

Dixon City Commission
Regular Session
Monday, February 13, 2023, 6pm

Dixon City Commission met in session Monday, February 13, 2023, 6 p.m. Attending were Mayor Dorris Crowley, Commissioners Terry Webb, Randy Norman (via Zoom), Jeff Graham, and Peggy Poole, City Attorney C. Alex Willson, City Clerk Barbara Goff, and Code Enforcement Officer Jessica Veach.

Minutes were approved on a motion by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Poole, all ayes.

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

Commissioner Graham reported the City needs to be in contact with the State regarding the surfacing of US Hwy 132.

Dixon Fire Department completed 17 runs in January. They are in need of volunteers at this time.

Several properties were discussed during a Code Enforcement review.

Per decision of the Code Enforcement Board, a lien has been filed against the property at 132 US Hwy 41A N. Since the filing, some new legal complications have arose. There are multiple property owners, but as reported by Mr. Willson, all are agreeable to deeding the property over to the City if the lien is released. Mr. Willson will contact the owners to inform the City is also agreeable, and further discussion will be held at the next Commission meeting.

664 US Hwy 41A S – An appeal hearing was held, and property owner was given an extended time but has not brought property up to code. A citation will be mailed this week.

976 US Hwy 41A S – USPS attempted delivery 4 times without success. Mrs. Veach is looking into how to ensure delivery of notification of violation.

124 St Rt 132 W is currently undergoing demolition by the property owner.

The Code Enforcement Board is trying to settle these cases before moving on to additional cases.

Mayor Crowley reported water loss has been significantly lowered in the last several months. January loss was only 23,000 gallons, compared to over 2 million gallons at one point last fall.

A motion to appoint Vicky Tillman to complete the Park Board was made by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Webb, all ayes. Ms. Tillman will serve until 12/31/2024.

Mandy Fambrough was appointed last month to the Ethics Commission, but declined the appointment before taking oath. A motion to appoint Geraldine Rich to the Ethics Commission was made by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Webb, all ayes. Mrs. Rich will serve until 2/13/2024.

A motion to approve a first reading of an ordinance amendment raising the reconnection fee for water customers from \$25.00 to \$50.00 was made by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes.

A first reading of an ordinance adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances was approved on a motion by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Webb, all ayes.

A first reading of an ordinance adopting an incentive program for city officials to obtain training related to city government was approved on a motion by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Poole, all ayes. The incentive program includes the Mayor and Commission members, as well as City

Clerk and Public Works Director, and results in earning \$500 for completion of qualified training in each calendar year.

Mayor Crowley discussed the need to begin passing along some charges for meter boxes to customers who destroy the boxes, lids, and setters to the point of needing replacement. To date, the City has replaced these items free of charge, but with rising costs, the City cannot continue with the expense. The Commission agreed to charge customers for replacement of these which are destroyed by the fault of the customer, but Mr. Willson advised an ordinance to do so may be needed. A first reading is expected at next month's meeting.

Mayor Crowley announced he and Clerk Goff had a meeting with the City's insurance representative to review Property, Liability, and Worker's Compensation policies. Some updates were made, including removing the house at Baker Park that has been sold. Commissioner Graham made a motion to approve increasing the deductible from \$500 to \$1,000, seconded by Commissioner Webb, all ayes.

Commissioner Poole made a motion to accept a proposal from Spectrum Enterprise to update the City's phone system and internet speeds, seconded by Commissioner Webb, all ayes. This will be an increase of about \$90 monthly to the current billing.

Commissioner Poole made a motion to accept a proposal from VC3 regarding cyber security, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes. This motion was made with the provision that VC3's services will not interfere with the City's utility billing provider.

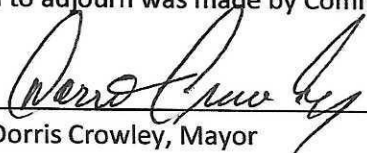
Commissioner Poole made a motion to give Rod Martin with Klingner & Associates authority to discuss a City water line replacement project with GRADD, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes.

Mayor Crowley announced Bourland Park is closed until further notice due to the roosting of vultures throughout the park, which has created a safety and health hazard. The park is also in need of several repairs, which until made, could pose a significant liability to the City.

A motion to approve a first reading of an ordinance establishing a Tourism Board was made by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Webb, all ayes. There are to be 3 to 5 members, serving 2 year unpaid terms. The City has opened a checking account for Tourism purposes, and deposits have been made to the account related the Hero Banners project. Also intended to be planned is a Veteran's Day celebration, including a parade.

Commissioner Webb addressed the Commission regarding recently being informed the soccer league that uses Baker Park charges admissions to soccer games held there. It is assumed the soccer organization retains all funds generated by admissions, as well as concessions. The City does not currently have a written agreement with the soccer organization in place. This is an issue that needs to be addressed at the next Park Board meeting. Also, the need to for a liability waiver was discussed.

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

Signed: 
Dorris Crowley, Mayor


Barbara Goff, City Clerk