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

Dixon City Commission met in session Monday, March 13, 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 Officer Jessica Veach, and Code Enforcement Board members Sondra Norman and Stace Poole.

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

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

Commissioner Noman commended Public Works, the Mayor, and Mayor Pro Tem for their combined efforts in finding and repairing water leaks within the City. There has been a noticeable decrease in the cost of water purchased by the City.

Commissioner Webb reported from the most recent Park Board meeting that a chairman has been named for the board, and discussions were held regarding repairs at the concession stand at Baker Park and future fundraisers.

The state transportation department has been contacted about St. Rt. 132, and a large pothole on Lydia St. has been repaired.

Dixon Fire Department completed 11 total runs in February.

CEO Veach reported the Code Enforcement Board is currently working 8 active cases. One of those cases, for 132 US Hwy 41A N, is waiting for one more signature to allow the property to be deeded to the City.

A second reading of an ordinance increasing the reconnect fee for water/sewer customers who have been disconnected due to non-payment from \$25 to \$50 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes.

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

A second reading of an ordinance approving a training incentive program, overseen by Kentucky League of Cities, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Poole, all ayes.

A first reading of an ordinance related to damaged water equipment was approved on a motion by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Norman, all ayes. The ordinance would hold customers responsible for the cost of replacing water service related equipment to which they caused damage, instead of the City absorbing the expense.

A second reading of an ordinance establishing a Tourism Board was approved on a motion by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes. The board will consist of 3-5 members for staggered terms, and will be unpaid.

Approval of recent revisions to the City's Personnel Policy and Procedures and Drug Free Workplace Policy was approved on a motion by Commissioner Norman, seconded by Commissioner Poole, all ayes.

Appointments to the Tourism Board were approved on a motion by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Norman, all ayes. Mandy Fambrough will serve 3 years, while Casie Corbett and Monica Duncan will serve 2 years.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to begin taking applications for a part time or temporary position for Public Works, seconded by Commissioner Norman, all ayes. The position would provide assistance for the Public Works Director during the busy summer season.

A resolution to oppose Kentucky Senate Bill 50 and House Bill 50, which would require partisan elections at the City level, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Webb, all ayes.

A resolution to apply for and execute a grant for crumb rubber/tire derived products at Baker Park playground and the area between the pavilion and splash pad was approved on a motion by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Norman, all ayes.

A first reading of an ordinance related the Parks, Playground, and Recreation Board was approved on a motion by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Webb, all ayes. Previously, the ordinance authorized the Park Board chairman to be a signor for withdrawals from the Park Board's account; the amendment removes that capability from the chairman, and adds the Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Crowley proposed the City apply for a Land and Water Conservation grant for Baker Park, calling for a large expansion of that park, which he hopes would eventually include more sports fields and an additional concession stand. In order to follow this plan, he made a recommendation to place Bourland Park for sale. Bourland Park is outdated with several safety hazards, and also has a health hazard due to the roosting of vultures in the area. It would be in the City's best interest in several ways to invest all park funds into one park. City Attorney Willson reported he has viewed the deed to the property and the City owns the property with no restraints. The land was originally purchased with coal severance monies, not a grant, so the City would be able to sell if they choose.

Commissioner Poole made a motion to sell the area known as "Bourland Park," seconded by Commissioner Webb, all ayes.

Commissioner Norman made a motion to have the property appraised so the City would be able to set a minimum acceptable price, seconded by Commissioner Webb, all ayes.

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

Signed:

Dorris Crowley, Mayor

Barbara Goff, City Clerk