



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
DIXON CITY COUNCIL**

**MARCH 12, 2013**

**0. Special Closed Session at 5:00 p.m.**

The Special Meeting of the Dixon City Council was convened at 5:02 p.m. by Mayor Jack Batchelor, Jr. to meet in Closed Session to discuss the following:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 relating to Public Employee:  
**Performance Evaluations: City Manager & City Attorney**

**Present:** Councilmembers Steve Bird, Thom Bogue, Jerry Castañon, Sr.,  
Vice Mayor Dane Besneatte, Mayor Jack Batchelor

**Absent:** None

Mayor Batchelor asked for public comments. There were no public comments.

The Council recessed from Closed Session at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Batchelor noted there was no reportable action regarding the City Attorney evaluation and it would be continued at a closed session meeting on March 26, 2013.

Regarding the City Manager's evaluation, Mayor Batchelor reported the City Council had concluded their evaluation of Jim Lindley's performance and ratings obtained from the City Council, Senior Staff and Union Presidents were commendable to outstanding in all categories.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Dixon City Council was convened in the City Council Chambers at 7:12 p.m. by Mayor Jack Batchelor.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Jack Batchelor.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Steve Bird, Thom Bogue, Jerry Castañon, Sr.  
Vice Mayor Dane Besneatte, Mayor Jack Batchelor

Absent: None

4. **PRESENTATIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS/ RECOGNITION**

4.1 **Proclamation declaring the week of March 11, 2013 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.**

Mayor Batchelor read the proclamation.

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

5.1 Carissa Carpenter, Chief Executive Officer of Morning View, LLC, announced their company had been successful in securing Letters of Intent on over 300 acres of property for their movie studio project, it had taken fourteen years to get to this point, and they are ready to move forward with the project that will produce family films, conduct business in a “green” manner, and create jobs for the community. She noted the bulk of 219 acres are located in the City and the rest are County property. She introduced Morning View’s team members who were present, and noted they are looking forward to working in cooperation with the City on the many aspects of the project.

City Councilmembers Castañon, Bogue and Bird welcomed the project and looked forward to moving forward. Councilmember Bogue thanked the building trades and Michael Ceremello, who assisted in determining alternate land options.

Mayor Batchelor noted he is personally excited about the potential of the project, commended the City Manager for his optimism in moving the project forward, and assured Morning View that the City will be a good partner.

The City Council recessed for break at 7:20 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 7:37 p.m.

5.2 Ginger Emerson discussed her letter to Council of February 28, 2013 and follow-up e-mail for which she had not yet received a response and hoped there is still time for the City to respond to ordinary citizens.

5.3 Drew Graska noted that any member of Council who attends a meeting should report back to the citizens at the next City Council meeting.

5.4 Michael Ceremello discussed the recent informational meeting where Heather Gass spoke regarding Agenda 21, noted Councilmember Bogue and Castañon attended, Councilmember Bogue indicated that his mind had been changed by the

meeting, and he had hoped other council members would have attended for education since “they will be coming for you”.

6. **ITEMS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL**

- 6.1 Councilmember Bird reported on attending the Dixon Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting where he found a discussion of the ten top reasons to shop locally very compelling.

Councilmember Bird noted that, although he had another commitment which prevented him from attending the meeting on Agenda 21, he did view a CD of the discussion which he found compelling and which sparked his interest.

Councilmember Bird reported that the Dixon Rugby group has been invited to the National Championships again this year in Indiana and he encouraged the community to support their fundraising efforts.

- 6.2 Councilmember Castañon noted he attended the Agenda 21 meeting, his eyes were opened a bit, and hearing the other side is valuable.

- 6.3 Councilmember Bogue noted his attendance at the Agenda 21 meeting prompted him to do an additional 12 to 14 hours of research so far and he stressed the need to research each branch of what they control.

- 6.4 Vice Mayor Besneatte noted he did not attend the Agenda 21 meeting because he had other work to perform, but did attend the Kaiser Heliport grand opening in Vacaville.

The Vice Mayor discussed the Dixon Citizen and Business of the Year event held on Saturday, noted a moving tribute by the Mayor to Citizens of the Year, Dave and Carol Johnson, and reminded everyone that the Mayfair Parade is coming up soon.

The Vice Mayor congratulated the City Manager on his accomplishments with the Morning View project and on his one-year anniversary with the City.

- 6.5 Mayor Batchelor reported on attending both the Citizen of the Year Awards and the Annual Firefighter of the Year event on the same evening. Brian Schroeder was honored as Firefighter of the Year and, in addition to Citizens of the Year Dave and Carol Johnson, Wendi Hendershot was named Ambassador of the Year, and Bryan Braker Funeral Home was named Business of the Year.

Mayor Batchelor noted he attended the quarterly meeting of Mayors where the big topic was sequestration and he intended to obtain further details of impacts to the community.

7. ITEMS FROM THE CITY TREASURER

Scott Pederson, City Treasurer, attended the Dixon High School production of “Into the Woods”, recommended others in the community attend the next showing, and noted the proceeds go to supporting the program and future performances.

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bogue, seconded by Councilmember Bird, to approve the Agenda, as submitted. Roll call was taken as follows:

AYES: Besneatte, Bird, Bogue, Castañon, Batchelor  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Bird requested that Items 9.1 and 9.6 be heard separately.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bogue, seconded by Vice Mayor Besneatte, to approve the Consent Calendar, except Items 9.1 and 9.6. Roll call was taken as follows:

AYES: Besneatte, Bird, Bogue, Castañon, Batchelor  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**9.1 Approve the Minutes of the February 26, 2013 Regular City Council Meeting.** (Contact: Suellen Johnston, Deputy City Clerk)

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**9.2 Adopted Resolution No. 13-027 approving the Enumeration of Claims.** (Contact: Joan Michaels Aguilar, Finance & Technology Director)

**9.3 Adopt Resolution No. 13-028 of the Dixon City Council authorizing the City Manager to execute a letter of support for protection of municipal bonds.** (Contact: Joan Michaels Aguilar, Finance & Technology Director)

**9.4 Approved appointment of Donald Hendershot to the Planning Commission.** (Contact: Steve Johnson, Human Resources Director/Acting City Clerk)

**9.5 Adopted Resolution No. 13-029 adding Section 4.12.7 to the City’s Personnel Rules relating to expungement of written reprimands.** (Contact: Steve Johnson, Human Resources Director/Acting City Clerk)

## 9.1 **TAKEN OUT OF ORDER**

**Approve the Minutes of the February 26, 2013 Regular City Council Meeting.** (Contact: Suellen Johnston, Deputy City Clerk)

Councilmember Bird elaborated on his comments regarding the Annual State of the City Address. He noted he is supportive of the Chamber of Commerce event and breakfast, but also supported holding a second similar presentation in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Batchelor agreed that both can be done in the future.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bird, seconded by Councilmember Castañon, to approve the February 26, 2013 Minutes, as amended. Roll call was taken as follows:

AYES: Besneatte, Bird, Bogue, Castañon, Batchelor  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

## 9.6 **TAKEN OUT OF ORDER**

**Matters relating to a tree planting grant:**

- 1. Resolution repealing Resolution No. 13-012 dated January 22, 2013 due to a typographical error; and**
- 2. Resolution authorizing the submittal of a funding application from the Urban Forestry Grant Program entitled “An Urban Forest For Every City” as provided through Proposition 40 and/or Proposition 84.**  
(Contact: Janet Koster, Public Works Administrator)

Councilmember Bird requested that details of grant funding be determined before the grant is applied for so the Council is aware of any “strings” that might be attached.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bird, seconded by Councilmember Castañon, to adopt Resolution No. 13-030 repealing Resolution No. 13-012 dated January 22, 2013 due to a typographical error; and Resolution No. 13-031 authorizing the submittal of a funding application from the Urban Forestry Grant Program entitled “An Urban Forest For Every City” as provided through Proposition 40 and/or Proposition 84. Roll call was taken as follows:

AYES: Besneatte, Bird, Bogue, Castañon, Batchelor  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

## 10. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

## 11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

12. NEW BUSINESS

**12.1 Resolution directing the City Manager to advertise and solicit Requests for Proposals for City Attorney Services. (Presenter: Jim Lindley, City Manager)**

Michael Dean, City Attorney, recused himself due to conflict of interest and left the meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Castañon, seconded by Councilmember Bogue, to adopt Resolution No. 13-032, directing the City Manager to advertise and solicit Requests for Proposals for City Attorney Services. Roll call was taken as follows:

AYES: Besneatte, Bird, Bogue, Castañon, Batchelor  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

Michael Dean returned to the meeting.

**12.2 Matters relating to the Dixon Municipal Code:**

- 1. Waive reading, read by title only, and introduce an Ordinance correcting provisions of the Municipal Code and transferring Chapter 26 of Article I of the Dixon City Code titled "Contracts" to Title 5 of the Dixon Municipal Code; and**
- 2. Waive reading, read by title only, and introduce an Ordinance repealing Chapter 26 of Article I of the Dixon City Code. (Presenter: Steve Johnson, Human Resources Director/Acting City Clerk, Suellen Johnston, Deputy City Clerk)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Bogue, seconded by Councilmember Besneatte, to waive reading, read by title only, and introduce and Ordinance correcting provisions of the Municipal Code and transferring Chapter 26 of Article I of the Dixon City Code titled "Contracts" to Title 5 of the Dixon Municipal Code; and to waive reading, read by title only, and introduce an Ordinance repealing Chapter 26 of Article I of the Dixon City Code. Roll call was taken as follows:

AYES: Besneatte, Bird, Bogue, Castañon, Batchelor  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

13. OTHER AGENCY BUSINESS

14. ITEMS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

15. ITEMS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

16. CLOSED SESSION

17.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

18. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Dixon City Council adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Suellen Johnston  
Deputy City Clerk



Jack Batchelor  
Mayor