



MINUTES
CITY OF DIXON, CALIFORNIA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Dixon City Council was convened at the hour of 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers on January 5, 2009, by Mayor Batchelor.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Batchelor.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Michael Ceremello, Jr., Victoria Coppes, Vice Mayor Rick Fuller, and Mayor Jack Batchelor

Absent: None

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

None

5. ITEMS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

5.1 Vice Mayor Fuller and Councilmember Coppes hoped everyone had a happy holiday.

5.2 Councilmember Ceremello noted the Council Procedural Guidelines being in his agenda binder without explanation and thought time limits for speakers may not be necessary if the audience is not polled. He preferred to let speakers talk until finished.

Councilmember Ceremello discussed a letter received from the City Manager about his code enforcement matter. He thought the City Attorney said the City Council can do what they want. He expected to see this matter on the Council January 13th agenda and he would have an offer the next day.

Nancy Huston, City Manager, recommended delaying Items 6.2, 6.3, and 6.4 until a Special Meeting on January 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Ceremello noted he reviewed the information, felt the impact is great, and invited the public who are present to make their comments this evening.

Vice Mayor Fuller thought there is some confusion, hoped the Railroad staff would attend the meeting, and would like to continue this because of the amount of information included.

Mayor Batchelor noted this is a decision that impacts several other agencies. There is much information to be verified and questions need to be resolved. He felt a special meeting to discuss just train matters would be better.

Councilmember Ceremello asked for representatives from other agencies to attend the Special meeting.

Mayor Batchelor asked for public comment.

Mary Ann Courville appreciated having this discussion delayed. It is a confusing issue, but she has much knowledge on Item 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 after serving on numerous boards. She discussed the background about the length of the platform and changes to the Capital Corridor to resolve the issue. She hoped to go forward with the train station and petition the other agencies to move forward.

Mayor Batchelor read a Comment Card received from Jill Orr requesting postponement of Item 6.2 because the Downtown Dixon Business Association (DDBA) would like more time to meet and discuss with their membership about the impacts of moving the train station from downtown.

A motion was made by Councilmember Fuller, seconded by Councilmember Coppes, to continue these items to January 15th. Roll call was taken as follows:

Ayes: Ceremello, Coppes, Fuller, Batchelor
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Matter relating to one (1) vacant City Council seat:

1. **Announce applicants / Interview candidates for City Council (3 minutes each)**
2. **Council Deliberation**
3. **Nominations from City Council**
4. **Motions for approval (3 votes required for approval)**

5. **By motion appointing a person to fill the Council vacancy for term ending November 2010.**

Deborah Winegar voiced her objection that voters can not choose the next Councilmember, reviewed past Council discussions, and felt the Council did not want to hold the election at all.

Mayor Batchelor reviewed the process as listed above.

The City Council interviewed the following candidates for appointment as a Councilmember:

Steve Alexander
Dane Besneatte
Kay Fulfs Cayler
Drew Graska
Ted Hickman
Ourania Riddle
Dave Scholl
Mike Smith
Tiffany Wing

Each candidate presented their background and reasons why they would be a good candidate to be appointed as Councilmember. Each candidate responded to questions asked by Councilmembers.

Mayor Batchelor asked for public comment.

Yvonne McCluskey encouraged the appointment of Kay Fulfs Cayler. Ms. McCluskey has served with Ms. Cayler on the Planning Commission and stated she is prepared, listens, and makes up her own mind. She also is honest, has integrity, and cares about Dixon. She felt if Ms. Cayler is appointed, she can “hit the ground running” and will listen to the people in the community.

Mayor Batchelor noted an email received from former Mayor Marime Burton supporting Ms. Cayler.

Warren Salmons noted the compelling points stated by Mike Smith about preparing for the future, being efficient, and looking forward or if the Council is looking for a new perspective he supported Kay Fulfs Cayler.

Al Smith recommended Steve Alexander because of his experience, saving money, and making wise decisions.

Larry Simmons felt Mike Smith is well informed, understands, is thoughtful, and has an analyzing mind.

Deborah Winegar supported Steve Alexander because he received the majority vote and has the voter's confidence from the previous election.

The City Council held their deliberation noting the qualities they are they are looking for in a Councilmember.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ceremello to appoint Steve Alexander. The motion failed due to a lack of a second to the motion.

A motion was made by Mayor Batchelor to appoint Kay Fulfs Cayler as Councilmember. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Coppes. Roll call was taken as follows:

Ayes:	Coppes, Fuller, Batchelor
Noes:	Ceremello
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

Mayor Batchelor noted that Ms. Cayler will be sworn in on January 13th at 5:00 p.m. He stated that Closed Session usually starts at 6:00 p.m., but a long Closed Session is anticipated and sufficient time is needed for discussion. The Regular meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

6.2 **Status report and provide direction to staff whether to:**

1. **Continue efforts with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA) to reconsider their requirement that a downtown Dixon train station design include the grade separation of West A Street;**
2. **Direct staff to proceed with a feasibility study regarding the potential grade separation of West A Street;**
3. **Direct staff to cease efforts regarding a Dixon train station and notify the State of California that the \$1.33 million grant for station design will not be implemented;**
4. **Direct staff to pursue funding of a study to re-evaluate alternative sites for a Dixon train station and notify the State of California that the station grant will not be implemented.**

This item was continued to January 15, 2009. See Minutes following Item 5.2 above.

6.3 **West B Street Pedestrian crossing.**

This item was continued to January 15, 2009. See Minutes following Item 5.2 above.


6.4 **The “Quiet Zone” Rail Crossing Program and options for addressing the noise impacts of train horns.**

This item was continued to January 15, 2009. See Minutes following Item 5.2 above.

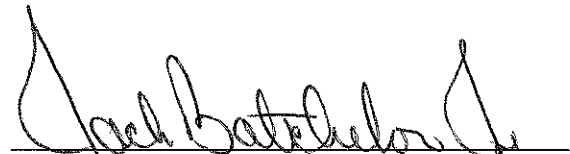
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Special City Council meeting adjourned at the hour of 8:10 p.m.

ATTEST:



Janice Beaman, CMC
City Clerk



Jack Batchelor, Jr.
Mayor