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

Dixon City Commission met in session Monday, November 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 Barb Goff, and Code Enforcement Officer Jessica Veach.

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

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

Water loss for October was at 33%. A leak responsible for 29% of the 33% was repaired on Lakeview Drive.

The Park Board's most recent meeting was October 5, and there are no plans for another meeting until after the first of the year, although that has not been scheduled. A burgoo fundraiser was held October 28, raising nearly \$500.

A portion of Robert Hill Drive that had been damaged in order to complete a leak repair has been repaired. An end of Stegal Street has also been repaired.

Dixon Fire Department completed 17 runs during the month of October.

Mrs. Veach gave a brief report regarding Code Enforcement activity. She will be mailing tomorrow 3 letters for new cases, a lien against the property has been filed and a second citation issued for one ongoing case, and another ongoing case will be posted as condemned.

A motion to table to a request from the Code Enforcement Board until next month was made by Commissioner Norman, seconded by Commissioner Webb, all ayes.

The recent Veterans Day Celebration, hosted by Dixon Tourism Board, was a success, and plans are underway for a repeated event next year.

Mayor Crowley approached Attorney Willson regarding the sale of property at 71 US Hwy 41A N, considering no bids were received. Mr. Willson will research alternative routes for the City to sell the property and report at the next meeting.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve a first reading of an ordinance to renew a franchise agreement with Kenergy, at the same 3% of revenues as the previous agreement, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes.

Mayor Crowley announced a member of the community has approached him about instituting a restaurant tax within the City, and he presented the option to the Commission. After brief discussion, Commissioner Webb made a motion to indefinitely table the idea, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes.

A Christmas dinner for City Commission, employees, board members, and Fire Department volunteers was scheduled for December 14 at 6 at Dixon Fire Department. A motion for the City to provide meat for the meal was made by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Poole, all ayes.

The Commission approved a request from Webster County Public Library in May 2022 to install a sidewalk between the library and WC Senior Center. Commissioner Webb made a motion to proceed with the sidewalk installation using Street Fund monies, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes.

A first reading of an ordinance amendment to increase water rates was approved on a motion by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Poole, all ayes. The amendment increases water rates for all customer types in the following manner: increase minimum base rate by \$3; increase by \$2 per thousand up to next 5,000 gallons after 2,000 base; increase by \$1 per thousand every thousand over 7,000 gallons used. All members of the Commission agreed the increase is undesirable, but necessary in order to allow Dixon Waterworks to continue operating without creating a more significant loss.

A first reading of an ordinance relating to Boards that operate under the City's umbrella was approved on a motion by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Poole, all ayes. The new ordinance stipulates that all city boards must meet once monthly and follow Open Records and Open Meetings guidelines as referenced in KRS 61.810(1)-61.880, should submit minutes of each meeting within 7 days of the meeting, and submit written requests to the Commission for any projects requiring City funding. The Ethics Board will not be held to the monthly meeting stipulation, but instead will meet as needed, within 7 days of any complaint received.

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

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Barbara Goff, City Clerk