

Dixon City Commission  
Regular Session  
Monday, May 8, 2023, 6pm

Dixon City Commission met in session Monday, May 8, 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.

Commissioner Poole made a motion to open a Public Hearing for LGEA and MRA, seconded by Commissioner Webb, all ayes.

Following a question from present media, and no other comments, Commissioner Norman made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes.

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

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

Commissioner Norman reported water loss is down to 12.5%, compared to 47% at this time last year. A large leak was repaired last week.

Commissioner Webb gave a report from the last meeting of the Park Board.

Hunter Phillips from GRADD attended and answered questions regarding Land and Water Conservation grants that could be used at the park. Applications for the grant are due annually on May 31, so the City will begin preparing now to apply in 2024.

The Park Board hosted a fundraiser May 6 during soccer games at Baker Park, and raised \$779.00. Webster County Youth Soccer also made a \$100.00 donation to Dixon Parks during the event.

Dixon Fire Department completed 15 runs during April.

Mrs. Veach provided a written report to the Commission, which included updates on six properties. Mrs. Norman, chair of the Code Enforcement Board, announced the Board is approaching a means to collect fines without placing liens, which will likely lead to district court for some property owners. The Board's ultimate goal is simple – to have nice looking properties throughout the City.

Mayor Crowley asked for the Commission's authority to hire a part time employee to assist Public Works when a candidate is found. The request was approved on a motion by Commissioner Norman, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes, with a pay rate set at \$10-12 to be determined by experience of the candidate.

Lori Hayes was appointed to serve a one year term on the Tourism Board by motion from Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Webb, all ayes.

The first reading of the 2023-24 budget, totaling \$1,125,807.03, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Webb, all ayes. The motion included a \$0.50 hourly pay increase for the City's current two full time employees, effective July 1, which will slightly alter the total amount of the budget.

Mayor Crowley announced that interest rates for Certificates of Deposit have increased at United Community Bank, where the City currently holds three CD accounts. Commissioner Graham made a motion to close the CD accounts early with a 30-day interest penalty, and reopen the accounts, which are currently at 1%, for a term of 13 months at the bank's current rate of 5.1%, seconded by Commissioner Webb, all ayes. The motion also included giving the City Clerk authority to make the changes.

A first reading of an ordinance amendment related to the Code Enforcement Board was approved on a motion by Commissioner Norman, seconded by Commissioner Poole, all ayes. The amendment was drafted using a template from Kentucky League of Cities in order to bring the City into State compliance.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to enter closed session, citing KRS 61.810b, potential sale or acquisition of property, seconded by Commissioner Poole, all ayes. Following about a twenty minute closed session, Commissioner Webb made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes.

Mayor Crowley announced the City has received confirmation from Kentucky Department for Local Government that there are no grant restrictions tied to Bourland Park, and asked for a motion to sell the park. Commissioner Webb made a motion to sell the property known as Bourland Park by way of sealed bids, with a \$70,000 reserve, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes. Mr. Willson and Ms. Goff will work together to draft the advertisement.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Dorris Crowley, Mayor

  
Barbara Goff, City Clerk