

Dixon City Commission
Regular Session
Monday, March 8, 2021, 6pm

Dixon City Commission met in session Monday, March 8, 2021, 6 p.m. online via Zoom. Attending were Mayor Pro Tem Terry Webb (presiding due to Mayor Carolyn Townsend's absence), Commissioners Randy Norman, Dorris Crowley, and James Poe, City Attorney Ben Leonard, and City Clerk Barbara Goff.

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

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

Commissioner Poe reported he has been reviewing city streets looking for breaks in the asphalt that may have occurred with recent snow.

Public Works is continuing their work on replacing water meters.

Commissioner Crowley reported there is a washed out culvert on 132W that children have been noticed climbing into. The state transportation department is scheduled to work with the City to repair. A traffic cone has been put in place to warn drivers of the area until the culvert can be repaired.

A letter was read regarding a complaint against a property located at 247 US Hwy 132W. The letter was sent to the City anonymously, and stated the property owner is building up a large amount of trash, to the point a roof is collapsing to the building the trash is being stored. Commissioner Webb drove by the area and noticed several other properties in the vicinity that also need to be cleaned. Commissioner Norman announced the City's Code Enforcement Officer will be mailing a letter to the property owner to request cleaning up, and if no progress is made within ten days of the letter, an on-site inspection may be completed, which may result in a violation being written to the property owner.

A second reading of an amendment to City Ordinance 51.04 regarding reconnection fees was approved on a motion by Commissioner Norman, seconded by Commissioner Crowley, all ayes.


Pete Dehaven, owner of multiple locations in Dixon, was present to address the Commission. Mr. Dehaven recently requested water service be restored to 395 US Hwy 132W and 750F US Hwy 41AS, but was met with a balance owed from previous tenants that was to be paid before service would be restored. City Ordinance 51.08 states "should a renter or lessee vacate the property owing utility charges, the City may refuse to reconnect water service to that service line until such time as the property owner has paid in full all outstanding water service account charges for that service line..." Mr. Dehaven did decide to pay the outstanding charges in order to have service restored to the locations to be able to make repairs in preparation for new tenants, but he believes he should not be held responsible for the extravagant charges. During the time the charges were accrued, he was unable to evict the tenants for non-payment due to Executive Order by the Governor of Kentucky regarding Covid-19, and the City was also unable to disconnect service for non-payment due to the same reason. Mr. Dehaven states the tenants abandoned the properties without notifying anyone, however, bills continued to accrue. Mr. Dehaven noted he is aware the City offers adjustments for leak costs, but questioned if the City offered help with bills that are Covid-19 related. At the current time, all utility assistance programs must be applied for by customers, and the City nor Mr. Dehaven qualify for utility


assistance relief. Commissioner Crowley presented the idea that Mr. Dehaven could request repayment by the tenants in small claims court, but Mr. Dehaven does not know where the tenants now reside. Commissioner Webb made a motion to table the discussion to allow for research on the matter before a decision is made, seconded by Commissioner Crowley, all ayes.

Mr. Dehaven also brought to the Commission's attention an area of Bourland Avenue that has bushes grown over the road, restricting traffic to one lane. The City hopes to have this problem resolved soon.

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

Signed: _____


Carolyn Townsend, Mayor, City of Dixon


Barbara Goff, City Clerk, City of Dixon