

Dixon City Commission
Regular Session
Monday, August 14, 2023, 6pm

Dixon City Commission met in session Monday, August 14, 2023, 6 p.m. Attending were Mayor Dorris Crowley, Commissioners Terry Webb, Randy Norman, Jeff Graham, and Peggy Poole, City Attorney C. Alex Willson, City Clerk Barbara Goff, Code Enforcement Board members Sondra Norman and Stace Poole, and resident Janice Baker.

Prior to a request from Ms. Baker, Mayor Crowley expressed appreciation to her on behalf of the City. Ms. Baker has taken on the task of decorating and watering the City's flower planter boxes and has done a wonderful job with the project. Ms. Baker presented a plan for fall and winter decorations, with a request the City cover expenses totaling \$300 or less. Some of the decorations she intends to purchase will be able to be saved and reused. Commissioner Poole made a motion to allow Ms. Baker the requested finances to decorate the planter boxes, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes. It was noted the boxes are in need of being painted, and a community group may volunteer for the project.

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

Bills were approved on a motion by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Poole, all ayes. Mrs. Poole noted the water bill for Baker Park was nearly \$600, largely due to the splash pad. The Park Board has discussed building a retaining wall to help prevent an extreme amount of water loss from the splash pad, and the Commission hopes to see that completed before next summer.

Water loss overall was at 38%. Leaks on Lakeview Drive, near the WC Health Department, and behind the flower shop on 41A S have been repaired, all of which combined were an estimated 800,000 gallons of loss. Though it is not expected to be granted, Mayor Crowley will be checking with Webster County Water District to see if any adjustments due to leaks within the City may be authorized.

Dixon Fire Department completed 14 runs during July.

The Park Board is planning a burgoo fundraiser on October 28.

Mayor Crowley announced the resignations of Rachel Snyder from the Park Board and Scott Townsend from the Ethics Commission. Commissioner Webb made a motion to accept the resignations, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes.

Upon recommendation from the Park Board, Commissioner Webb made a motion to appoint Eddie Branson and Scott Townsend to the Park Board, with terms expiring 12/31/2024, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes.

Upon recommendation from Mayor Crowley, Commissioner Norman made a motion to appoint Adam Yates to the Ethics Commission, with a term expiring 1/9/2025, seconded by Commissioner Poole, all ayes.

An amendment to an ordinance regarding returned check fees was approved for a first read on a motion by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Poole, all ayes. The amendment would allow for all types of payment, not just checks, to be charged a returned fee, and increases the fee to \$35.

A first reading of a budget amendment for 2022-23 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Norman, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes. The amendment is made to allow the budget to match actual revenues of \$1,166,031.76.

Following the recent sale of Bourland Park, it was briefly discussed how to handle the funds received from the sale. Since the ultimate goal is to reinvest the funds in Baker Park via grant-matching, Commissioner Webb made a motion to invest the \$60,000 from the sale of Bourland Park into a Certificate of Deposit for up to 13 months, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes.

The Code Enforcement Board presented a recommendation to increase the salary of the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) by \$100 monthly. The CEO started working with the City in September of 2022, and was given a \$25 salary increase in October 2022, bringing current salary to \$225 monthly. Commissioner Webb made a motion to table a decision on the increase pending a budget analysis, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes.

Mayor Crowley made a recommendation to begin posting City Board meeting minutes to the City's website. Commissioner Poole made a motion to the same, seconded by Commissioner Graham all ayes.

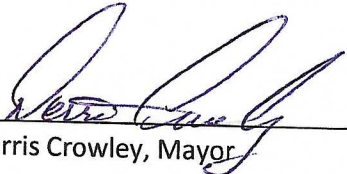
A first reading of the 2023 property tax rates was approved on a motion by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Norman, all ayes. The approval granted accepting the 4% increase rate, listing real property at 0.122 and personal property at 0.1646. Due to accepting the increase rate, a public hearing will be held prior to a second reading of the ordinance.


Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve E. Matt Cobb, Public Works Director, as a voting delegate during the upcoming Kentucky Rural Water Association annual conference, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes.

Commissioner Poole made a motion to enter closed session due to pending litigation, seconded by Commissioner Norman, all ayes. Following the session, Commissioner Norman made a motion to resume the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes. There was no report.

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

Signed: _____


Dorris Crowley, Mayor


Barbara Goff, City Clerk