

Dixon City Commission
Called Session
Monday, August 16, 2021, 6pm

Dixon City Commission met in session Monday, August 16, 2021, 6 p.m. Attending were Mayor Carolyn Townsend, Commissioners Terry Webb, Randy Norman, and Dorris Crowley, City Attorney Ben Leonard, City Clerk Barbara Goff, and City resident Jeff Graham.

Mayor Townsend announced the recent passing of Commissioner James Poe, which leaves a vacant seat on the Commission. The vacancy must be filled within 30 days or would be appointed by the Governor, and Mayor Townsend believes it would benefit the City to appoint before the decision reaches the next level. The City may accept applications or may proceed to vote if a resident was recommended.

Dixon resident Jeff Graham was present at the meeting, and made an introduction for himself. Mr. Graham is a minister who used to ^{be} pastor a church in Dixon, currently assists at Providence Food Bank, was previously on a park commission for the city of Dawson Springs. Mr. Graham's wife operates a bakery in Dixon. As a resident concerned for his community, he felt he should be step up and be involved in the community.

Commissioner Terry Webb made a motion to appoint Jeff Graham as a Dixon City Commissioner, seconded by Commissioner Norman, all ayes. Mayor Townsend administered the oath of office to Mr. Graham, whose term runs through December 2022.

Mayor Townsend announced regulations on approved uses of funds for the American Rescue Plan Act are still coming out, so the City may wait to budget the funds. GRADD is expected to host a roundtable discussion concerning the matter in the next month, and Commissioners are invited to attend. ARPA funds will be subject to a separate audit, and all expenses must be validated. Some eligible uses of funds include small business grants to businesses who lost income due to the pandemic, improvement to parks, improvements to water distribution infrastructure, and premium pay for essential workers (including first responders). Current likely plans for the funds include contracted mowing at Bourland Park, restroom renovation at Baker Park, a donation to Providence Food Bank, among other ideas. No final decisions were made.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Crowley, all ayes.

Signed: 
Carolyn Townsend, Mayor, City of Dixon


Barbara Goff, City Clerk, City of Dixon