



City of Dixon

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DIXON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall
203 S. Walnut Street
March 01, 2021
6:00PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Meeting called to order at 6:05pm
2. **ROLL CALL**
Diane Shultz, Anthony Campbell, Barbara Thomas, Mike Null, Trevor Warnol, Mary Wiles;
(6-0 you have a Quorum)
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
(All present stood for Pledge)
4. **INVOCATION**
5. **AMEND & ADOPT THE AGENDA**
Motion was made by Barbara Thomas to amend the agenda so that it includes the topics of Family Dollar, John Deere Mower and a Water Update and to adopt the amended agenda. This motion was seconded by Anthony Campbell. Roll call to vote; Anthony Campbell, Barbara Thomas, Mike Null, Trevor Warnol, & Mary Wiles. Diane Shultz voted no because she stated "I can't vote to adopt the agenda without a legal budget, and this isn't a legal budget."
(Motion Carried 5-1)
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Anthony Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes from Feb 1, 2021 meeting, Trevor Warnol seconded it. Roll call to vote; Anthony Campbell, Mike Null, Trevor Warnol, & Mary Wiles. Diane Shultz & Barbara Thomas abstained themselves because they were not present at the Feb 1, 2021 meeting.
(Motion Carried 4-0)

7. SOLICIT BIDS

DNR has instructed us to hire an engineering firm for the closure of outfault #2. They talked like we didn't have much of an option on it, and that it needed to be done quickly. Barbara Thomas made a motion to put bids out to hire an engineering firm, this motion was seconded by Trevor Warnol. Roll call to vote; Anthony Campbell, Barbara Thomas, Mike Null, Trevor Warnol, Mary Wiles. Diane Shultz voted no.

(Motion Carried 5-1)

We also need to solicit bids for an engineering firm for water valves. Motion was made by Trevor Warnol to solicit bids, and motion was seconded by Anthony Campbell. Roll call to vote; Anthony Campbell, Barbara Thomas, Mike Null, Trevor Warnol, Mary Wiles. Diane Shultz voted no.

(Motion Carried 5-1)

8. MAINTENANCE REPORT

Maintenance Supervisor Daniel Broadhurst updated us on water main breaks. He also gave an update on our skid steer, and said it has a broken arm on it due to plowing ice/snow off roads. He said that they did get it temporarily fixed but he doesn't think it will last more than 6 months to a year. Talked about wanting to put the Crown Victoria up for sale when we can and look at getting something better. He said that we already have an offer on the John Deere mower that we are wanting to sell and wanted permission to sell the international tractor that they have sitting at the other shop to help collect funds to put toward a new maintenance vehicle. Mayor Null suggested a small utility trailer be purchased to mount all of their supplies on and use the truck to pull it around when needed so they can always pick it up/drop off as needed. The council suggested reaching out to some local trailer vendors to get some pricing for this.

Mayor Null gave an update to the citizens on the water and boil orders. He addressed that unfortunately at this time there isn't a good system in place to prevent boil orders when a main breaks. In order to install all new water lines in the city it would take millions of dollars and years doing it section by section and we would have to tear up roads to replace all kinds of lines. At this time, it's not a very obtainable goal. However, a more obtainable goal is to install a new valve system so that we can shut off smaller sections at a time and keep from having to shut the water off to the whole city and prevent boil orders for everyone. The goal is to just narrow it down to small sections when needed, this also helps keep the hydrants from having to run to correct pressure issues. The council talked about having an engineer come in and give us an idea of where we can start and head toward a plan to replace lines little by little in the future years.

The council talked about different ways to get notice of boil orders/ shut offs out as quickly and efficiently as possible. Right now, unless it's an emergency, we use the city's Facebook page to get the word out. We understand that not everyone has Facebook, but we hope that word of mouth helps spread the news as well. Some other suggestions made by the citizens were posting a sign on the city hall door, and other high traffic

areas such as the post office, store, and gas stations. There was mention of a potential LED sign at the city hall in the future for customers to read as they drive by.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizen Alan Threet made a comment thanking the mayor and city council for the \$10.00 credit to residential and rural water bills for February consumption. He also wanted to thank the Dixon Police Department for their quick response, He said there was a disturbance in his neighborhood near 8th street and he called it in, within 4 minutes the police department was there to handle a problem that they didn't have to because it's out of their jurisdiction. He wanted them to know how grateful he was for helping protect all parts of our town.

10. BUSINESS LICENSES

Mayor Null wanted to remind everyone that if you do business in the city of Dixon you are REQUIRED to have a business license. Furthermore, if you own a retail business in the city of Dixon and collect sales tax, you are required to pay those in and show a letter of no tax due provided by the state of Missouri. We will be shutting down and fining any businesses that are not in accordance with these rules in the near future.

11. FURNITURE BUDGET

The council discussed some rough numbers on a budget for the new furniture and computer set up at the new city hall. All wiring that has been roughed in the building inside the walls was paid for by the Cares Act funding, and we will need to pay a contractor for roughly 20 hours of setup for connecting computers, setting up software and network etc. We are expecting to pay an estimated \$2800.00 for this service. The furniture budget has been tabled until we can come up with some numbers to compare about how much we will need to spend per office. Barb Thomas's suggestion for furniture was to try and keep the purchasing local ie; Paul's Furniture in St Robert. Trevor Warnol said he would check on some pricing from the local Amish and we would go through what items are needed, then come back to the table with an estimated dollar amount.

12. EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR RENT AND UTILITIES

Mayor Null and office administrator Deanna Burns made mention of a relief bill (H-B16) that the Governor recently passed which could help provide some relief to tenants/ landlords/ utility companies catch up some past due and delinquent bills.

13. TEMPORARY COURT ACCOUNTS

Mary Wiles made a motion to close out the temporary court accounts, account numbers ending in _____, this motion was seconded by Barbara Thomas. Roll call to vote; Anthony Campbell, Barbara Thomas, Mike Null, Trevor Warnol, Mary Wiles. Diane Shultz voted no.

(Motion Carried 5-1)

14. POLICE VEHICLE

Marshal Brankel and the council spoke about the 2011 blue Ford F-150 police vehicle that the motor blew on. They discussed that it was going to cost about \$8000.00 to repair it, and decided it wasn't worth the cost to repair the old vehicle. They discussed a couple of other options for purchasing a new police vehicle. Mayor Null and Marshal Brankel put the city of Dixon on a wait list to purchase an explorer from the Highway Patrol when one became available, but that wait was an estimated 4 to 5 months. The cost of that would be about \$20,000 dollars and would have about 50K miles on it with a warranty covering the vehicle until 100K miles. It would also cost to purchase and install emergency/police equipment to it after purchase. Marshal Brankel presented the council and citizens with pictures of a 2015 Chevy Tahoe that he found as a government fleet vehicle. This vehicle he negotiated down to a purchase price of \$16,500 and would need about \$750.00 to have the emergency equipment transferred and installed. The Tahoe booked out for \$24,300. The council discussed the benefits of the Tahoe and decided to move forward with the purchase of it.

A motion was made by Barbara Thomas to amend the budget and approve the purchase of the 2015 Chevy Tahoe plus the cost of the equipment transfer totaling \$17,250. This motion was seconded by Trevor Warnol. Roll call to vote; Anthony Campbell, Barbara Thomas, Mike Null, Trevor Warnol, Mary Wiles. Diane Shultz voted no.
(Motion Carried 5-1)

15. TRASH CONTRACT

We need to provide WCA a 3-month (120 day written) notice if we decided to not renew our contract with them. We are going to explore our options to see what else we can do. There was a mention of the possibility of taking our own trash service back over, and mention of attending a work shop to go over what options we might have. No matter what, the council decided that they want all uniform trash cans for the city.

16. JOHN DEERE MOWING TRACTOR

A Motion was made by Barbara Thomas to sell the John Deere mowing tractor for \$750.00, this motion was seconded by Mary Wiles. Roll call to vote; Anthony Campbell, Barbara Thomas, Mike Null, Trevor Warnol, Mary Wiles. Diane Shultz voted no.
(Motion Carried 5-1)

17. FAMILY DOLLAR

In the old H&L parking lot where the new family dollar is being built, there is a drain culvert that runs diagonal across the corner of the parking lot and has rotted out and needs to be replaced. The culvert is to divert water out away from the roadway and was originally installed by the city. The contractors working on the new Family Dollar have agreed to dig up and replace it, and split the cost with the City. The total repair cost will be \$3800.00 and they want to know if the city would be willing to pay a max out of pocket of \$1900.00 to let them replace it.

A Motion was made by Anthony Campbell to split the cost of repairing without exceeding the amount of \$1900.00, this motion was seconded by Barbara Thomas. Roll call to vote; Anthony Campbell, Barbara Thomas, Trevor Warnol, Mary Wiles. Mike Null abstained himself due to personal interest with Family Dollar and the contractors, Diane Shultz voted no.

(Motion Carried 4-1)

18. BUSINESS IN TOWN

Mike Null has 2 interested buyers/businesses that are looking into potentially moving into the old brown shoe factory building. Anthony Campbell also stated that he has two interested parties as well, so a total of 4 potential new business opportunities for the town in this building.

19. At 7:28pm a motion for a 5-minute recess and then return to go into closed session was made by Trevor Warnol, this motion was seconded by Mary Wiles. Roll call to vote; Anthony Campbell, Mike Null, Trevor Warnol, Mary Wiles, Diane Shultz. Barbara Thomas was excused and no longer in the room at the time of motion.

(Motion Carried 5-0)

20. A motion to enter into closed session was made at 7:38pm by Barbara Thomas and was seconded by Mary Wiles. Roll call to vote; Diane Shultz, Anthony Campbell, Barbara Thomas, Mike Null, Trevor Warnol, Mary Wiles.

(Motion Carried 6-0)

21. Motion to come out of closed session and back into open session was made at 8:16pm by Mike Null and was seconded by Anthony Campbell. Roll Call to vote; Diane Shultz, Anthony Campbell, Barbara Thomas, Mike Null, Trevor Warnol, Mary Wiles.

(Motion Carried 6-0)

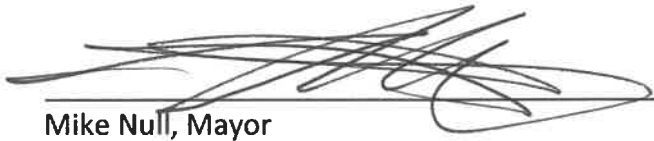
22. PERSONNEL/COUNCIL MEMBERS

The City Council members addressed council woman Diane Shultz about her position as council member, what she is responsible for and what she is not. They addressed her actions and comments toward the city employees and her inappropriate behavior. Barbara Thomas and Mike Null reiterated to Diane that she isn't allowed to go up to city employee's outside of the council meetings and make declaration of what their job is, it's not her position as council member to act as their supervisor. Mike Null made a statement that if we allow this kind of behavior to continue, letters of impeachment will be discussed and pushed forward.

23. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mike Null to adjourn, seconded by Anthony Campbell; Show of hands unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:21PM.

Minutes approved this 15 day of March, 2021


Mike Null, Mayor


Deanna Burns, Office Administrator