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Dixon City Council approves road work, appoints temporary interim Collector

By Haley Blackburn

The Dixon City Council met for their regular meeting on January 4, 2021 to discuss road work, appointed temporary city collector, approve payment of December bills, and other action. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were acting mayor Mike Null, and council members Anthony Campbell, Diane Shultz, Trevor Warnol, and Mary Wiles. Alderwoman Barbara Thomas was not present. After the approval of the agenda, the council went into closed session

to discuss real estate and legal matters.

When the meeting resumed open session, Dixon resident Auston Hansmann requested that repairs be made to the street that he lives on. Katie Lane has deep ruts which makes it hard for Auston and his family to travel on with their cars. The City Council approved work on Katie Lane for gravel and white chat to fill the ruts.

It was announced that Glenda Pennington has recently retired as the Dixon City Clerk. Also, Miranda McLendon has been appointed the

temporary interim collector until the municipal election in April 2021. The council annually reviews office positions after elections.

The council members went on to discuss and review and approve the payment of the December bills.

The Assembly of God church recently had some work done beside their church building, where an old house was torn down, and the council

discussed that the church has taken responsibility for the fees.

Next on the agenda was the discussion of updating the signatures on the city bank accounts. The council approved the addition of office administrator, Diana Burns, along with Councilwoman Mary Wiles for signatures on the accounts.

The final item on the agenda was a request to DNR for a two year extension for the sewer project. A five year extension was granted instead for the project. Null's goal is for the project to be finished in three years.

Before adjourning the council went into closed session for personnel, legal and real estate matters.

The next regular meeting of the Dixon City Council is scheduled for Monday, February 1 at Dixon City Hall starting at 6:00 p.m.

Friday ice storm causes power outages



Friday's ice storm caused a limb to fall on a power line and break a pole behind the Dixon Pilot building. (Submitted)

By Connie Erisman

Friday's ice storm wreaked havoc throughout the area with different power outages in Pulaski, Maries, Phelps and Miller counties, according to representatives of Gascoage Electric Cooperative.

There were approximately nine pole breaks that carried power lines and Gascoage crews worked tirelessly

over the holiday weekend into the darkness trying to get power up and running for residents and businesses.

New poles had to be installed and many other repairs were still being worked on at press time, according to Gascoage. Once again, a big thank you to Gascoage crews for your commitment to keeping us powered up! - CE



No golfers Saturday, January 2 on the course at Oak Hills Country Club course, in Dixon. Instead, the neighborhood children took advantage of the weather to go sledding on the course. (Photos submitted by Kathy Potter)



Highlights of Events in Dixon 2020: A Year In Review

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The Dixon Pilot begins our annual Year In Review this week, featuring highlights from 2020.

January 2020

-- Carol Carson donates two books she had written to Dixon Elementary students.

-- Pulaski County Deputies arrest Sven Stacey in Christmas Day shooting near Richland.

-- Dixon High School construction project which includes new entrance gym, cafeteria and office space nears completion

-- Gascoage Electric Cooperative announces for the 27th year they will be offering the Luther A. Riddle Scholarship Program. They plan to offer 20 scholarships for \$1,000 each.

-- American Family Insurance, Kevin Stokes Agency, donates to Buddy Pack Program at DES.

-- Dixon R-1 School's presents

Boater Safety Course that is open to the community.

-- The Dixon City Council discusses water and sewer rate increase, computer updates, personnel policy and business licenses at January 13th regular meeting.

-- The Maries County Bank - Dixon makes donations to Dixon Schools and Dixon Area Caring Center and also paid for a veteran's honor flight trip.

-- DNR approves \$50,000 grant for Waynesville to evaluate wastewater system improvements.

-- Waynesville-St. Robert Chamber of Commerce sponsors 13th annual Polar Meltdown Chili Cook-off January 25.

-- Feature story highlights Dixon Elementary Principal Tammy Allen and her old spelling bee trophy that is filled with meaning.

-- Dixon School Board approves 2020-2021 school calendar and hears

board candidates update at meeting January 16. DMS teacher Tim Hill is presented the Sellers-Sexton Teacher of the Quarter award at the meeting. The board also accepts resignations of DHS industrial arts teacher and counselor. They also add the positions of ISS/Dual Credit Teacher and DHS Special Education teacher for next school year.

-- Candidates file for April 2020 Municipal Election. Multiple candidates seek election for Dixon Marshal, Municipal Judge and three City Council seats. Candidates also file to fill seats on Dixon School Board, Dixon Ambulance District Board, and Dixon Rural Fire Protection District Board. Candidates will also be on the election ballot for offices in other Pulaski County cities and school districts.

-- Arrows in the Woods Christian Homeschoolers cooperative formed in Pulaski County.

-- Dixon Pilot's January Hometown Focus features include: Where Are They Now? Haleigh (Hohman) Arroyo; Waynesville Career Center, and Children's book writer, Sunshine (Boucher) Shanks.

February 2020

-- New grief counseling program available in Dixon at First Baptist Church.

-- Missouri Farm Bureau and county Farm Bureaus across the state celebrate the importance of agriculture, February 2-8 during *Celebrate Agriculture: Thank A Farmer Week*.

-- Seven members of DHS Lady Bulldogs softball varsity named to Academic All-State Team. They include Bethany Koch, Payton Ramsey, Emily Johnson, Ryli Martin, Lexi Graves, Tristen Lipscomb, and Courtney Scott.

-- Dixon City Council discusses maintenance items, computer updates, and has closed session for litigation

and personnel issues at meeting February 10. City Clerk Jessie Fleming announced his retirement at the meeting.

-- Dixon Candidates Forum for candidates in April 2020 Election announced for March 20.

-- Annual Grandparents' Valentines printed in Dixon Cafeteria.

-- New DHS pilot, gymnasium and offices completed a month ahead of schedule. First basketball game is played in new DHS gym on Monday, February 10.

-- Dixon Lady Bulldog Brooke Sinclair honored February 10 for scoring her 1,000 high school basketball career point during the Stover Tournament.

-- Khloe Irvin was crowned the 2020 DHS Pancake Queen on February 11 between the Dixon-Laquey boys basketball games at DHS. Her.

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