

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arellano.

ROLL CALL/INVOCATION

Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Venier, and Mayor Arellano answered Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Rev Nolan of Grace United Methodist Church gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bishop moved to approve the minutes of the Regular and Closed Session Council Meeting of Monday, March 6, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Marx, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Councilman Marx moved that the total labor and outside claims in the amount of \$313,974.88 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Marx, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF YTD FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Councilman Venier moved to approve the year-to-date Financial Summary through February 28, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Marx, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works – Public Works Director Terry Weter updated the Council on the upcoming spring projects. He also mentioned that 51 trees will need to be replaced per IDOT. A grant has been applied for to help with this project. A school safety zone grant has also been applied for. He is working on a project list time line and stated that a workshop will be needed to discuss the Depot Avenue Project.

Police – Chief Langloss updated the Council on several recent arrests. He also said that the department is transitioning to the new weapons. He plans to bring to Council a request to allow Officers to purchase their old guns. Discussion ensued about the music at Patio's on Friday night. Chief Langloss stated Patio's was within the allowed decibel limit per the ordinance.

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CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager O'Donnell shared with the Council a brief report on the IMMI conference he attended. He mentioned that HR has posted for seasonal employees and plans to post for 1-2 permanent part time employees to help fill the gaps as seasonal employees move in and out. IT is having cyber awareness training this week. He also mentioned that staff will soon make a decision on salt purchase.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano said that the music at Patio's Friday night competed with Stage Left and created issues. He also mentioned that Sharri Miller will be working with him on economic development and that the City needs to consider if they want to invest in a full time economic developer. He is talking with the County to see if they would be willing to split the cost of the position.

Councilman Venier said that Main Street had a unanimous vote on approving the Dixon One bylaws. The Chamber votes later this week.

BOARD & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Arellano reported that the Airport Board minutes, Veteran's Park Board Minutes and the Library Board minutes are on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

ORDINANCE #3030 – AMENDING CONCEALED WAPONS 9-2-9

Councilman Bishop moved to approve an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title 9, Chapter 2, Section 9-2-9 (Concealed Weapons). Seconded by Councilman Venier. Mayor Arellano said that state statute takes precedent, but the enforcement takes place at the local level which is why this ordinance is needed. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Marx, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

ORDINANCE #3031 – AMENDING LIQUOR CODE TITLE V, CHAPTER 13

Councilman Marx moved to approve an ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title V, Chapter 13 (Alcoholic Liquors – Classification, number of licenses and fees). Seconded by Councilman Venier. Mayor Arellano discussed that several businesses were not properly classified and in order to move them to the correct classifications, the number of licenses in each category needed adjusted. The total number of licenses remains the same. He also wants to see annual increases in the license fees. This year's increase is similar to last year. Discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Marx, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

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CONTRACT WITH ALLIANCES COUNSELING SERVICES

Councilman Venier moved to approve a Contract between Alliance Counseling Services and the City of Dixon for an employee assistance program. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. City Manager O'Donnell said this is for sworn Officers only since the City already has an EAP. Chief Langloss said his staff sees and handles a lot. He has worked to create a culture that it is okay to ask for help. His department has built a trust with Alliances and would like to continue to use them. Councilman Venier wondered if the cap was too low. Mayor Arellano said that if long term counseling is needed it would fall under the employee's health insurance. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Marx, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

RELEASE OF JUNIOR MORTGAGE IN CONNECTION WITH NACHUSA HOUSE

Councilman Bishop moved to release the mortgage with MBZ, Inc. by delivery of an appropriate release document at the closing of the same in exchange for the payment of \$52,500. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Mayor discussed present value and how it is calculated. He also mentioned that this type of loan is one you can walk away from. Councilman Venier said the amount was negotiated by our legal team. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Marx, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

PLACE FY 18 BUDGET ON FILE

Councilman Marx moved to place the FY 2018 Budget for the City of Dixon on file and set April 3, 2017 at 5:30PM, Dixon City Hall as the time and place for a public hearing on said budget. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Councilman Marx said he thought that the Dixon One budget would be offset the \$10,000 for the Reagan Home repairs. Mayor Arellano said the band reduction is permanent and the Reagan Home donation is a one-time donation. As Dixon One begins operations, the Council may consider having all donation requests go through them. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Marx, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF A COMBINED SEWER CLEANER TRUCK

Councilman Venier moved to approve the purchase of a truck mounted sewer cleaner from Sewer Equipment of America in the amount of \$357,410.74. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. This bid was not the lowest bid, but because there was only a \$1,000 difference in the two lowest bids, it was recommended to go with the local company. Discussion followed in regards to additional staff needed to operate the truck. Public Works Director Terry Weter said that when the Water Department moves to the new meters, the two meter reader positions won't be needed and the employees could move into the sewer cleaning

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operations instead of hiring additional employees. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Marx, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Bishop moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, March 20, 2017 adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Sale or purchase of property pursuant to Section 2(c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act and pending or imminent litigation pursuant to section 2(c)(4) of the Open Meetings Act. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Marx, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

RECONVENE MEETING

Councilman Venier moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, March 20, 2017 reconvene into Open Session. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Marx, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Marx moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, March 20, 2017, be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, April 3, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Marx, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Becky Fredericks, City Clerk