

DIXON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Mid America Bank Community Center
216 West 2nd Street
October 6, 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, Shawn Wethington, Allan Kuehl, Diane Shultz, Travis Rollins, Paul Watson (Steven Parker absent)

3. APPROVE SEPTEMBER 2014 MINUTES:

A motion was made by Shawn Wethington and seconded by Diane Shultz to approve the minutes. All Alderman present voting aye, the motion carried.

4. APPROVE AND RATIFY BILLS RECEIVED IN SEPTEMBER:

Allan Kuehl moved to approve the bills the motion was second by Diane Shultz. All Alderman present voting aye, the motion carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of the petition regarding Police Department, Shawn Wethington stated that he looked in to the petition and found nothing to have Mike Plummer removed from office. Shawn Wethington stated that the petition did not specified any one thing that Mike Plummer had done wrong.

Jim Thomas lawyer for Mike Plummer address Council stating that rather than start a petition alleging police corruption, if anyone feels there has been corrupt on going within the Dixon Police Department and have proof, go to the Pulaski County Prosecuting Attorney's office with your documents of proof.

Mike Plummer addressed the council and read of a list of items that since he has been in office that he has brought the Dixon Police department up with new computer Tasers and radar guns.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Sheriff Ron Long addressed the council for questions and answer session. Shawn Wethington brought up the subject of sporting events and invited the Pulaski County Sheriff's department to come out and show a police presence during games and practices. Shawn also asked that thereof there was a contract Pulaski County Deputy within the Dixon Police Department, would there be a cost associated with it. Jeff asked if there could be an agreement between Pulaski County Sheriff's Department and Dixon Police Department, is there a cost effective way to do this. The Pulaski Sheriff's Department has detectives, reserve officers, and CSI technicians which would be at the disposal of the Dixon Police Department. The cost associated with this would be salaries, another dispatcher, equipment, vehicles and fuel. It is not unusual for the County to do contract work. The Dixon Police would then become a satellite office or substation of the County. The County Commissioners set the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department budget and the Sheriff has discretion to use resources as he deems appropriate. Shawn Wethington asked if the Pulaski County Sheriff Department maintains records of response times. The citizens think it sometimes takes too long for the county to respond. Sheriff Long said you cannot compare county response time to Dixon Police Department response times. If a deputy is engaged in an operation at a far side of the county, it is naturally going to take some time for him to respond to the opposite side of the county.

The Pulaski County Chief Deputy, John Groves, and the Sheriff Long both live near the Dixon City Limits. John Groves stated that if called, they would come at any time, even if they had to get out of bed to do so.

Jeff asked that if in the future an agreement is considered, would there be a public questions and answer session. The Sheriff Long stated that there would.

Brian Mathews with Splash Wireless Internet, LLC to discussed new internet proposal to the council, Shawn Wethington made a motion to have Splash Wireless as the City of Dixon Internet and was seconded by Diane Shultz. All Alderman present voting aye, the motion carried And was approved 5-0

Allan Kuehl	yes
Shawn Wethington	yes

Travis Rollins	yes
Paul Watson	yes
Diane Shultz	yes
Steven Parker	absent

7. POLICE REPORT:

No Police report

8. CITY MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Dennis stated that much of the month was spent on routine maintenance, such as trash collection, water shut-offs and turn-ons, water line repairs, flushing water mains, spreading gravel, mowing and weed eating of the parks and seeding and strewing following sewer project work. There was Cow Days prop and cleanup. He was asked what the cost was to connect a new dwelling to city water. The cost to connect to the main from a new residence is \$250. Israel Doba, Soccer Club, discussed Sheppard Park maintenance with Dennis. Normally, Maintenance is not notified until the day of the game and that does not give sufficient time to mow the field. It takes a day and about three additional hours using the 70" cut mower to mow Sheppard Park. Dennis asked about a schedule so that they could plan for mowing. Doba stated that if there was a walking trail and other amenities, there would be more people using the park and less opportunity for vandalism. The culvert that had been previously discussed really needs to be installed. There was a lot of discussion about that and the use of the park for games and practices should end about the end of October. November would be a good time to install that culvert. The Soccer Club is willing to shoulder some of the \$2400 cost for the culvert.

9. CITY ENGINEER REPORT:

John Doyle reported that three more alignments were now completed "J" which is along Highway 28; "G" which is across from the Dixon Middle School to the Hauck Addition; and "L". He next presented three options for the Dale Lane Road Extension. He again reviewed the options with the council and provided to reporters present a request for bids for the Dale Lane Road Extension, which he wants published in the 8th, 15th, and 22nd editions in the Dixon Pilot and the Pulaski County Daily. Bidders are aware of this project and bids will be opened at Dixon City Hall on Friday, October 24th, 2:00 p.m.

The council and the public are invited to attend the bid openings
John Doyle stated that the sewer project is now about 70% complete.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Karen Harsch. She had previously brought to the council information concerning an abandoned house next to her residence. There has been sewage leaking from underneath the house and there is a bad smell. After discussing exactly where this is, it was decided that Dennis Lachowicz and John Doyle will visit the property tomorrow (October 7th).

Steven Beal had two comments for the council. The first comment: Some very large trash collection companies only have one individual on their trash trucks. He noted that Dixon has three individuals on their trash truck and thinks this should be reviewed. The next comment concerned Marshal Plummer. He stated that it has been discerned that the petition to remove Marshal Plummer was invalid and he believes that the council is now trying to backdoor Marshal Plummer by researching the possibility of contracting services from the County Sheriff's Department. He said this would end up costing a half a million dollars.

Several young men approached the podium. They wanted to know if was any way teens could be stopped from swearing, smoking, and bullying on the school buses. One youngman had been threatened that if he didn't pay \$5.00 he would be thrown off the bus. He stated that he told his father about the threat and the other problems as soon as they got off the bus at home. Their dad immediately picked up the phone and called the principal of their school.

10. ADJOURNMENT: 9:06PM

A motion was made by Shawn Wethington and seconded by Travis Rollins to adjourn the meeting. All Alderman present voting aye, the motion carried

CLOSED SESSION AS PER RSMO 610.021 PERSONNEL 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