seconded by Jimmy Doyle approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

<u>Betty Thilges</u>	aye
<u>Paul Watson</u>	aye
<u>Wayne Brandt</u>	aye

Jimmy Doyle aye
Marilyn Timmons aye
Effie Higginbotham aye

Old Business

Marshal Brankel discussed police vehicles safety and the former Marshal (Mike Plummer) has put the city of Dixon in an unsecure place by 5 civil suites and the City of Dixon needs the new Police vehicles for the safety and life line of all citizens of Dixon. Brankel went on to say that last Friday he was in pursuit and his vehicle quite running, left him on foot.

Betty Thilges moved to purchase three police vehicle form Lou fuzz out of St Louis. , The motion was seconded by Marilyn Timmons approved by a roll call vote of 3 to 3. Wayne Brandt, Paul Watson, and Jimmy Doyle voting no. Mayor Wethington broke the tie by voting to purchase three police vehicle. The vote passed by 4 to 3 vote.

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

Update on the Veteran's Memorial

Mayor Wethington updated the council on the veteran's memorial on property which currently belongs to the BNSF Railway which would be transferred for the memorial. Brian Stumpe said reports are incorrect that he told BNSF officials that they could not talk to a committee of residents working on fundraising due to the Missouri Sunshine Law. Marlene Blackburn said she is receiving "many questions from the veterans" about why delays are continuing in the project. "We're sitting on almost 12 grand in donations... they are asking questions." Resident Troy Porter said he hopes the issue does not continue until December.

Pay for Elected Officials-Councilwoman Timmons sponsor

Marilyn Timmons requested a special meeting be called June 15 at 6 p.m. for approval of an ordinance to pay elected officials a higher rate that had been previously agreed despite the city's failure to approve an ordinance prior to the April 2017 election. Seconded by Betty Thilges passed by roll call vote 4 to 2 Wayne Brandt and Paul Watson voted against the special meeting. A resident read a section of the city code specifying that pay of elected officials will not be increased or decreased during their term of office.

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

The mayor asked Timmons to speak with the city attorney prior to the meeting regarding the law on the issue.

Mayor discussed recommendation(s) changes to personnel policy.

The current personnel policy for the City of Dixon states;

8.2 Terminations

A regular employee (not on probation) will be given no less than thirty (30) calendar days' notice or receive pay in lieu of notice should the necessity of the termination his employment arise. The City Mayor will determine whether notice or final pay will be given based on the needs of the City at the time of termination.

It was recommend that 8.2 be changed to:

Betty Thilges made a motion to change the personnel policy to read;

A regular employee (not on probation) will be given the notice of termination by the City Mayor. The employee will not be entitled to a thirty (30) day notice nor receive pay in lieu of the notice. The termination will be effective upon the date decided by the City Mayor and regulated by Dixon City Ordinance 135.160 **Second by Marilyn Timmons, approved by a roll call vote 6 to 0.**

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

Legislation

Wayne Brandt made a motion for the Nuisance Legislation be tabled for indefinite time until and new Nuisance ordinance can be revised. Seconded by Paul Watson. The roll call vote was a split vote of 3 to 3. Betty Thilges, Marilyn Timmons, and Effie Higginbotham voting no. Mayor Wethington broke the tie by voting in favor of tableting it for an indefinite time. Passed 4 to 3

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Betty Thilges made a motion to change the personnel policy to read; Second by Marilyn Timmons, approved by a roll call vote 6 to 0.

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

Business License for Woods Family Enterprise LLC. And an Ice Cream Truck Jimmy Doyle made a motion for both the Woods Family and Ice Cream Truck be approved, seconded by Paul Watson. The motion passed with a vote of 6 to 0

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

Andrews Avenue and Mc Claren Way Road Resurface Petition requesting resurfacing of Andrews and McClaren way. Mayor Wethington stated that he has driven and walked those two streets and are in sad shape. Mayer went on to say the City has a Transportation tax which generates about 90,000.00 per year and can be only used for transportation infrastructure such as streets. Mayor stated that the City has fixed its worst streets but there will be new streets that are worst remaining in the city and they need to be fixed as they get identified by resident concerns.

John Doyle, City Engineer to address the Council Reference D n R on the sewer treatment plant violations presented by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. John Doyle said he believed some of the reported discharge is actually NOT Sewage; in other cases, reports that were not Submitted by the city and not received by D n R. Mayor Wethington stated essentially the D n R is saying “Get on the band wagon and get it done. D n R asked us how we were doing with the flood. John Doyle stated, we survived. We didn’t get a ribbons or gold medals, but we survived. John Doyle said one of the wells, Baden well was shut down due to high iron levels. Recent tests brought the well back into compliance. John Doyle said he’s “frustrated slightly” that the city has just spent a million dollars on the sewer collection system and lift station, but city workers aren’t doing daily checks and maintenance. John Doyle said the he was told the D n R representative’s that the city does not have the ability to self-fund the upgrade that D n R wants, and the city needs help. After a question was brought from Quentin Davis John Doyle said he estimates the cost of the upgrade will be 1.2 to 1.5 million dollars.

Council to appoint a Budget Officer for the upcoming Budget year

Betty Thilges moved to appoint Mayor Shawn Wethington as budget officer, the motion was seconded by Jimmy Doyle approved by a vote of 5 to 1. Wayne Brandt voting no

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

Betty Thilges moved to go into closed session, the motion was seconded by Marilyn Timmons approved by a vote of 6 to 0. [Time 8:10pm](#)

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

CLOSED SESSION AS PER RSMO 610.021 FOR LEGAL, PERSONNEL, REAL ESTATE MATTERS, and D n R.

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

Wayne Brandt moved to go from closed session back into open session, the motion was seconded by Paul Watson approved by a vote of 6 to 0. Time 9:42pm

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

Wayne Brandt moved to adjourn the session, the motion was seconded by Jimmy Doyle approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:42pm

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.

Shawn Wethington, Mayor

Jessie Fleming, City Clerk