Dixon City Commission Regular Session Monday, May 13, 2024, 6pm

Dixon City Commission met in session Monday, May 13, 2024, 6 p.m. Attending were Mayor Dorris Crowley, Commissioners Terry Webb, Jeff Graham, and Peggy Poole, City Attorney Lindsay Durbin, City Clerk Barb Goff, Code Enforcement Office Jessica Veach, and Park Board member Mandee O'Leary. Jeannie Quattrocchi from GRADD was also present.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to open a public hearing for LGEA/MRA funds, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes. As there were no comments, Commissioner Poole made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Webb, all ayes.

Commissioner Graham made a motion to open a public hearing for a Baker Park Upgrades Project, seconded by Commissioner Webb, all ayes.

Jeannie presented that GRADD is preparing a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application on behalf of the City, for improvements at Baker Park. Projects to be included are solar lighting for the walking trail, commercial-grade stainless steel features for the splash pad, and fencing around the basketball court. The total cost for the project is \$58,285. The grant is a 50/50 match, so the City would be responsible for cash and in-kind labor in the amount of \$29,142. It is expected the decision of grant awards can take up to 10 months, and if awarded to the City, another 6-8 months for authorization to proceed with the work. Jeannie announced there will be a collection of concurrence forms from community members to show support for the project, and these may be completed by anyone, not just Webster County residents.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Poole, all ayes.

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

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

Water loss for April was at 23%. A new leak was discovered in the Woodland Acres area and is expected to be repaired soon.

Dixon Fire Department responded to 14 runs in April. They also responded to a house fire on Burnt Mill Rd last week, where an estimated 70,000 gallons of water was used to help extinguish the fire.

Commissioner Graham commended the Park Board for their work on the LWCF grant application. New LED lights have been added to Baker Park near concession and playground areas.

Jessica updated that 6 cases remain active of 10 that were active as of April 18. Three of those active cases will be personally posted at the property due to lack of delivery acceptance of mailings.

Bids for a 1999 F250 pickup were opened. OR Reinhard submitted a bid for \$801.50, and Danny Liggett a bid for \$1627.00. Commissioner Poole made a motion to accept the highest bid, with funds being deposited into the General Fund, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes.

A bid was opened from Atmos Energy for the renewal of a gas franchise. The bid was for 1% of gross revenues to be paid annually for a term of 20 years. Commissioner Graham made a motion to accept the bid, seconded by Commissioner Poole, all ayes.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve a recommendation by the Park Board regarding new members, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes. Barb Goff will be removed from the Park Board, and Meagan Harvey and Jody Hughes will fill vacant roles, with terms expiring December 31, 2024.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to proceed with gravelling an area at Baker Park to serve as a parking lot expansion, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes. The project is expected cost around \$4,000 and be completed before fall soccer season. Funds from the sale of Bourland Park may be used to cover the cost, provided there will be no penalty removing the funds from the CD purchased.

A resolution stating the City will reserve funds necessary for the matching amount of an LWCF grant application was approved on a motion by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes.

Park Board Bylaws were approved on a motion by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Poole, all ayes.

An invoice from Discount Playground Supply was discussed. Border pieces were purchased to be placed as a retaining wall around the splash pad, and Mayor Crowley asked the Commission if they desired to request to share the expense with the Park Board. Commissioner Poole made a motion the City's Park Fund be used to pay the entire invoice, seconded by Commissioner Graham, all ayes.

Mayor Crowley gave a brief overview of expenses directly related to the splash pad at Baker Park. Opening expenses for this year have already exceed \$3,000, and a new pump is still needed at a cost around \$500.

Commissioner Poole made a motion to renew Lori Hayes as a Tourism Board member for a one year term, seconded by Commissioner Webb, all ayes.

A first reading of a budget amendment for 2023-24 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Poole, all ayes.

A first reading of a proposed budget for 2024-25 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Webb, all ayes.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to enter closed session, citing KRS 61.810.1.c, pending litigation, seconded by Commissioner Poole, all ayes. Following, Commissioner Webb made a motion to resume public session, seconded by Commissioner Poole, 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