

Dixon City Commission
Regular Session
Monday, January 11, 2021, 6pm

Dixon City Commission met in session, online via Zoom, Monday, January 11, 2021, 6 p.m. Attending were Mayor Carolyn Townsend, Commissioners Terry Webb, Dorris Crowley, and James Poe, City Attorney Ben Leonard, and City Clerk Barbara Goff.

Minutes were approved on a motion by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Crowley, all ayes.

Recent costs to the City were higher than usual due to expenditures related to the CARES Act. Face masks and hand sanitizers for a donation to Webster County School's Dixon campuses, as well as for community distribution, were purchased. Due to the transfer of CARES funds to the County not being approved by the State, the City financed a website planned to be used to support Webster County using the City's CARES funds. A Request for Reimbursement has been submitted to the State, and the City is awaiting approval.

Bills were approved on a motion by Commissioner Crowley, seconded by Commissioner Webb, all ayes.

Mayor Townsend reported there is a new grant available for playground equipment. She has been in contact with Park Board member Amy Oakley to research and plan for using such grant. The idea is to add at least one piece of equipment to Bourland Park, but primarily add to the sensory area at Baker Park, since Baker is used more often. The grant would pay 75% of cost, with the City being responsible for 25%.

Mayor Townsend has also spoken again with Tim Smith regarding resetting and stabilizing the bridge on the walking trail at Baker Park. The project has been delayed due to weather.

The Water Department has installed 24 new meter replacements, with another 36 expected to arrive soon. The computer for meter readings has been repaired and returned to the City; a technician from Master Meter is scheduled this week to install. During the process of replacing meters, some new lids have been installed as well.

Committee appointments for 2021 were presented to the Commission. Mayor Pro Tem: Terry Webb; Water Committee: Randy Norman; Street Committee: James Poe; Administrative Committee: Mayor Carolyn Townsend, Terry Webb, and Dorris Crowley. Authorized to sign checks with the City Clerk was Mayor Carolyn Townsend and Terry Webb. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Crowley, all ayes.

Board renewals were also presented to the Commission as follows:

Park Board

Amy Oakley	01/15/2021-01/15/2023
Scott Townsend	01/15/2021-01/15/2023
Marcey Mahurin	01/14/2020-01/14/2023
Rachel Snyder	02/13/2020-02/13/2024
Darrin Townsend	02/13/2017-02/13/2021

Code Enforcement Board:

Sondra Norman, Code Enforcement Officer	01/11/2021-01/11/2024
Stace Poole	01/11/2021-01/11/2024
Teresa Johnson	01/11/2021-01/11/2024
Janice Baker	01/11/2021-01/11/2024

City Ethics Commission:


Patty Warren	01/11/2021-01/15/2023
Mack Townsend	01/11/2021-01/15/2023
Ronald Owens	01/11/2021-01/15/2023

It was noted some renewals were set to expire coinciding with Mayor Townsend's end of term so that the next mayor would be able to choose their board members. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Crowley, all ayes.

There was brief discussion regarding Stone Lane. The small road was once paved by the City, but was never officially dedicated as a City street. As such, City Attorney Leonard stated no hearing was necessary to remove the street from the City's listing. Stone Lane is a dead end road, currently located on private property and the new owner has placed a chain across the entrance. A motion to remove Stone Lane as a possible city street was made by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Poe.

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

Signed: 
Terry Webb, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Dixon


Barbara Goff, City Clerk, City of Dixon