



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

**FEBRUARY 22, 2010**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the Dixon City Council was called to order at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers on February 22, 2010, by Mayor Batchelor.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Batchelor.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Dane Besneatte, Kay Fulfs Cayler, Michael Ceremello, Jr., Vice-Mayor Rick Fuller, and Mayor Jack Batchelor, Jr.

Absent: None

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

None.

**5. ITEMS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL**

None.

**6. BUSINESS**

**6.1 Matter relating to the vacant City Treasurer's seat:**

- **Announce applicants / interview candidates for City Treasurer (5 minutes each)**
- **Council Deliberation**
- **Nominations from City Council**
- **Motions for approval (3 votes required for approval)**
- **Adopt Resolution appointing a person to fill the City Treasurer vacancy for term ending November 2012.**

Nancy Huston, City Manager, announced that Joe Hall and James Slaughter are the two candidates being considered for appointment to complete the term of City Treasurer that ends in November 2012. She noted each candidate would have five minutes to discuss their qualifications, and the person appointed would be sworn-in at the March 9, 2010, Council meeting.

Mayor Jack Batchelor invited James Slaughter to speak.

Mr. Slaughter discussed being raised in Dixon, his education, securities licenses, and job experience as a financial advisor. He noted he interviewed the outgoing Treasurer to gain knowledge about the City's financial background and responded to Council questions.

Mayor Batchelor invited Joe Hall to speak.

Mr. Hall noted he is a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA), discussed his experience in budgeting, financing, and business models, and he noted he is confident in his abilities, has no conflicts of interest, and would like to give back to the City. He responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Batchelor asked for public comments.

Steve Alexander recommended Mr. Slaughter for the position since he had taken the extra time to interview the City Treasurer for information.

Debra Dingman noted her familiarity with the Treasurer's duties, has been impressed with Mr. Slaughter through her interaction with the Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Dixon Business Association (DDBA), and recommended he be appointed as Treasurer.

David Dingman felt Mr. Slaughter is a good fit for the position based on his degree and licenses, his knowledge of finance and economics, and the counter-balance he can provide in decision-making.

Dave Scholl noted both candidates are exceptionally well-qualified, but felt an appointment instead of an election to fill the Treasurer's position is a disservice to the community.

Councilmember Ceremello noted the Council could still call for an election, and discussed election costs. He was not comfortable taking away the right to vote, therefore could not support either candidate.

Councilmember Cayler noted lack of interested people to run for election, felt Councilmember Ceremello's comments were inaccurate, that Mr. Slaughter's investment knowledge and securities licenses were a plus for Dixon, and she supported his appointment.

Vice-Mayor Fuller felt that budget conditions make an election impractical, and that there are two well-qualified people interested in being appointed.

Mayor Batchelor commended the applicants, noted the strengths of both candidates, the role of Treasurer, and that they are looking for someone who can offer other perspectives.

Councilmember Besneatte reported hearing about dissatisfaction with usurping the public's right to vote, felt the Treasurer's position has been nominalized by Council, and

either candidate would do a good job, but felt candidates should earn their position through the public's vote.

A motion was made by Mayor Batchelor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Fuller, to adopt a resolution appointing Joe Hall to fill the City Treasurer vacancy.

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

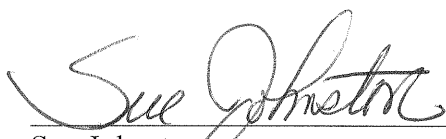
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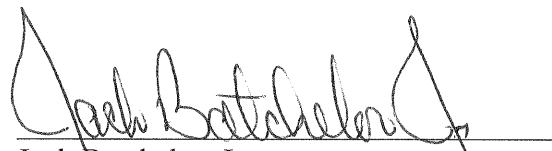
Ayes: Cayler, Fuller, Batchelor  
Noes: None  
Abstain: Besneatte, Ceremello  
Absent: None

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The Special City Council meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Sue Johnston  
Deputy Clerk

  
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Jack Batchelor, Jr.  
Mayor