

# **CITY OF DIXON**

## **Mike Brown, Mayor**

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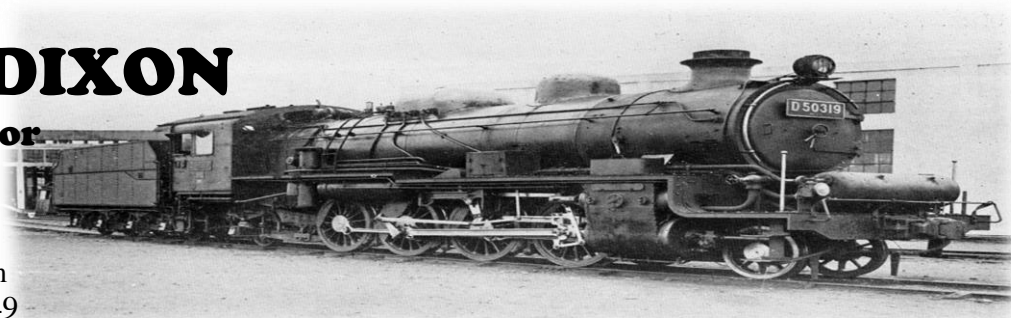
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## **DIXON CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DIXON CITY HALL**

**203 S. Walnut Street**

**November 14, 2018**

**7:00 P.M.**

### **Announcements:**

Catrina from Bassett Insurance advised the council that the premium went from \$31,442.00 to \$35,491.00 which is a difference of \$4,049.00 due on January 1, 2019.

Mayor Brown announced that there will be a Public Workshop on November 20, 2018 with American Water at 7pm here at City Hall. Also stated that everyone was working hard.

### **Call to Order:**

With a quorum present, Mayor Mike Brown called to order the November 14, 2018, special council meeting of Dixon City at 7:00 P.M.

### **Roll Call:**

Mike Brown, Betty Thilges, Dawna Fleming, Marlene Blackburn, Brett Swanson present.  
Barbara Thomas absent.

### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

### **Invocation:**

### **Amend Agenda:**

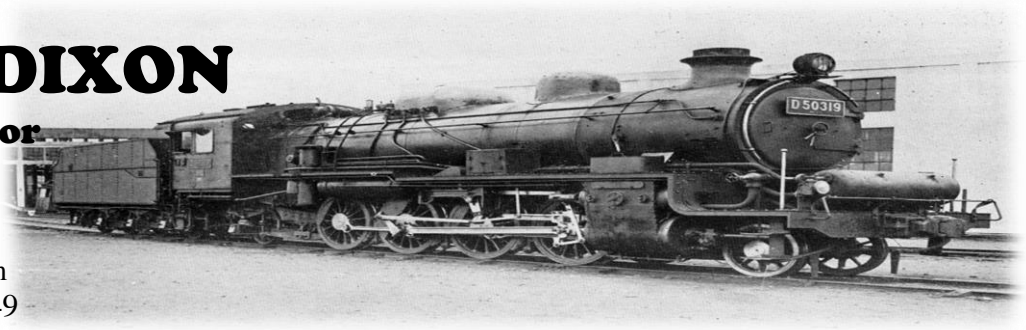
Brett Swanson made a motion to amend the agenda to include the city lights. Suggested to look into turning some of them off around town. Dawna Fleming seconded the motion; roll call vote: Marlene Blackburn, Betty Thilges, Dawna Fleming, Brett Swanson; motion carried 4-0.

Marlene Blackburn made a motion to amend the agenda to include in closed session to discuss and vote to amend the retainer agreement of city attorney Jeff Thomas. Seconded by Dawna Fleming; roll call vote: Marlene Blackburn, Betty Thilges, Dawna Fleming, Brett Swanson; motion carried 4-0.

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Motion was made by Dawna Fleming to adopt the agenda, Brett Swanson seconded the motion; roll call vote: Marlene Blackburn, Betty Thilges, Dawna Fleming, Brett Swanson; motion carried 4-0.

### Agenda Minutes:

Mayor and the Council discussed minutes. Council asked to table the minutes until all the meeting minutes from November 5, 2018 until the council members have time to read them.

Betty Thilges made a motion to table the meeting minutes until the next regular meeting. Dawna Fleming seconded the motion; roll call vote: Marlene Blackburn, Betty Thilges, Dawna Fleming, Brett Swanson; motion carried 4-0.

Betty Thilges	Aye	Nay	_____
Barbara Thomas	Aye	Nay	_____
Marilyn Timmons	Aye	Nay	_____
Dawna Fleming	Aye	Nay	_____
Paul Watson	Aye	Nay	_____
Marlene Blackburn	Aye	Nay	_____

### New Business:

**City Lights.** Brett Swanson suggested talking with Gascosage to turn off some of the lights around to town to help save the city some money. Comment was made about extra patrol if the lights were cut down in some areas for safety reasons. Mayor Brown said we would put it on the agenda for the next meeting for discussion.

**Abolish Elected Officials pay.** Mayor Brown explained that the pay for the council people that their terms are over up in April wouldn't get paid. The council people that their terms are not up in April would continue to get paid. Mayor Brown also explained that the ordinance would have to be rewritten before this would take effect. Betty Thilges expressed her reasoning of keeping hers. Brett Swanson discussed maybe putting it on the ballot for April to have the citizens decide which officials get paid and who don't. Robert Baker brought up that all Elected Officials' pay have their own ordinance. Motion was made by Dawna Fleming to table the discussion on Officials pay; seconded by Betty Thilges; roll call vote: Betty Thilges, Dawna Fleming, Marlene Blackburn, Brett Swanson; motion carried 4-0.

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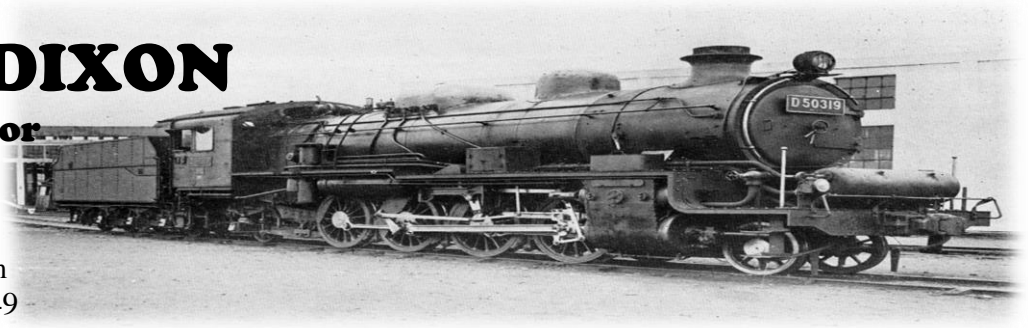
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Dawna Fleming	Aye	Nay	_____
Paul Watson	Aye	Nay	_____
Marlene Blackburn	Aye	Nay	_____

**Marshall's COLA.** Brett Swanson made a motion to terminate COLA payment to Marshall Brankel; Betty Thilges seconded the motion; roll call vote: Betty Thilges, Dawna Fleming, Brett Swanson, Marlene Blackburn; motion carried 4-0.

Betty Thilges	Aye	Nay	_____
Barbara Thomas	Aye	Nay	_____
Marilyn Timmons	Aye	Nay	_____
Dawna Fleming	Aye	Nay	_____
Paul Watson	Aye	Nay	_____
Marlene Blackburn	Aye	Nay	_____

**Jail Contract:** Mayor Brown advised the Council that we should either raise the pay to house inmates to \$55.00 a day or abolishing it. Current income is about \$4,000.00 a month. Bills for Gascosage, Country Mart and Sam's were presented. Attorney Jeff Thomas commented that there are two parties to the contract and we can't cancel the contract.

**Dispatch.** Mayor Brown informed the Council that the Pulaski County 911 could dispatch for \$2,500.00 a year. If we decided to go with Pulaski County it would take a month to transfer. Mayor Brown said we pay dispatchers about \$100,000.00 a year now. City Attorney informed the Council that other places like Crocker have the same concept and still have a dispatcher from 9am to 5pm Monday thru Friday. Marshall Brankel commented that there would be other costs: software, radios, etc. As well as a repeater. The County doesn't run the same frequency. Sargent Paul Schaffer spoke in front of the Council commenting how long he has been here, through a few Marshalls and Councils, his only business is the Police Department, nobody sat down and asked them what needs they had. His concern is the city and the schools. Sargent Schaffer advised the Council that Marshall Brankel as well himself had tendered their resignations to the Mayor. Marshall Brankel informed the Council that he was the lowest paid Marshall in the state out of 280. The Council reduced him from \$565.00 a week to \$363.00 a week.

Betty Thilges	Aye	Nay	_____
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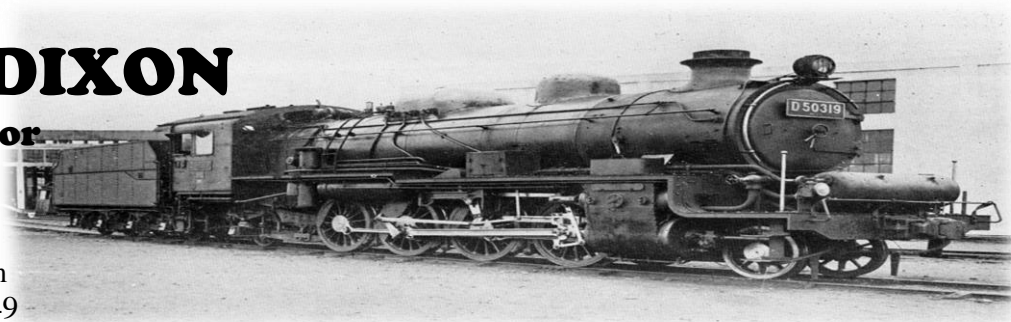
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Paul Watson	Aye	Nay	_____
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**Upgrades to City Hall.** Mayor Brown advised the Council that the upgrades to the City Hall for example the drive through and drop box are tabled for now. Police car: not sure what the Council is going to do right now. Marshall Brankel advised the Council that it will cost \$187.00 to fix the blue Police car. Mayor Brown advised the Council that we haven't made payroll yet so not to vote on any spending as of yet. Maintenance: Fire hydrants not set up for winter, gravel and deicer – got a bid for \$1,750.00 for a tandem (which is around 16 ton), no bid on gravel yet. Mayor Brown asked Josh Lachowicz to get the bids on paper so the Council can see them and make a decision. As well as a bid for pea gravel.

Betty Thilges	Aye	Nay	_____
Barbara Thomas	Aye	Nay	_____
Marilyn Timmons	Aye	Nay	_____
Dawna Fleming	Aye	Nay	_____
Paul Watson	Aye	Nay	_____
Marlene Blackburn	Aye	Nay	_____

**Dog Pound:** Mayor Brown advised the Council that the dog pound needs its own account. Motion was made by Betty Thilges to open a bank account for the dog pound for donations, licenses, seconded by Dawna Fleming, roll call vote: Betty Thilges, Dawna Fleming, Brett Swanson, Marlene Blackburn; motion carried 4-0.

Betty Thilges	Aye	Nay	_____
Barbara Thomas	Aye	Nay	_____
Marilyn Timmons	Aye	Nay	_____
Dawna Fleming	Aye	Nay	_____
Paul Watson	Aye	Nay	_____
Marlene Blackburn	Aye	Nay	_____

**Signature Cards:** Mayor Brown asked if there should be any changes to the signature cards, Betty Thilges answered yes that the City Clerk should be on all signature cards.

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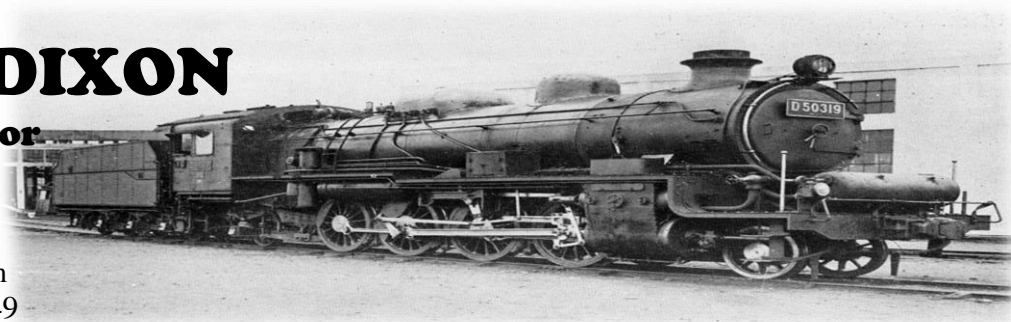
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Marlene Blackburn	Aye	Nay	_____

## **Closed Session as per RSMO 610. For Legal, Personnel and bids.**

Motion was made by Dawna Fleming to go into closed session, seconded by Brett Swanson; roll call vote: Betty Thilges, Dawna Fleming, Brett Swanson, Marlene Blackburn; motion carried 4-0.

Betty Thilges	Aye	Nay	_____
Barbara Thomas	Aye	Nay	_____
Marilyn Timmons	Aye	Nay	_____
Dawna Fleming	Aye	Nay	_____
Paul Watson	Aye	Nay	_____
Marlene Blackburn	Aye	Nay	_____

## **Closed Session:**

Motion was made by Dawna Fleming to go from closed session to open session, seconded by Brett Swanson; roll call vote: Betty Thilges, Dawna Fleming, Brett Swanson, Marlene Blackburn; motion carried 4-0 at 9:31pm.

## **Adjourn**

Motion was made by Betty Thilges to adjourn the meeting, Brett Swanson seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0 (time 9:40 pm) with a show of hands.

FOR ACCOMMODATION DUE TO DISABILITY, PLEASE CALL (573) 759-6115  
TWO WEEKDAYS IN ADVANCE, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 4:30 P.M.

Minutes approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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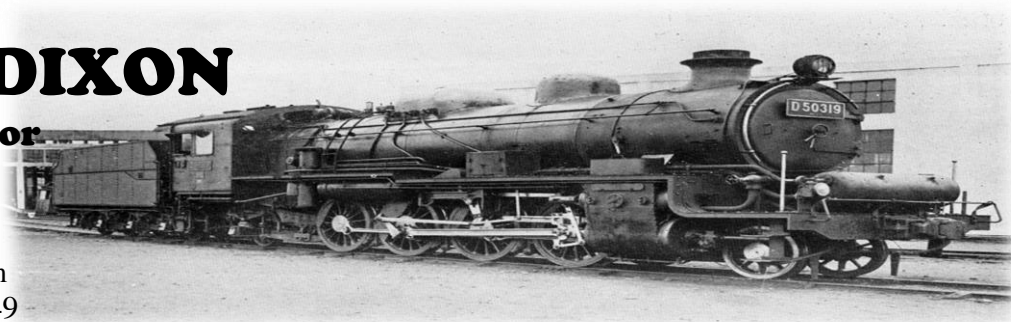
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By the Board of Aldermen, Dixon, MO.

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Barbara Thomas	Aye	Nay	_____
Marilyn Timmons	Aye	Nay	_____
Dawna Fleming	Aye	Nay	_____
Paul Watson	Aye	Nay	_____
Marlene Blackburn	Aye	Nay	_____

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Jessie Fleming, City Clerk

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