



WEBSTER COUNTY IS celebrating Constitution Week starting today through September 23. At their last fiscal court meeting, magistrates proclaimed the week of September 17-23 Constitution Week locally. Started by the DAR organization, Constitution Week celebrates the many rights and privileges Americans enjoy the document puts in place. Pictured are magistrates Bob Hardison and Chad Townsend, local DAR member Beth Nail, Judge/Executive Steve Henry, local DAR member Roxie Rhea and magistrate Tony Felker.

# Providence Council Passes Ordinance Amendment; Hears Reports, Updates

In their second meeting of September, the Providence City Council approved second reading of an ordinance that allows the city to refuse to provide utility services for properties that have overdue bills. The ordinance, which was presented for first reading at the city’s September 2, meeting amends a 2024 ordinance relating to past due bills for utility services and how the city will handle connection/continuation of services after they have been cut-off.

After publication of the ordinance change, the city will be able to refuse to provide services for properties until bills and overdue charges are paid in full. The city will also be able to refuse to provide services to any other property affiliated with the debtor. The ordinance relates to both property owners and renters who have city services. The ordinance change passed unanimously.

According to Mayor Tom Glover, a review of past due city utility bills reflects nearly \$100,000 in past due accounts over the last several years. Glover, who became mayor about three months ago, has worked diligently to help the city regain its financial footing.

In other business, the four council members present Monday night—James Palmer, Jeff Marshall, Shannon Layton and Jimmy Crowell—approved the surplus of twelve 50 feet sections of fire hose, two nozzles, and valves, all items that have been replaced with newer equipment and are no longer need by the fire department. Glover told the council that the city will soon begin a similar purge, surplus items that are no longer used or are inoperable.

Police Chief Ray Agent appeared before the council to give his monthly report. Agent noted that the police department responded to a total of 189 calls including 79 complaints, conducted multiple special details, made five arrests, investigated six collisions and three domestic disturbances and provided 12 officer assists in August.

The public works department, which is presently being overseen by interim director Mike Syers, has made multiple water leak repairs, and spent 96 man hours cleaning up and making repairs and taking care of maintenance needs at the city park, Syers said. Syers told the council the city employees do an excellent job with what we have to work with. In relation to the park, Syers said the city is discouraging individuals from driving vehicles on the track to avoid damage.

Syers also reported the city continues to have issues with the garbage truck and suggested the city may want to look at contracting that service with an outside company. At that point council member Jeff Marshall asked if it city could check on the cost of a new truck. Glover responded that city administration has done that, but trucks are very costly. The mayor added that he is also looking at other options and has spoken with Judge/Executive Steve Henry about funds for a possible lease/purchase for a truck. One issue the city faces is the limited number of CDL drivers the city has, but he added that two employees have expressed interest in securing a CDL license, a move that would help the city tremendously.

The interim public works director also reported that the city is working to eliminate lead joints in the water system and that Reveal, a water/waste water service company, is working with the city to find and repair leaks.

In his report fire chief Cameron Brown told the council that in August his department responded to 19 fires and made 44 EMS runs as well as responded to several motor vehicle accidents.

Mayor Glover asked Brown if the county is under a burn ban and Brown responded “no,” adding that he would recommend a ban be issued until the county gets some rain. At that point, Glover said he will issue a burn ban within the limits of Providence until wetter weather makes it more feasible to burn.

In his monthly report, the mayor noted that a boil advisory in one area of Providence will remain in effect until the state clears that area. Glover reminded the public that boil advisories are put in place to protect the public, adding that as work on the water and waste water projects begin, the city will have more advisories.

The mayor also asked the council to approve a contract with Reveal, a company that can oversee the city’s water and waste water systems while they try to find a new water/sewer supervisor. Terry Rice who held that position retired recently. Glover added that Reveal has already saved the city about \$1000 a day in chemical costs and man hours by reducing the number of daily hours the plant runs from 24 to 14. The company that is well known throughout the state will provide an operations manager,

The temporary agreement will cost the city about \$7000 a month for the service and will also provide project oversight and repairs to the infrastructure. Approval for repairs, parts and other needs will go through the mayor. The council approved the agreement which was retroactive to September 10. Glover told the council that Kevin Leonard, who owns the company, understands the city’s situation. He added, “I feel real good about this, he (Kevin) has the integrity we need at this point.”

Glover also announced that street lights have been ordered and delivered and will be installed soon. At recent meetings, citizens have complained about the number of burned out lights throughout the community. Council member Layton asked that the city repair the street light at Greenbriar as has been requested for three years.

The mayor also reported on a situation brought before the council at their last meeting by Philip Halsrud. Halsrud had told the council he has no water meter and asked for service. On Monday night Glover told the

council that they city found that Halsrud has several leaks on his side of the meter and as soon as those are repaired, a meter can be installed.

Glover noted that brackets for veterans’ flags have been ordered. He also responded to councilmember Marshall’s request that the city check on a collapsing drain near Sugg and Willow streets.

During the public appeal portion of the meeting Robert Mason told the council he is having an issue with his water being cloudy. He noted that he has reported the matter to the city multiple times and left his phone number but received no call back. He added that Jamie Harkins, who has since retired, did come by and indicated there was a leak. The city repaired a leak but according to Mason the water continues to be cloudy. Glover said the city will have someone from Reveal come by to check on the issue. He also offered information that Calligan could check the water. The mayor added, “We want everyone to gee confident in their water.”

Steve Gooslin requested the city put an ordinance in place that would insure residents clean up dog and horse feces left by their animals.

Glover noted that the city is working to codify their ordinances to determine the ordinances that are already on record, in the interim, he said, the city will ask that residents who walk their animals or use city streets to ride or drive horses clean up after their animals.

Willie Torain suggested the city apply for emergency funding to offset the cost of some repairs they are making, and Glover noted that with city is already doing that. Torain also reported a broken light pole on Givens Street he feels is dangerous. Glover said he will add that to the list of needs to give to the city’s contractor.

With no other business to come before the council, at 6:50, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the Providence City Council is slated for Monday, October 6, at 6:00 p.m.

# WC Grand Jury

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second offense, methamphetamine; drug paraphernalia buy/possess and first-degree possession of a controlled substance, second offense, opiates.

An indictment for theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others \$1000 but less than \$10,000 was returned against Dalton Armane-Luv McKee.

Dominic Carmella Pollak saw his case passed to the next grand jury. Pollak is charged with possession of marijuana and second-degree rape (no force).

Cristina LaDawn Riggs saw multiple indictments returned against her. Those indictments include charges of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense greater than or equal to two GMS methamphetamine; drug paraphernalia buy/possess; third degree fleeing/evading police; attempted tampering with physical evidence and tampering with physical evidence.

The case of Edward Sisk was passed to the next grand jury. He is charged with failure to comply with sex offender registration, first offense.

Skyler Jay Whitten also saw their case passed to the next grand jury. Charges against Whitten include first degree wanton endangerment, discharge of a firearm, two counts; first degree strangulation-domestic violence related; and fourth degree assault-domestic violence minor injury.

Indictments were returned against Michael Eugene Wicks who is charged with second-degree arson; first-degree wanton endangerment and first-degree criminal mischief.

Shantea Nichole Woodruff was indicted for drug paraphernalia buy/possess and first degree possession of a controlled substance, second offense-methamphetamine.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Webster County.

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## -- PUBLIC NOTICE --

### CITY OF DIXON ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TAX RATE

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026, AND PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF SAME;

WHEREAS, KRS Chapter 92 requires the adoption of an ordinance levying and providing for the collection of an ad valorem tax assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation with the City, and;

WHEREAS, The City Commission of Dixon, Kentucky has determined that a tax of \$0.126 cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation for REAL PROPERTY will be necessary to meet the anticipated expenditures of the City of Dixon, Kentucky for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026;

WHEREAS, the City Commission of Dixon, Kentucky has determined that a tax of \$0.2404 cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation for PERSONAL PROPERTY will be necessary to meet the anticipated expenditures of the City of Dixon, Kentucky for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DIXON, WEBSTER COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: That pursuant to KRS Chapter 92, an ad valorem tax upon REAL PROPERTIES subject to taxation by the City of Dixon, Kentucky, and assessed for taxes for general municipal purposes for fiscal year 2025-2026 be, and is hereby levied and fixed at \$0.126 cents on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation of property listed and equalized for taxation.

a) Value and ownership of property shall be reckoned as of January 1, 2025.

SECTION TWO: That pursuant to KRS Chapter 92, an ad valorem tax upon PERSONAL PROPERTIES subject to taxation by the City of Dixon, Kentucky, and assessed for taxes for general municipal purposes for fiscal year 2025-2026 be, and is hereby levied and fixed at \$0.2404 cents on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation of property listed and equalized for taxation.

a) Value and ownership of property shall be reckoned as of January 1, 20245

SECTION THREE: The foregoing ad valorem taxes levied of the said fiscal year of each \$100.00 of assessed value of all lands, improvements, and personal property in the City of Dixon, Kentucky, held or owned by every person, firm, company, or corporation, in his, hers, or their right, or any fiduciary, guardian, trustee, or grant, subject to municipal taxation under the law of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and specifically under Chapter 92 and other applicable chapters of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, and under all amendments thereto, including all property, franchise, and privileges, heretofore or hereafter assessed for taxation by the county Property Valuation Administrator, the State Tax Commission, and other assessing bodies, for taxation by the City of Dixon, Kentucky, in and for said fiscal year as provided by law, but excluding any property exempt by law from such taxation.

SECTION FOUR: All of the taxes hereby levied shall be due and payable the 1st day of October 2025.

SECTION FIVE: All taxes not paid on or before the 31st of December 2025, shall be deemed delinquent, and shall have added to them a penalty of six percent (6%) and shall thereafter bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from date, until paid, or until property of the delinquent has been sold for taxes. All accrued penalties and interest shall be added to all delinquent taxes and collected from taxpayer when taxes are paid.

SECTION SIX: All funds and monies due or received by the City of Dixon, Kentucky during said fiscal year shall be paid into the General Fund of the City.

SECTION SEVEN: All ordinances or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith, are to the extent of the conflict, hereby repealed.

SECTION EIGHT: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon final passage and approval of the Commission of the City of Dixon, Kentucky.

Introduced and approved the 11th day of August 2025 on a motion by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. All ayes.

Receiving final approval on the 8th day of September 2025 on a motion by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. All ayes.

TERRY WEBB, Mayor  
City of Dixon

ATTEST:  
Barbara Goff, City Clerk