



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
DIXON CITY COUNCIL

December 20, 2011

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the Dixon City Council was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers by Mayor Jack Batchelor, Jr.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Jack Batchelor, Jr.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Thom Bogue, Rick Fuller,
Vice Mayor Michael Ceremello, Mayor Jack Batchelor, Jr.

Absent: Councilmember Dane Besneatte*

*Councilmember Besneatte arrived at 7:09 p.m.

4. **AUDIENCE/PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)**

None.

5. **ITEMS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL**

5.1 Vice Mayor Ceremello reminded everyone of the Toys for Tots campaign in the City and invited the public to join in distributing baskets for seniors at Christmas on Saturday, December 24th.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6.1 **Matters relating to the Northeast Quadrant Well Project:**

Consider approval of a Reimbursement Agreement with Property Owners for engineering and design fees.

OR

Consider budget amendment of \$85,000 to fund Northeast Quadrant Well Project engineering and design fees.

Joan Michaels Aguilar, Interim Finance and Technology Director, reported that each property owner within the Northeast Quadrant Well Project area has agreed to sign a reimbursement agreement for the \$85,000 in engineering and design fees subsequent to preparation of the staff report that included two different options. In light of their willingness to sign a reimbursement agreement, Ms. Aguilar recommended approval of Option A, and noted the agreement was prepared by Counsel and will be distributed for signature later the same week if Council authorizes approval. She noted that the balance of property owners were unable to attend due to the short notice of the meeting.

Ryan Claycomb, representing AKT Development, supported the agreement.

Councilmember Bogue asked about the budget amendment of \$85,000 and whether it was considered because the landowners could not reach agreement.

Ms. Michaels Aguilar responded that since the property owners have agreed to fund the \$85,000, the budget amendment discussed in Option B is not necessary.

Vice Mayor Ceremello asked if the reimbursement agreement would be mirrored for the \$900,000 and felt that it also should have been brought before Council given the urgency of the project. He had expected to see all property owners present at the meeting to present input, and felt they were quibbling over a small amount of money given the fact that the City had obtained two-thirds of the funds.

Mr. Claycomb assured the Council that AKT Development is aware of the urgency, the number one issue had been the design funds to meet the deadlines, they are still in discussion on the rest, and hoped to have an answer during the next week or so.

Mayor Batchelor discussed the benefits of starting as soon as possible.

Councilmember Bogue asked if there was an upfront share of costs to qualify for the grant.

Mark Heckey, Economic Development Director, responded that EDA conditioned a local match of \$1.5 million dollars, they gave us an appraised value for the AKT land dedication that was submitted at the time of approval for which a credit of \$600,000 was granted, leaving a balance of \$900,000 that could be fulfilled by the City, the property owners, or Solano Irrigation District.

Mayor Batchelor asked for public comments. There were no public comments and he asked for a motion to approve Option A.

A motion was made by Councilmember Fuller, seconded by Vice Mayor Ceremello, to approve a Reimbursement Agreement with Property Owners for engineering and design fees. Roll call was taken as follows:

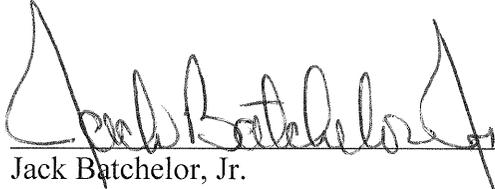
AYES: Besneatte, Bogue, Fuller, Ceremello, Batchelor
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Special Meeting of the Dixon City Council was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Suellen Johnston
Acting Deputy City Clerk



Jack Batchelor, Jr.
Mayor