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Dixon City Council discusses police vehicles, lift stations and nuisance properties at regular meeting

Council approves bid for street work, purchase of police vehicle and laptop at special meeting

By Robert C. Baker

The Dixon City Council conducted their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 8th at Dixon City Hall. Items on the agenda included special sessions, real estate, police vehicles, nuisance properties, and a lift station. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Acting Mayor Mike Null and a roll call was conducted by City Clerk Glenda Pennington with all aldermen present. At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was conducted, and an invocation was given by Mike Freeman.

An amendment to the agenda was proposed by Acting Mayor Null to add presentations by Mike Freeman of Seller-Sexton Ford, and Bart Downing of Alliance Water, as well as the approval of three business licenses. A motion to amend the agenda was made by Alderman Trevor Warnol with a second by Alderwoman Barbara Thomas, the motion carried on a roll call vote of 6 to 0. The motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Alderman Warnol and seconded by Alderwoman Mary Wiles, carrying on a unanimous roll call vote.

This brought the council to the approval of the minutes for the meeting held on August 26th. After a review by the council, a motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Alderman Warnol and seconded by Alderman Anthony Campbell. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 4 to 0 with Aldermen Thomas and

Diane Shultz abstaining as they were not present for the meeting.

Sellers-Sexton Presentation on Police Government Vehicles

Mike Freeman, representing Seller-Sexton Ford Mazda, gave his presentation to the council. Freeman attended the meeting to inform the council of the program for financing of new vehicles that the Ford Motor Company offers. This program, as Freeman explained, is for municipalities and governments to obtain new vehicles when required. These vehicles, as explained, are mostly police vehicles, both trucks and SUV's, though Ford does offer chassis vehicles also. He explained that the interest rate charged is determined by a municipalities credit rating and that a Ford Fleet account is required. As for warranties on the vehicles the standard warrant would apply.

Freeman also discussed the resale value of vehicles upon replacement and explained that the trucks had a strong resale market whereas the other police cars did not. This program is a lease program in name only, as Freeman stated, and applies to new vehicles only. It allows municipalities to have newer vehicles for city departments, reduce cost of maintenance of older vehicles and at replacement time have trade-in value toward new vehicles. The biggest point that Freeman brought out was the non-appropriation clause of the program. This clause allows the municipality to end the purchase if their revenue stream is reduced to where the municipality cannot make the payments.

Alliance Water Proposal

Bart Downing, from Alliance Water, then spoke to the council as a follow up of his presentation at the August 18th council meeting. Mr. Downing went over the points that were presented at the August 18th meeting on where his company would assist the city. Alliance Water would, if contracted by the city, operate and maintain the water system, sewer system and other city infrastructure, such as streets. Operations for the water/sewer system would include reading of meters, install meters, comply with the regulations required by Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR), reports to the

city and cover minor repairs.

As Mr. Downing explained any capital expenditure for repairs requiring depreciation, i.e. pump repairs, would be covered by the city. Alliance Water would also supply two vehicles for use in the city for the first year, offer employment to current city maintenance personnel, and have a supervisor assigned on site. Mr. Downing also stated that employment for the current city employees would

be a career and not just a job, since training and advancement would be possible as an Alliance Water employee.

At the previous meeting a proposed contract with the city was presented in an information package handed out to the council members explaining the use of funding caps for repairs and chemicals required to be supplied by Alliance Water as part of the contract. Any cost above those caps would be

paid by the city. The cost to the city in this proposed contract, which Mr. Downing said was his company's "boiler plate contract", was \$20,000.00 per month and changes could be negotiated between the city and his company.

Business Licenses

The next agenda item was the approval of business licenses for J&J

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Dixon Middle School selects 2020-2021 Student Council



DMS is proud to present our 2020-2021 Student Council! There were a lot of great candidates that ran this year. Congratulations to these students who are a part of this year's Student Council. Group picture left to right Kinsley Lipscomb, Reese Geary, Raegan Bascomb, Hunter Alexander, Dominic Shelden, Wyatt Snelson, Tera Wiseman, Kassidy Wiseman, and Jase Matlock. Not pictured are Kelsay Eddleman, Journey Lewis, and Kenan Velazquez. (DMS facebook photo)

Dixon Middle School 2020-2021 Student Council representatives.

6th Grade: Jase Matlock, Wyatt Snelson, Tera Wiseman, and Reese Geary.

7th Grade: Raegan Bascomb, Hunter Alexander, Kelsay Eddleman, and Journey Lewis.

8th Grade: Kinsley Lipscomb, Dominic Shelden, Kassidy Wiseman, and Kenan Velazquez.

Alternates:

6th Grade Alternate - Abigail Yarbrough

8th Grade Alternate - Jimmy Poole

7th Grade Alternate - Abigail Parker



DMS student council alternates. 6th grade alternate Abigail Yarbrough, 8th grade alternate Jimmy Poole, 7th grade alternate Abigail Parker. (DMS facebook photo)

Free Flu Shots at Dixon Senior Center

Free Flu Shots will be available at the Dixon Senior Citizen Center on Tuesday, September 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be Mobile Van Curbside Service.

No cost for those on Medicare and Medicaid. There will be a cost of \$9.00 for anyone without insurance. Verification of coverage will be required.

If you have any questions, call the Dixon Senior Center at 573-759-6313. The Senior Center is located at 301 Old Y Road in Dixon.

Free Antibody and COVID-19 Testing at Waynesville Medical Plaza September 19

WAYNESVILLE, MO – Phelps Health and the Pulaski County Health Center are pleased to offer free drive-through testing for COVID-19, including nasal swab and antibody testing, this Saturday, September 19, in Waynesville, MO.

Both types of testing will be available to residents in Pulaski County and surrounding areas September 19 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Phelps Health Waynesville Medical Plaza located at 1000 GW Lane Street in Waynesville, MO.

Phelps Health and the Pulaski County Health Center are working together to conduct this testing to provide a better understanding of the COVID-19 situation in the area. Individuals who pre-register for this event can be tested during the event without leaving their vehicles.

During this event, people can be tested to see if they currently have COVID-19. This type of test involves a swab to take a sample from inside the nose.

Additionally, SARS-CoV-2 serology antibody testing, which involves taking a blood sample from a person and identifies possible past infection with the COVID-19 virus, will be available for ages 12 and up.

Having symptoms of COVID-19 is not required for people interested

in being tested. Individuals may choose to have one or both tests performed at this event.

People will not be charged for this testing, and Phelps Health will be responsible for notifying these individuals of their test results.

Pre-register online at <http://bit.ly/waynesvilletesting> or call (877) 435-8411, option 3, for help with registration.

Please note: Due to patient privacy concerns, **no videos or photos will be allowed at this testing site.** This includes media, patients, volunteers and staff.

About Phelps Health

Phelps Health is one of Missouri's leading regional referral centers, serving over 200,000 residents in south-central Missouri. Phelps Health is county-owned, non-tax supported and is overseen by a five-member elected board. Phelps Health employs more than 1,900 people, including 100-plus providers. Phelps Health, which includes a hospital licensed for 242 patient beds, serves a six-county area, with its main campus and several clinics located in Rolla, Missouri. Phelps Health also has clinics in Salem, St. James, Vienna and Waynesville, Missouri. For more information, visit phelpshealth.org.

Free meals program for Dixon R-1 Students

There is no doubt that COVID-19 has impacted ALL families in some manner. Especially so from a financial standpoint. Many of the nation's education organizations have lobbied both the USDE and USDA to extend the waivers and continue offering meals to students at no cost.

Last week, the USDA which has oversight of the school breakfast and lunch programs, announced an indefinite extension of the waivers.

Extension of the waivers means that for Dixon R-1 students for the indefinite future, ALL breakfast and lunch meals will be FREE to ALL students! YES, you read that correctly, FREE to all students REGARDLESS of income.

It is comforting to know that despite having to be pressured into doing the right thing, extending programs that feed students is good for Kids, good for their families, good for our schools, and good for our nation's farmers.

We ask that if your child has a neg-

ative balance that you use this time to try and catch that balance up. If your student has a positive balance it will remain in their account until we return to normal and everyone goes back to their regular lunch program.

If you still have an outstanding free/reduced application, those are still needed. Please return ASAP.

Keep in mind this extension could stop at any time and everyone will go back to the program they were on to begin with.

REMINDER: Free meal program only covers free standard breakfast and lunch meals. Extras and additional milk will be at regular charge.

(Submitted by Dixon R-1 Schools)

Search warrant results in location of evidence in pending St. Robert homicide investigation

Pulaski County Deputies assisted the St. Robert Police Department with a search warrant at 11:45 a.m. September 10, 2020 in the 25000 block of Ratchet Lane, in reference to a pending St. Robert Police Department homicide investigation.

Evidence was located and seized with the assistance of the Missouri State Highway Patrol Dive Team, South Central Drug Task Force, and St. Robert Public Works Department.

This investigation is pending, and more information will be released at a later time. Probable Cause Statements were forwarded to the Pulaski County Prosecutor's Office, and charges are expected to be filed.

Thank you to all the agencies who assisted with this investigation. (Submitted by Pulaski County Sheriff's Department.)