

DIXON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Mid America Bank Community Center
216 West 2nd Street
May 5, 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: Jeff Clark, Betty McPherson, Travis Rollins, Paul Watson, Allan Kuehl, and Diane Shultz (Steven Parker absent)

3. APPROVE APRIL MINUTES:

The minutes of two council held in April were discussed and two minor corrections were necessary, and were made. Then a motion was made by Betty McPherson and seconded by Diane Shultz to approve the April 2014 minutes. All Alderman present voting aye, the motion carried. **Note Travis Rollins vote was stricken due to not been sworn in at the time.**

4. APPROVE AND RATIFY BILLS RECEIVED IN APRIL

The Bills received for the month of April were reviewed. An addition to the bills were submitted. The City Engineer requested payment for his services the work he has done on the sewer system contract in the amount of 69,115.62. Betty McPherson moved to approve the April bills for payment including the amount requested by John Doyle, City Engineer. The motion was second by Allan Kuehl. All Alderman present voting aye, the motion carried. **Note Travis Rollins vote was stricken due to not been sworn in at the time.**

5. OLD BUSINESS:

Travis Rollins sworn in as Alderman for Ward 2.

Travis Rollins updated the Council on the next City Audit for 2013. he stated that he had obtained a bid proposal from Ever's and Company, the accounting firm presently conducting the City Audit, and the proposal would probably be consistent with what other accounting firms would bid. It was decided that other accounting firms should be contacted and the results brought to the next meeting on May 19, 2014 of the Council.

6. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mike Gunther addressed the Council about some debris blocking the culverts near his home. In the event of heavy rains the water flows over the road and is washing

out the gravel around the culverts. Dennis stated that they were aware of the problem and it will be handled by the sewer project work.

Jack Warren stated that the first and foremost he does not want to damage the relationship between the Senior Center and the City. He reported that the Center had never been billed for water or sewer since the year of 2000 until July 2013. He once again ask the Council to reconsider the decision to not charge the Center for water.

Jeff Clark stated that his job and that the Council is to enforce all ordinances in the ordinance book. Since the last meeting, he has been researching diligently, but no ordinance was found to provide the Center water at no charge. He continued saying that if the Council wishes to do so at this, they can pass an ordinance to provide free water, but not sewer to the Center. The way this works he said is that an idea is drafted and then presented to the City Attorney to write the ordinance. He then turned the matter over to the Council for discussion. Allan Kuehl stated that was probably an agreement at one time to provide free water to the Center. Diane Shultz stated that an easement was granted to the City by the Center at no charge to the City. The Center could have insisted on getting lawyers involved and charge the City for the easement. But they did not. The City should have sent a letter to the Center indicating the intention to begin charging for water, but they did not. All the Center received was a bill. The fire and Ambulance District also had free water, but that is no longer the case. Quinten Davis, former Councilman said that the agreement went back to the late 1980's. Paul Watson asked to comet and stated that he had a legal document from the paper and proved a copy of the Dixon Pilot dated December 7, 2000 and a copy of the Council minutes from the December 4, 2000 meeting in which it was decided to provide free water to the Center.

Allen Kuehl then moved to draft an ordinance to waive payment for water only, not sewer for the Center from the date of the ordinance for a period of 99 years in lieu of the easement granted to the City. The motion was seconded by Diane Shultz and passed 4 to 1 Betty McPherson opposed.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Paul Watson brought to the Council attention a need for a security light on 6th Street behind the Paramount Building. It is very dark in that area and there have been several incidents of vandalism there. He reported that he had already spoken with Gasocsage Electric and the cost to the City would be \$8.00 dollars. Paul Watson then moved to install a street light at the end of 6th street. The motion was seconded by Travis Rollins. All Alderman present voting aye, the motion carried.

Paul Watson then reported a water leak at Ballpark Road and Dennis stated that he was aware of the problem. The line will be cut off and capped. Dug out and replaced during the sewer project.

Jeff Clark stated that we needed a committee for Animal Violence. Betty McPherson moved to add this item to the agenda. Allan Kuehl seconded the motion.

All Alderman present voting aye, the motion carried.

Jeff Clark stated the need to set up a committee to study animal violence within the City. He said that he would prefer not to be a member of this committee due to the fact that his daughter was attacked by a dog at one time and has scars that she will carry for life. He then asked if anyone would like to head up or serve on this committee. After a discussion Jeff Clark asked Diane Shultz to head up this committee and that anyone, Council member or Dixon resident who would like to serve on this committee should contact Diane Shultz or the City Clerk. A 24 hour notice will be given before each meeting of the committee. A copy of an ordinance from Florissant MO. On Animal Control has been received and will be reviewed by the committee.

Diane Shultz asked to discuss the Missouri Municipal League Training Conference to be held June 12th and 13th. Paul Watson moved to add the item to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Travis Rollins to have Diane Shultz discuss the Missouri Municipal League Training Conference. All Alderman present voting aye, the motion carried.

A flyer was distributed to the Council containing details of the conference. It was agreed that the purpose of the conference was to instruct new Council persons in their duties, the way the Council should operate, and that it would be very beneficial for new Councilpersons. Paul Watson stated that he too would like to attend the conference with Diane Shultz. There is a possibility that a discount can be obtained if more than one person attends. It was decided that Diane Shultz will get all the details and present them to the Council at the May 19th meeting and a decision will be made at that time.

8. POLICE REPORT:

Mike Plummer went over the Police Report. Mike stated he had a few people contacted him concerning ATV ordinance that we discussed several meetings ago. Mike talked about the time clock, if more confusing than what it's worth. Requesting the Council to let him go back to his time cards. Allan Kuehl made a motion to have the Clerk do research on the clock, and seconded by Travis Rollins. All Alderman present voting aye, the motion carried.

9. CITY MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Dennis went over maintenance report

10. CITY ENGINEER REPORT:

John Doyle reported that a meeting was held on Monday and the funds for the project have been deposited. These will be in a separate account and will be tracked. The project will be beginning very soon and will move quickly. Invoices

will show materials and labor costs. Storage sites have been designated and materials should begin arriving this week and stored in a secure location. The sequence of the sewer work are: Alignment D: Begin at Sheppard Park and move southwest to the old carwash. Alignment E: From the end of alignment D and behind the Paramount Building.

Alignment A: From Sheppard Park south and east to Caroline Alexander's home and on to Chuck Barber's property.

The Contractors will do his best to avoid fences, flowerbeds, trees, etc. To accomplish that manholes may not be exactly in the center of 20' easements, they may be 3-4 feet to one side or the other. School bus traffic for the last couple weeks of school and for summer school is begin taken into consideration when planning the work. The pre-construction meeting went well and everything will begin soon.

Diane Shultz moved to go into closed session, the motion was seconded by Travis Rollins. All Alderman present voting aye, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

11. CLOSED SESSION:

12. CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNMENT:

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

CLOSED SESSION AS PER RSMO 610.021 FOR PERSONNEL & REAL ESTATE 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