

DIXON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Mid America Bank Community Center
216 West 2nd Street
September 15, 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: Allan Kuehl, Travis Rollins Jeff Clark, Diane Shultz, Shawn Wethington, Paul Watson and (Steven Parker absent)

3. APPROVE AND RATIFY BILLS RECEIVED IN AUGUST

A motion was made by Allan Kuehl and seconded by Diane Shultz to approve the bills. All Alderman present voting aye, the motion carried.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

No old Business.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Debbie Lutz handed the Council a petition and read a prepared statement accusing Mike Plummer of various misconduct and asking the Council to ask for his resignation or begin impeachment procedures if he refuses to resign.

Mike Plummer stated that the allegation of me covering up for drugs, I'll

be more than willing to take polygraph test that is an absolute lie. Shawn Wethington made a motion to Have Mike Plummer be provided a copy allegations that support the petition and this issue be tabled until the next meeting in October. Jeff Clark stated that this was the first he'd heard of the petition, at least officially. The Council agreed to table the matter pending a response from Mike Plummer.

Mike Plummer went on to say that he still having problems with the internet, and responding to question from the Council, he said it's

possible for his officers to get out of the cars and walk through neighborhoods for community policing purpose.

- A. John Doyle spoke about a Dale Lane proposal of several possible realignments of Dale lane that would eliminate a dead end street by providing a secondary access. The current traffic area of Dale lane is about 12 feet, and sometimes less in places, though the easement is 15 feet, John Doyle is recommending a new easement of 20 feet. Diane Shultz said she wanted to choose a realignment with minimal cutting of trees. Diane Shultz said she would let her know, I'm not a big advocate for cutting down peoples trees. Trees have a purpose. Shawn Wethington asked Dennis if the Fire truck could make it down, Dennis replied that he even has a problem with the trash trucks and fire truck Dale land and other dead end roads, Sunset lane. Shawn Wethington asked the Council to get bids on the cost of all the realignments and Council agreed

John Doyle gave the Council and update of the sewer construction work.

- B. Jeff Clark announced that Shawn Wethington has volunteered to head up a Committee to revitalize Sheppard Park. Shawn Wethington stated that there are problems with athletic field maintenance, the bathrooms are not ADA-compliant, and a person using a wheelchair has a risk of falling. Diane Shultz asked, is this committee more concern about handicapped access or improving the park overall? Shawn Wethington stated that the goal is a broad improvement of the park and handicapped issued are only some examples of problems.
- C. Jeff Clark announce the disbanding of the Dixon Revitalization Committee, which was instrumental in dealing with 21 problematic structures in the City. Jeff Clark stated that some of these structures that are left are owned by people who have moved away and some have passed away. He said that he was still waiting to get confirmation on who is the actual owner.

6. POLICE REPORT:

No Police Report

7. CITY MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Dennis went over the Maintenance Report.

8. CITY ENGINEER REPORT:

John Doyle updated the Council on the sewer project.

9. OPEN PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SECTION:

Bruce McNulty is requesting that his name be removed from the petition against Mike Plummer on the grounds that he didn't understand the full intent of the Petition. Paul Helton has also requested that his name be removed.

Brian Willis, one of the petition organizers stated that he apologized to the people who did not understand the petition, but others are upset that Mike Plummer has talked to people who signed the petition. Brian Willis stated that Even Hillman told him that if the Marshal talked to anyone on the petition it would be considered Harassment.

Jeff Clark said, correct me if I'm wrong, but you are saying the Marshal talked to people who signed the petition with the intention of pressuring them?

Shawn Wethington said that it's important to let the Marshal to the claims of the petition.

Marlene Blackburn asked How are you going to ensure that the police department does not retaliate against people for signing the petition.

Diane Shultz stated that it is the people's constitutional right to petition the government, and she will advocate on behalf of the people who believe they have been

The petition organizer said people who called to complain about misconduct were hung up on by the dispatcher so she called the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Chief Deputy John Groves and state Attorney's office told her to go to the City Council.

Chuck Eads ask why his alderman Steven Parker was not present and has missed 11 meetings. Allen Kuehl said it is very difficult to remove an elected official even if the official does not show up for meetings.

Steven Beal said the he could not imagine why anyone would want to get rid of the police force we have now who actually does something instead of just sit around and play golf.

A motion was made by Diane Shultz and seconded by Shawn Wethington to adjourn the open session meeting and go into closed session All Alderman Present voting aye, the motion carried

CLOSED SESSION FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS & REAL ESTATE

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Diane Shultz and seconded by Paul Watson to adjourn the Closed Session and go back into open session meeting. All Alderman present voting aye, the motion carried

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

CLOSED SESSION AS PER RSMO 610.021 FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS & REAL ESTATE

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