



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

**MARCH 22, 2011**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Dixon City Council was convened at 7:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers on March 22, 2011, by Vice Mayor Michael Ceremello, Jr.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Thom Bogue.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Dane Besneatte, Thom Bogue, Vice Mayor Michael Ceremello, Jr.

Absent: Councilmember Rick Fuller, Mayor Jack Batchelor, Jr.

4. **PRESENTATIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS/ RECOGNITION**

None.

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

5.1 Shirley Humphrey recommended that selection of two new committee members to represent the City on the New Library Building Committee be agendized to replace the current representatives. She noted people in town are upset about the lack of City Council reports, discussion of committee assignments, and decisions regarding the controlled burning of a historical building.

5.2 Byron Chapman complimented City maintenance crews on doing a terrific job throughout the City during the recent wave of storms.

6. **ITEMS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL**

6.1 Vice Mayor Ceremello noted that two meetings prior proposed labor negotiator resolutions were delayed due to crowded upcoming agendas and felt this brief meeting agenda did not reflect that crowded condition. He recommended that an

ad hoc committee be formed to set the agendas to allow input from all members of the Council.

7. **ITEMS FROM THE CITY TREASURER**

None.

8. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There was no discussion on this item.

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

Ayes: Besneatte, Bogue, Ceremello  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Fuller, Batchelor

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Bogue requested Item 9.2 be heard separately. Vice Mayor Ceremello requested Items 9.3 and 9.4 be heard separately. Councilmember Besneatte requested Item 9.6 be heard separately.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bogue, seconded by Councilmember Besneatte, to approve the Consent Calendar, except Items 9.2, 9.3, 9.4 and 9.6. Roll call was taken as follows:

Ayes: Besneatte, Bogue, Ceremello  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Fuller, Batchelor

**9.1 Approved the City Council Minutes for the March 8, 2011, Regular Meeting.**

**9.2 Resolution approving the Enumeration of Claims.**

*See Minutes on Page 3.*

**9.3 Authorization to issue a Request for Proposals for a Cost Allocation Plan.**

*See Minutes on Page 3.*

**9.4 Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute consultant services agreement Amendment No.2 with Seevers Jordan Ziegenmeyer (SJZ) to extend the term of the on-call appraisal services agreement for three years.**

*See Minutes on Page 4.*

- 9.5 **By Minute Action, approved the Mayor’s re-appointment of Joe Anderson to the Solano County Mosquito Abatement District Board for a four-year term.**
- 9.6 **Waive first reading, read by title only, and introduce an ordinance amending Chapter 16.17 of Title 16 of the Dixon Municipal Code relating to the Green Building Code.**

*See Minutes on Page 4.*

**9.2 TAKEN OUT OF ORDER**

**Resolution approving the Enumeration of Claims.**

Councilmember Bogue questioned why an additional \$8,000 administrative fee was paid to Solano Irrigation District in addition to their contract and asked about babysitting fees refunded for a recreation class.

Nancy Huston, City Manager, responded the \$8,000 was a direct fee from an outside contractor for JPA Engineering to repair a well and suggested additional questions could be addressed at the upcoming Dixon Solano Water Authority meeting. The babysitting fees was a refund for a class that is offered.

A motion was made by Councilmember Besneatte, seconded by Councilmember Bogue, to adopt Resolution No. 11-033 approving the Enumeration of Claims. Roll call was taken as follows:

Ayes: Besneatte, Bogue, Ceremello  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Fuller, Batchelor

**9.3 TAKEN OUT OF ORDER**

**Authorization to issue a Request for Proposals for a Cost Allocation Plan.**

Vice Mayor Ceremello asked about methods used for cost allocations, if the contract will be specialized or “cookie cutter”, and whether the three-week period is adequate response time.

Jeremy Craig, Finance and Technology Director, noted that Federal guidelines require certain criteria, there are allocation standard limits, the time period is adequate, and Council will have interaction during the selection process.

Vice Mayor Ceremello asked for public comments. There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Besneatte, seconded by Councilmember Bogue, approving authorization to issue a Request for Proposals for a Cost Allocation Plan. Roll call was taken as follows:

Ayes: Besneatte, Bogue, Ceremello  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Fuller, Batchelor

#### 9.4 TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

**Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute consultant services agreement Amendment No. 2 with Seevers Jordan Ziegenmeyer (SJZ) to extend the term of the on-call appraisal services agreement for three years.**

Vice Mayor Ceremello asked whether any work had been done by SJZ during the original agreement period.

Royce Cunningham, City Engineer, responded that another contractor performed prior work, but there is benefit to having SJZ on-call with an agreement already in place, and there is no cost unless services are rendered.

Vice Mayor Ceremello asked for public comments. There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Besneatte, seconded by Councilmember Bogue, adopting Resolution No. 11-034 authorizing the City Manager to execute consultant services agreement Amendment No. 2 with Seevers Jordan Ziegenmeyer (SJZ). Roll call was taken as follows:

Ayes: Besneatte, Bogue, Ceremello  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Fuller, Batchelor

#### 9.6 TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

**Waive first reading, read by title only, and introduce an ordinance amending Chapter 16.17 of Title 16 of the Dixon Municipal Code relating to the Green Building Code.**

Councilmember Besneatte thought he had past objections but did not have time to research and requested this item be continued to the April 12, 2011 meeting when more councilmembers will be present and he has had time to review.

Vice Mayor Ceremello asked for public comments. There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Besneatte, seconded by Councilmember Bogue, to continue this item to April 12, 2011. Roll call was taken as follows:

Ayes: Besneatte, Bogue, Ceremello  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Fuller, Batchelor

10. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

**12.1 Resolution adopting Council Goals for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-2012.**

Nancy Huston, City Manager, reviewed the list of Council Goals for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-2012 established at the March 12, 2011 Council Workshop and recommended approval.

Vice Mayor Ceremello asked about strategies and timeframes for discussion and implementation of goals, and whether the vote should be delayed until the entire Council is present.

Councilmembers Besneatte and Bogue were satisfied that the goals reflect Council direction, noted no lack of cooperation on establishing them, and saw no need to delay the vote.

Ms. Huston noted that the goals should be discussed during upcoming budget workshops and during the next fiscal year.

Vice Mayor Ceremello asked for public comments. There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Besneatte, seconded by Councilmember Bogue, to approve Resolution No. 11-035 adopting Council Goals for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-2012. Roll call was taken as follows:

Ayes: Besneatte, Bogue, Ceremello  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent; Fuller, Batchelor

**12.2 Presentation by the Chief of Police regarding the 2010 City of Dixon Police Department Year End Report and possible Council discussion.**

Jon Cox, Chief of Police, reported the Dixon Police Department experienced a good two years that resulted in a 12% drop in crime making Dixon's crime statistics lower than most local cities. He thanked Mike Geisser for his contribution in preparing the report, noted it was prepared internally with no outside expense, displayed a PowerPoint presentation, discussed statistics relative to each division, and his goal to continue to expand resources at lower cost.

Chief Cox noted the Dixon community works with Police and gets involved to better the community and praised the new Dixon Teen Center as a very successful community project that serves over one hundred teens on weekend night at no cost to the City.

Councilmember Bogie commended the Police Department and was surprised at the number of programs and proactive work that is possible.

Councilmember Besneatte thanked the Police Department.

Vice Mayor Ceremello asked Chief Cox whether the Department is adequately staffed and if more officers are needed to further improve statistics.

Chief Cox responded that he would like to increase staff when the budget allows, but trickle-down from State actions are possible that will impact budget decisions.

Byron Chapman asked Chief Cox about the number of known gangs in Dixon, whether officers are still assigned to the high school and middle school, and encouraged active enforcement against graffiti and drivers using cell phones.

Chief Cox responded that gangs are not as prevalent as in past years, however some new people have come into the community over the last year and are being closely watched. The program for the schools is still active but the number of officers assigned has dropped to one.

Larry Simmons agreed that more enforcement is needed against drivers using cell phones.

There being no further comments, this item was filed.

**13. OTHER AGENCY BUSINESS**

None.

**14. ITEMS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY**

None.

15. **ITEMS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

Nancy Huston, City Manager, reported that Travis Air Force Base is receiving 600 to 1,000 persons daily as they are evacuating Japan, the City has provided a list of hotels, and Travis Air Force Base may use City Transit vehicles to help in transport.

Ms. Huston reported that the State's actions regarding Redevelopment are still in limbo, the AB101 trailer bill may be put to vote on Friday and, if approved, litigation to stay action would be filed.

Ms. Huston noted that a hearing was held in Sacramento regarding the HOME program application of a \$6 million loan for Heritage Commons. It was approved, and Spring 2012 is the new target date for construction.

Councilmember Bogue asked that a committee be established for development of a Sunshine Ordinance and a meeting time should be established for Council discussion.

Ms. Huston noted that discussion of a Sunshine Ordinance will be agendized after the budget is completed.

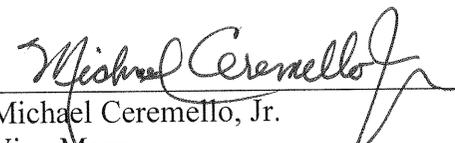
16. **CLOSED SESSION**

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Meeting of the Dixon City Council was adjourned at the hour of 8:17 p.m.

  
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Suellen Johnston  
Deputy City Clerk

  
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Michael Ceremello, Jr.  
Vice-Mayor